

RETHINK: THE LOCAL ACTIVITIES IN LUBLIN

NEB IN CULTURE OF SPACE

MARCH – AUGUST 2026

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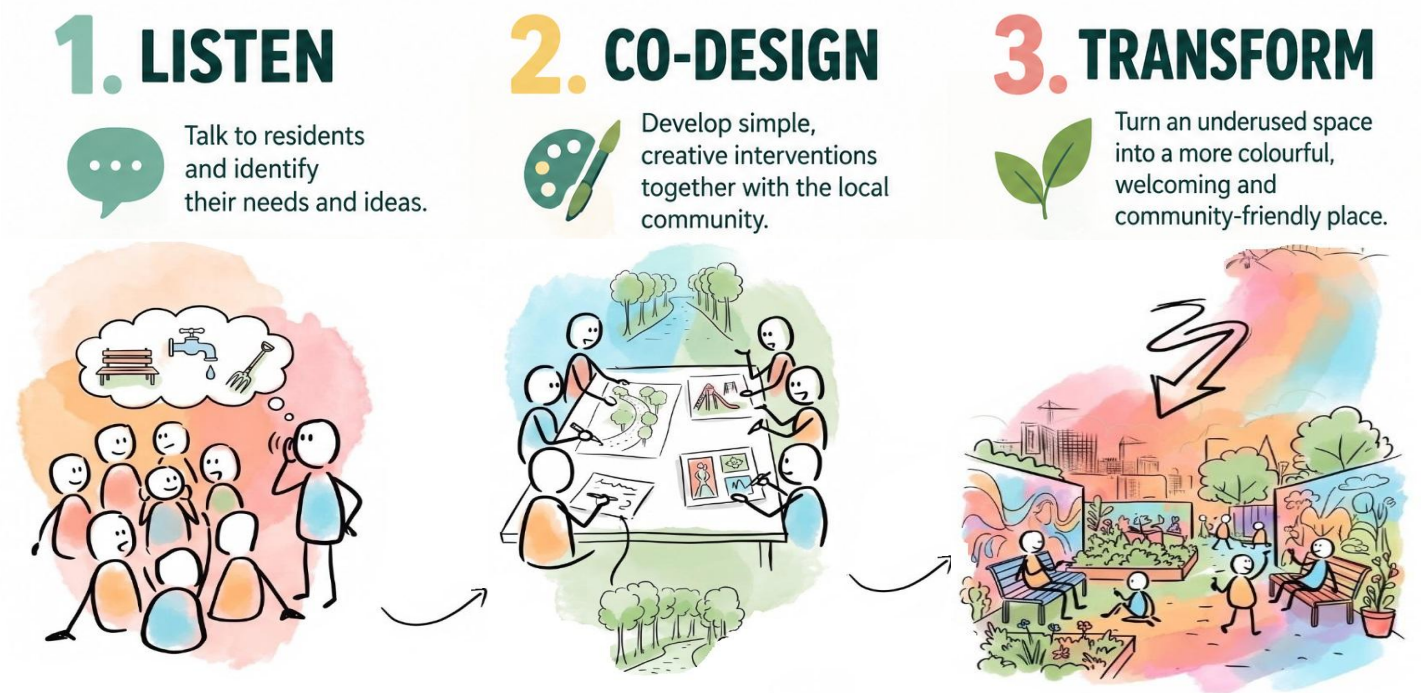
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WHAT DID WE DECIDE TO DO IN LUBLIN?

Co-create a small-scale transformation of a local public space in Tatary – together with residents.



THE RETHINK PRINCIPLES

From principles to local actions



HARMONY WITH NATURE

- revitalising a green space
- using natural & recycled materials
- working with the existing landscape



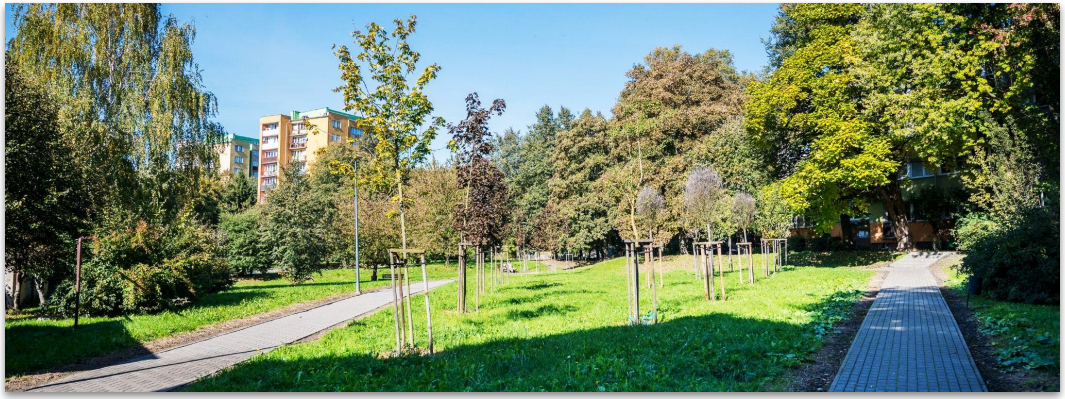
RICHNESS OF EXPERIENCE

- creating a more diverse route to school & along the walking path
- adding multifunctional elements that spark creativity



