

# ARCHETHICS

*Dissonant European heritage as laboratory of democracy*

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# 1 - About ARCHETHICS Network

## The Network

ARCHETHICS Network fosters a deep reflection on the **Dissonant Heritage** present in many European cities.

## What Dissonant Heritage means

The history of Europe has generated an heritage that sometimes is controversial and complex due to belonging to totalitarian regimes or contentious borders. This heritage has been called **“Dissonant”**, **addressing the problematic link between the physical elements** like architecture, neighbourhoods, monuments, urban public spaces, **and the historical and political values those elements represent.**

**The Network allows to experience the complex history of Europe and, through a critical examination of the past, come into the present to promote democracy and solidarity.**

**The objective of ARCHETHICS** is to explore novel approaches to build sustainable urban policies on Dissonant Heritage to:

- **enhance dissonant heritage as a non-divisive element of urban communities**, but as a starting point for shaping new democratic identities;
- generate a better understanding on **how sustainable managing** Dissonant Heritage;
- **activate urban community labs** around European common values;
- open new **perspectives and opportunities to enhance Dissonant Heritage** as an investment attraction and a driver for local touristic and cultural development.



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# 1 - What happened during this Network quarter?

## *Boosting testing activities and Project dissemination*

From July to September 2024, ARCHETHICS Network fostered the project dissemination, delivered the first testing activities and followed-up on the Integrated Actions Plan.

### Highlights:

- Second online workshop on the preparation of the **Integrated Action Plan** on 22 July 2024;
- **cross-dissemination events:** participation at the OPEN BUZLUDZJA Festival on August 8-11 2024 in Kazanlak (BG), and at the first EUI Policy Lab Event on 26 - 27 September 2024 in Halandri (EL);
- set-up the **ARCHETHICS Academy:** a space for knowledge and sharing on Dissonant Heritage;
- **testing actions:** the positive experience of Krakow;
- preparation of the **Mid Term Reflection** by sharing the Network Survey;
- **One to one meetings** for cities partner



*Testing action in Krakow  
September 2024*



*The ARCHETHICS Academy*



*Cross dissemination event: the EUI Policy Lab in Halandri  
September 2024*

# 2 - II WORKSHOP ON INTEGRATED ACTION PLANS

## Second online workshop on Integrated action Plan

The workshop held on 22 July 2024 focused on the **section 2 of the Integrated Action Plan** and **on testing activities**.

The online session, conceived as a follow-up of the Core Network meeting held in June in Permet, aimed at **clarifying how to fill the second section of the Plan**, that started from **vision and drafted strategic and operational objectives, focus areas and actions**.

Canvas template was delivered to support project partners in shaping the **logical framework of the plan**. The canvas was prepared to help all cities in visioning their Plan using the same outline, that was useful for understanding the project progress at local level.

Moreover, it was again address the use of the template created for ARCHETHICS to draft the Integrated Actions Plan.



The ARCHETHICS template for the Integrated Action Plans



The Canvas template for the overall logic of the Integrated Action Plans

# 3 - TESTING ACTIONS EXPERIENCES

## The experience of Krakow: a test to transform the central square of Nova Huta

The testing action developed by the city of Krakow aims at reactivating the Central Square in Nova Huta neighbourhood. Nova Huta is a peripheral district of Krakow, set up in 1949 during the social realism to house the still workers. Nowadays Nova Huta has about 200.000 inhabitants and it is looking for a novel neighbourhood identity starting from its urban spaces.

The Municipality of Krakow, through ARCHETHICS project, focused on the dissonant heritage of Nova Huta neighbourhoods. The URBACT Local Group representing the local community and relevant stakeholders of Nova Huta designed a **event to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the neighbourhood foundation**. Thanks to this occasion, novel opportunities of space re-activation were tested to answer citizens needs to have a meeting space in the central square car free.



A overview of the central square in Nova Huta during the testing activity

## Residents and Activists involved in the preparation and realisation of the testing action

The URBACT Local Group (ULG) together with residents and activists of Nowa Huta co-designed the testing action. The idea followed the aim of the Integrated Action Plan to **focus on dissonant heritage for giving back new life to social realism districts and urban areas**. The central square of Nowa Huta, that today is a traffic island, has a huge potential to become a meeting place for residents and Krakow citizens.

For one day, the Municipality of Krakow with the support of the ULG achieved to **transform this space in a place for the people to meet people**. A **big central table** was created to host people talking and eating together. A **street comics exhibition** was also organised to involve artists, young people and local activists for celebrating Nowa Huta through the support of art language.







