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Welcome to newsletter #1!

In this newsletter we share news about the ABCitiEs project and upcoming events.

The European Interreg project "Area Based Collaborative Entrepreneurship" studies the value of entrepreneurs collaborating in their urban district. We create actions and policy needed to make this collectives thrive.



Kicking off the ABCitiEs project

On the 9-10 of October 2018, we kicked off our project in Vilnius, Lithuania. Partners shared their experiences and discussed possibilities to study and strengthen collaborative initiatives. The aim of the kick off was threefold: firstly, we aimed to get a grip on the project plan and project administration. Secondly, we discussed our theoretical framework and ways to study our cases. Thirdly, we wanted to get to know each other: both the ABCitiEs projects in the cities and the people from the different cities dedicated to the project. Read [more about the kick off here](#).

At the University of Zagreb the presentation of the ABCitiEs project led to important support of the mayors of the conurbation Varazdin-Cakovec. [Read more about that here](#).



ABCE: A new way of city making?

Is Area Based Collaboration of Entrepreneurs the new way of giving shape to our cities? And if so, how does it contribute to the development, livability and sustainability of neighbourhoods, shopping streets, innovation quarters and business districts? A [reflection by professor Willem van Winden](#), as a starting point for our research project.

First stakeholders joining the project

We want to deeply understand how the collectives work. Why do they collaborate, who is involved, what is their goal? How are they supported by government or other institutions and what is their relation with residents? What works and what not? How do cases across the regions in Europe differ?

That's why, for the ABCitiEs project, it's very important to connect with these initiatives and cases of Area Based Collaborative Entrepreneurship and to collect their stories. How do we do that? We [bring forth two important tactics and give an impression of the first stakeholders in Amsterdam](#).



First stakeholder meeting in Amsterdam - November 19th 2018



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