

Community Mapping: Hiliet il-Komunita' in Valletta

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Theme: Choose at least one option	<input type="checkbox"/> Ageing & Care <input type="checkbox"/> Asylum & Migration <input type="checkbox"/> Young People <input type="checkbox"/> Support for Children & Families <input type="checkbox"/> Community Care <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Care & Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Co-Production <input type="checkbox"/> Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Homelessness <input type="checkbox"/> Artificial Intelligence <input type="checkbox"/> Digitalisation <input type="checkbox"/> Quality Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Labour Market Inclusion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Inclusion <input type="checkbox"/> Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce and Leadership <input type="checkbox"/> Social Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> EU Funding <input type="checkbox"/> Social Service's Resilience <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health <input type="checkbox"/> Person-Centred Care <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Research & Use of Evidence <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:
Principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights: <i>Check the 20 principles here.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Education, training, life-long learning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. Gender equality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. Equal opportunities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. Active support to employment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. Secure and adaptable employment <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Fair Wages <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Transparent employment conditions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8. Social dialogue <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Work-life balance <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Healthy, safe work environment	<input type="checkbox"/> 11. Childcare and child support <input type="checkbox"/> 12. Social protection <input type="checkbox"/> 13. Unemployment benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 14. Minimum income <input type="checkbox"/> 15. Old age income and pensions <input type="checkbox"/> 16. Health care <input type="checkbox"/> 17. Inclusion of people with disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> 18. Long-term care <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19. Housing and assistance to homeless <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20. Access to essential services
Current status of the practice:	<input type="checkbox"/> Concept and Design Phase <input type="checkbox"/> Execution & Monitoring Phase <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidation Phase <input type="checkbox"/> Scaling Up and Transformation Phase <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)	
Context/ Social issues addressed <i>Please explain the problem you attempt to solve.</i>	Community mapping research was carried out with residents of Valletta neighbourhoods between June and December 2021. Valletta neighbourhoods have, for the last decade, passed through a regeneration process that has left an impact on the community. Thus, this research had the goal of underpinning the social dynamics of regeneration. Its goal was to capture community readiness on	

	<p>four main themes contributing to social mobility: education and employment, financial literacy and income stability, housing and household stability, and parenting.</p> <p>The findings helped <i>Hiliet il-Komunita'</i>, a project part-financed by the European Regional Development Fund under Operational Programme 1—European Structural and Investment Funds 2014–2020, to ensure that the provision of social welfare services and community partnerships are built on a bottom-up approach. <i>Hiliet il-Komunita' wanted to listen to the residents' expectations and work with them to find effective solutions through partnerships, community capacity building, and advocacy.</i></p>
<p><u>Objectives:</u> Please provide a maximum of three objectives in bullet points.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To comprehend the social dynamics of the regeneration. 2. To assess community readiness in education, employment, financial literacy, housing, and parenting to understand strengths and areas for improvement. 3. To empower communities to improve their standard of living and quality of life through community engagement and action.
<p><u>Activities:</u> Please summarise the activities put in place to achieve the objectives (maximum 200 words).</p>	<p>A total of 390 residents contributed to the study. The research process involved several activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conducted a literature review on four key pillars. 2. Carried out a computer-based exercise and observation of streets in Belt Valletta. 3. Engaged with community members through walks, activities, and social media. 4. Conducted interviews with 29 residents and key persons to gather their views on the four pillars and questions they would ask Valletta residents. 5. 30 residents supported the piloting of the tool for validity and reliability reasons. 6. Every household in Valletta received an invitation to participate in the research. Invitations were delivered by hand. 7. Collected data through door-to-door visits and online surveys. 230 residents participated in this exercise. 8. Conducted a two-day Vox Pop activity with 71 participants to gather opinions on the liveability of the Valletta community. 9. Organised focus group activities with 17 participants. 10. Engaged in a community mapping exercise to identify assets and opportunities in the neighbourhood. 11. Built a physical map based on the outcomes of conversations with residents focusing on community assets, including (1) individual assets and personal talents, (2) institutions, (3) associational life, and (4) bumping places (social places residents meet to get things done or support each other).
<p><u>Evaluation of practice:</u> Please explain how you evaluate the practice and what the results were/are so far</p>	<p>This community mapping research exercise was the foundation part of Hiliet il-Komunitá, a European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) project that ended in December 2023. An external supervisor oversees the research project component.</p> <p>The research results indicated that community social connectedness remains an important value for the Valletta community; this includes nurturing and well-being of the family. The displacement of the younger generation, the cost of living, including daily living, high rents, expensive property, and the pollution emerging from a</p>

	<p>business-focused city lifestyle are upsetting aspects for the residents. There was an overall openness for capacity building to enhance local capability and families' prosperity.</p> <p>Overall, the process evaluation of community projects was ongoing; however, the impact on target beneficiaries, sustainability, and alignment with broader community needs requires a systematic and longitudinal approach and time for the full effects of these interventions to be realised within the community.</p>
<p><u>Links to supporting documents:</u> <i>e.g. website or report of the practice</i></p>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/darhiliel/</p>
<p><u>Comments and tips,</u> <i>i.e. for people willing to use your Practice</i></p>	<p>The success of this practice is based on how investment is made in community engagement from the preliminary stages to the post-project. Co-design and co-production are crucial aspects of community mapping.</p>