SENSE OF BELONGING

- responding to the needs of a neighbourhood with specific challenges
- involving residents from idea to implementation
- connecting different local stakeholder groups




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WHY TATARY?

A district with challenges – and strong potential for change



POST-INDUSTRIAL LEGACY
Rise & decline of the automotive industry. A district in need of renewal

GREEN & UNIQUE
Valuable green spaces & strong local character





COMMUNITY POTENTIAL
Strong local ties to rebuild & strengthen

SOCIAL CHALLENGES
Social consequences & weakened local identity





REVITALISATION POTENTIAL
Underused spaces in need of transformation

THE TIMELINE

From idea to change

MARCH

- ➔ building the team
- ➔ brainstorming
- ➔ shaping the idea

APRIL

- ➔ initial proposal & budget
- ➔ consultation plan
- ➔ selection of a work contractor
- ➔ process launch

MAY – JULY

- ➔ 19 & 22 May: engaging young people (workshops & community game)
- ➔ 9 June: collecting needs & ideas (public consultations)
- ➔ 9 July: voting on proposed actions (community picnic)

JULY – AUGUST

community co-creation & implementation:

- ➔ 29 July
- ➔ 11 August

27 AUGUST

the grand finale

- ➔ celebrating together with the local community
- ➔ presenting the results
- ➔ looking ahead & planning the next steps

Making RETHINK happen. Step 1: ENGAGE & LISTEN

Engaging young people

Workshops & community game





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Collecting needs & ideas

Public consultations







Making RETHINK happen. Step 2: CREATE & IMPLEMENT

Community co-creation & implementation

Working together with the local community







Making RETHINK happen. Step 3: CELEBRATE

The grand finale

Celebrating together · Sharing the results · Looking ahead





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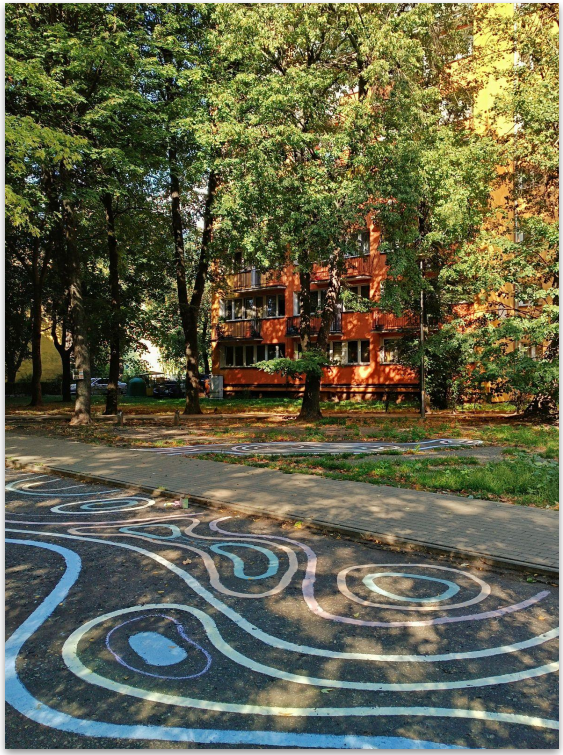




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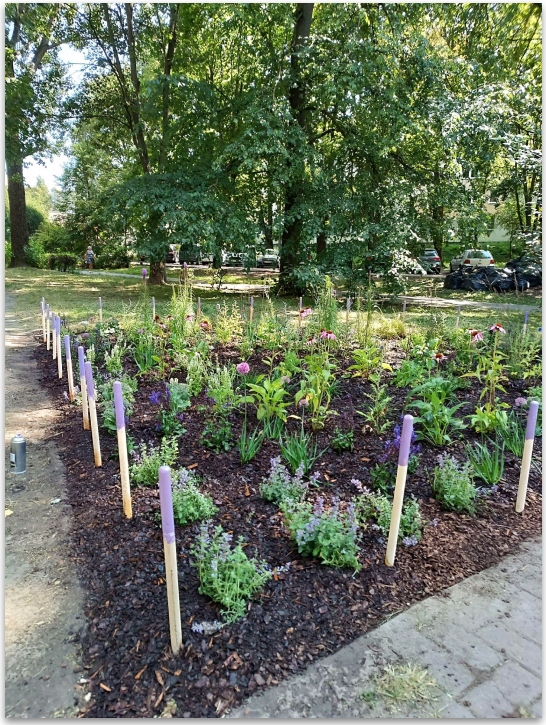