The street comics exhibition

[Watch the video!](#)



People enjoying the event talking, eating and spending time together

# 4 - CROSS CUTTING DISSEMINATION

## ARCHETHICS participated at important cross-dissemination events: the OPEN BUZLUDZJA Festival and the first EUI Policy Lab Event on Culture and Cultural Heritage

An important aim of ARCHETHICS is to enhance the knowledge about Dissonant Heritage, by sharing cities experience and relevant researchers about the topics. During the summer 2024, ARCHETHICS partners had the possibility to exchange ARCHETHICS progress and network focus and results during two important cross-cutting dissemination events:

- **OPEN BUZLUDZJA Festival, held in Kazanlak on August 8 - 11 2024.** The Festival is organised by the Buzludzha foundation at the Buzludzha monument. The Festival, that in 2024 was at the third edition, is an important event to experience the dissonant heritage through workshops, music and artistic installations.

Every year it calls many volunteers to support the organisation and young people to participate.

The Cesena's Staff attended the Festival organizing an interactive workshop on ARCHETHICS approaches and URBACT tools and method.



The workshop organised by Cesena Municipality during the Buzludzha festival



**OPEN BUZLUDZHA**  
**8 - 11.08.2024**

The Buzludzha festival promotion

**The EUI Policy Lab: leveraging culture for positive urban change held in Halandri (EL) ON 26 - 27 September 2024.** The event was organised by the programme European Urban Initiative in collaboration with URBACT and the Culture and Cultural Heritage Partnership of the Urban agenda for EU (UAEU). Dissonant Heritage has been one of the topics followed during the event within the workshop **“ECHOES OF THE PAST INTO THE FUTURE”**, facilitated by Ileana Toscano, EUI expert and LE of ARCHETHICS. Dora Ivanova, of the Buzludzha foundation - UAEU Partnership, explored the potential of dissonant heritage sharing the experience of Kazanlak in Bulgaria. **The Staff of the Municipalities of Cesena and Gdansk participated** at the event by contributing to the workshops and interactive sessions sharing the ARCHETHICS experiences in their cities.



Plenary session



The workshop “Echoes of the Past into the future”



ARCHETHICS people at the EUI Policy Lab



Participants of the EUI Policy Lab

# 5 - ARCHETHICS ACADEMY

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### Archethics Academy

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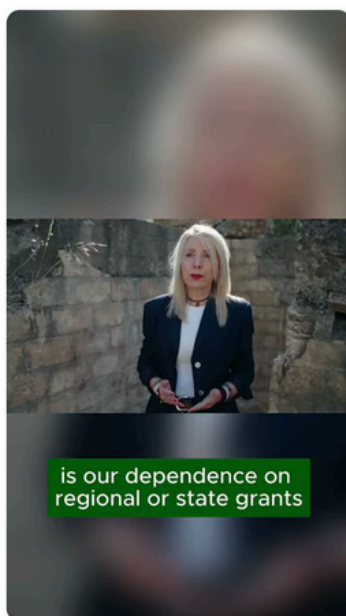
**ARCHETHICS is willing to contribute to the Knowledge improvement on Dissonant heritage.**

Misinformation, stigma and lack of communication have had impacted negatively on dissonant heritage. The partner cities of ARCHETHICS achieved to enhance citizens knowledge and awareness about Dissonant Heritage.

At city level, **site visits for ULG members and stakeholders, lectures with experts and university researches, testing activities** in Dissonant heritage sites have been organised.

At network level, it was set-up the **"Archethics Academy"** aimed at becoming a **repository of practices and lectures on dissonant heritage** by engaging with experts, activists, urban practitioners and communities representatives.

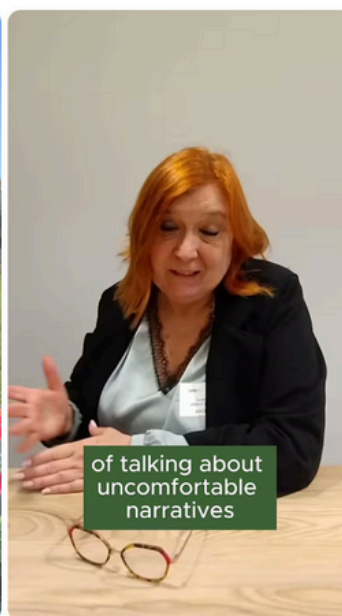
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