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Entrepreneurs, policymakers and researchers from five European cities co-create new policy to support Area Based Collaborative Entrepreneurship.

In this newsletter we share news about the ABCitiEs project, financed by Interreg Europe.



The last few months have been hectic. COVID-19 has also shaken up the entrepreneurial landscape, and the end is not yet in sight. The good news is that most countries and regions are carefully and slowly trying to recover and restart their economies. Many SMEs received some form of support from the government, but since this will not last, at the same time entrepreneurs need to be inventive and get their businesses back on track with new services and products. As time and space is limited, many cannot do this alone. Collaboration between entrepreneurs is now more important than ever. In this newsletter, we share some examples of recent collaboration between entrepreneurs and local governments in times of COVID-19 of our partner regions. We hope they bring you inspiration, creativity, and more successful entrepreneurship collaborations.



COVID 19: Responses, Learning, Reinventing An Interreg Europe Perspective



On 9 July 2020, ABCitiEs and the Institute for Place Management co-hosted a webinar on the effects of Covid-19 on the ABCitiEs partner regions and how municipalities and entrepreneurs have responded and reacted differently to the pandemic. The webinar was viewed by 75 people – including people audience members from Spain, Austria and Columbia. Interested to learn more about local solutions to combat new COVID-19 outbreaks?



Recovery and district centres

Given under lockdown people are beginning to rediscover their locality and using centres within walking distance of their homes more often, it is timely to reconsider the role and function of smaller, and specifically district centres, in recovery planning.

Restoring vitality and viability in district: [the Manchester approach](#)



Corona, public space and ABCE

In the first quarter of 2020, the Dutch economy shrank by 1.7% compared to the previous quarter. Amsterdam is also going through a hard time. The cause lies mainly in a decline in private consumption.

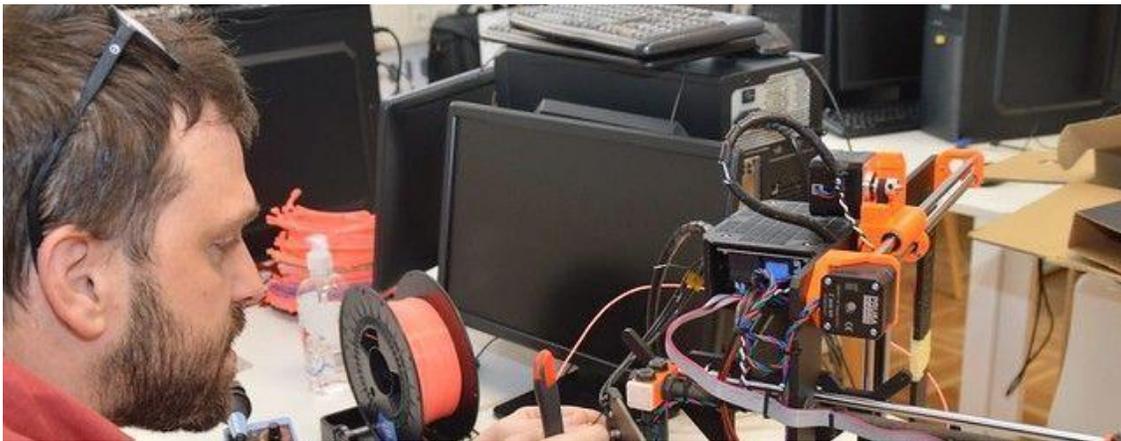
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Vilnius set out to become One Giant Outdoor Café

Have you ever seen an outdoor café sprawled across an entire city? You just might see one in Vilnius, especially with the city declaring that it's taking a step further in helping the café's and restaurants, which have been allowed to reopen this week as part of Lithuania's gradual exit from coronavirus lockdown.

[Read the whole story.](#)



ABCitiEs Urban Research Factory in Varaždin, Croatia national television

FOI used all the available technology of FOI's Internet of Things laboratory under the leadership of Boris Tomaš, PhD, an associate on the ABCities project to help create a frame and assemble visors that are used as protective masks by medical staff and other employees in direct contact with citizens.

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