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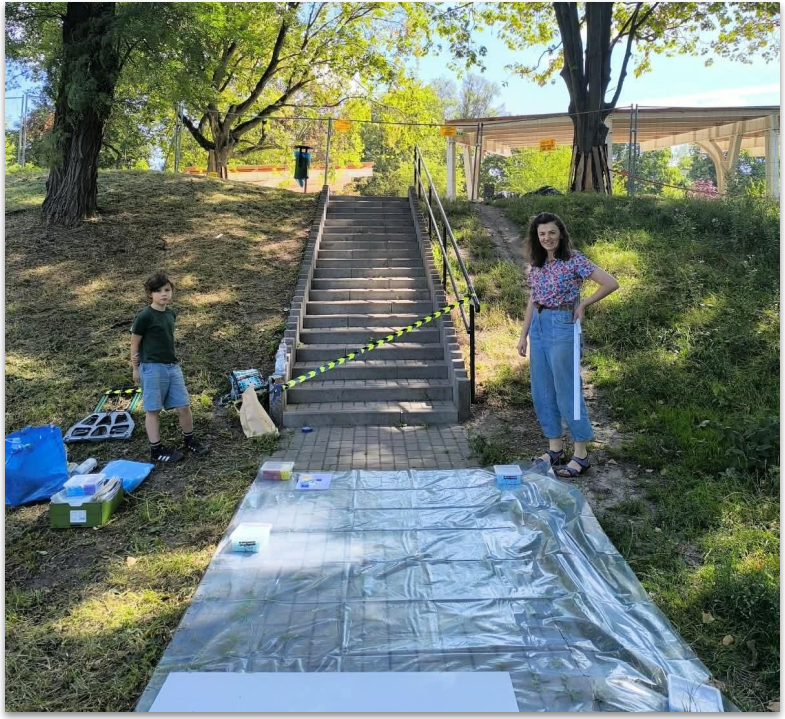


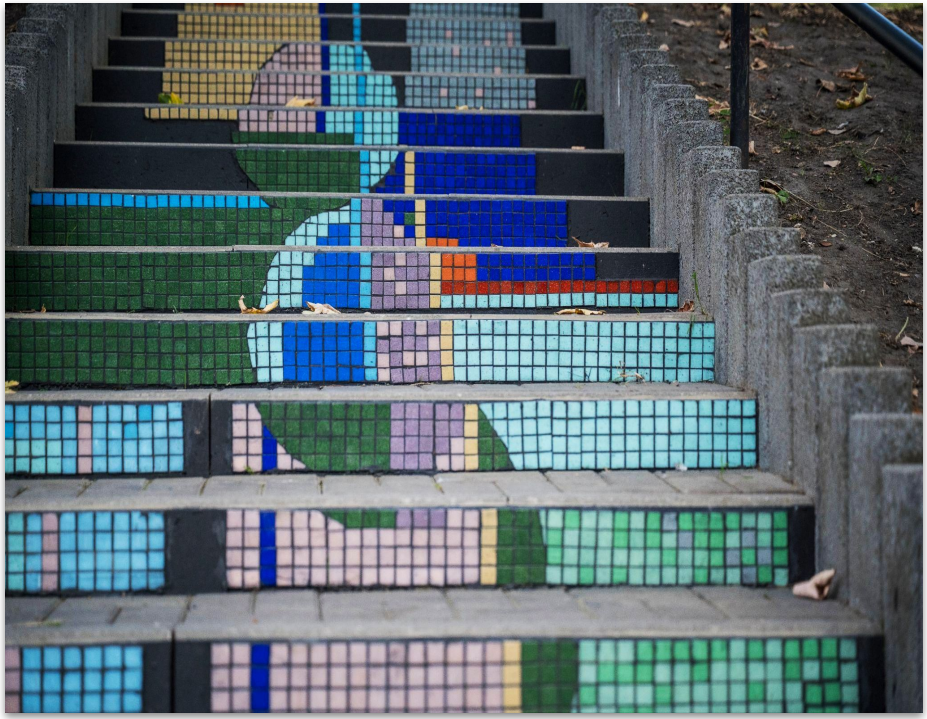




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BY THE NUMBERS

Almost 300 people engaged throughout the process

CONSULTATION

219 people engaged

31 · workshops with young people

32 · community game participants

110 · survey responses

46 · voting participants

IMPLEMENTATION

75 people involved

15 · I community workday

20 · II community workday

40 · grand finale

OUTCOMES OF RETHINK

A low-cost, participatory model with potential for wider use



NATURE IN BALANCE

· a green space co-created by residents, with a special focus on youth
· natural & biodegradable materials
· new planting
· a new perspective on the green space



COMMUNITY FIRST

· from collective action to visible change
· stronger community
· local pride
· social resilience
· participatory urban space



EXPERIENCE MAKERS

· a low-cost, participatory model with potential for wider use
· creativity & inspiration
· proactive action
· a replicable local & international good practice



VISIBLE CHANGE

· stair mosaic · new plantings
· colourful wooden stumps · functional seats
· painted concrete · colourful garlands
· special mowing of the area

FROM IDEAS TO ACTION

A creative tool for reimagining places together.

A tangible product of RETHINK – Landscape Chess, designed by our expert Marcin Skrzypek from the “Brama Grodzka – Teatr NN” Centre.





Used both during the RETHINK partner meeting in Lublin (September 2025) and local workshops with students, the chess set became a practical tool for engaging participants in thinking about public space and the local environment.

WHO MADE IT HAPPEN?

The people behind the RETHINK action in Tatary











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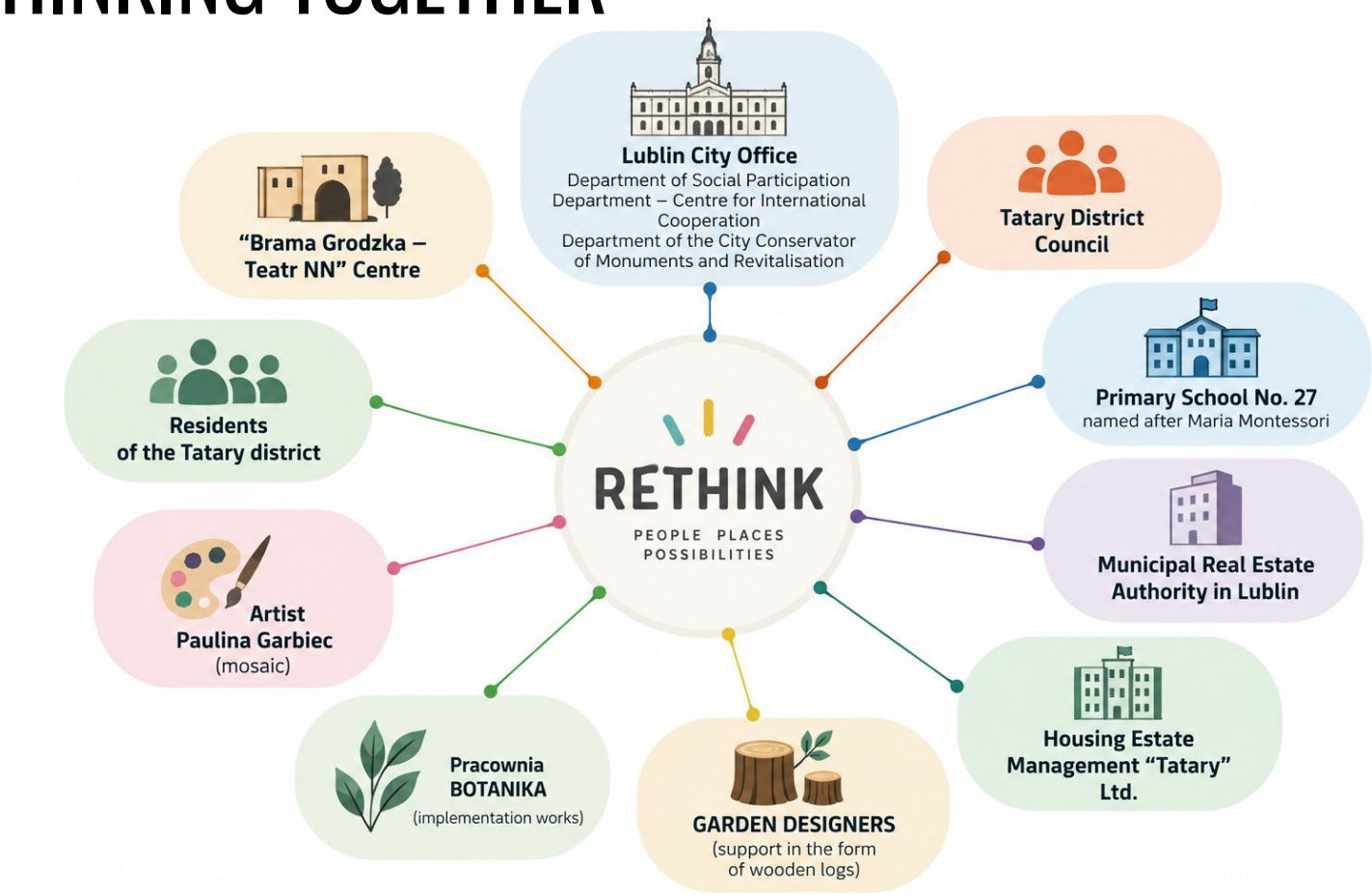
LOCAL COMMUNITY
residents of Tatary

LOCAL PARTNERS
school, local institutions & organisations

EXPERTS
supporting the process & sharing their knowledge

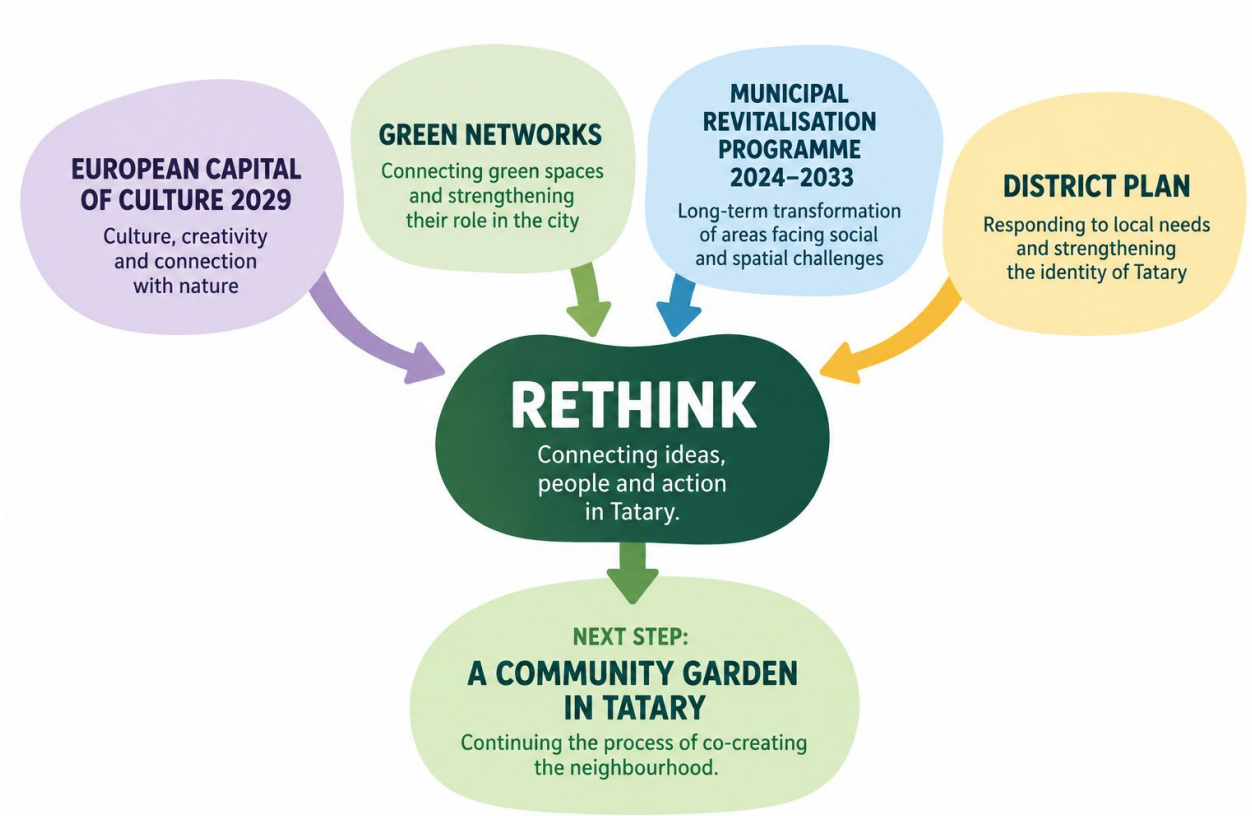
PRIVATE-SECTOR PARTNERS
two companies supporting the implementation & providing materials

RETHINKING TOGETHER



RETHINK AS A CATALYST FOR NEW ACTIONS

Rooted in existing programmes. Creating new opportunities for local action.



LET'S STAY IN TOUCH!

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