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The vision of an ideal European city comes to life as an inclusive, sustainable, and thriving urban community.

This vision emerged through the collaborative efforts of diverse partners during one of our meetings, where brainstorming and shared creativity took center stage.

Using tools like Padlet to exchange ideas, participants from various fields, countries, and backgrounds contributed their expertise, experiences, and aspirations to design a city that prioritizes equity, innovation, and well-being for all.

The result is a comprehensive blueprint for a city that seamlessly connects people, nature, and opportunities, a true testament to the power of collaboration and collective imagination.

Each element embodies the values and priorities of its contributors, aiming to create an environment where everyone can flourish.

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# SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE TRANSPORTATION

Imagine a city where getting around is effortless, eco-friendly, and welcoming for everyone.

Picture bike paths weaving through every neighborhood and free, emission-free public transit connecting urban and rural areas.

Accessible features—step-free stations, tactile guidance, visual and acoustic information, and spacious accommodations for wheelchairs, strollers, and bicycles—make transportation inclusive for all.

Transportation systems are designed with universal access, prioritizing the needs of the elderly, people with disabilities, and low-income groups. Barrier-free access is a core principle, ensuring stations and vehicles are equipped with features that remove obstacles and promote seamless mobility for everyone. Comprehensive connectivity guarantees regular and reliable links between urban and rural areas, with on-demand services for remote regions, ensuring no community is left behind.

Multimodal transportation options—integrating bikes, buses, trains, and shared mobility services—facilitate seamless travel, while the promotion of sustainable transportation ensures that eco-friendly practices are embedded into the city's infrastructure.

Transportation fares are adapted to citizens' socio-economic situations, with transparent and unified fare systems that offer discounts to socially disadvantaged groups. This ensures affordability and fairness for all, reinforcing the city's commitment to equity and inclusion.

The involvement of company managers and other economic actors in urban development planning is a powerful instrument to boost the city's prosperity.

Beyond economic growth, this collaboration fosters a sense of responsibility, awareness, and active engagement within the business community, laying the foundation for a culture of social responsibility.

By prioritizing sustainable practices and equitable access, this city exemplifies how thoughtful design and collaboration can create a thriving, inclusive future.

# GREEN, RELAXING, AND REGENERATIVE SPACES

Green spaces aren't just an addition—they're a way of life. Interconnected parks, tree-lined streets, and nature-inspired architecture transform the city into a haven of relaxation, activity, and well-being. These spaces seamlessly integrate nature into the urban fabric, creating a vibrant environment for all.

Public spaces feature drinking water fountains in parks, children's playgrounds, and multi-purpose areas that can adapt to different activities. Designed for inclusivity, these areas promote a high quality of stay without any obligation to consume. Movable urban furniture, such as benches that can be repositioned to follow the sun, and shared spaces for activities like picnics or games (e.g., chess), encourage connection and creativity among residents.

The city embraces interconnected green belts, ensuring green spaces are accessible and connected across neighborhoods. Recreation areas are clean and actively shaped by local residents, fostering a sense of ownership and community engagement.

Biophilic architecture plays a central role, integrating natural materials, abundant plant life, and natural light to create indoor environments that nurture well-being. Whether it's through tree-lined avenues or buildings overflowing with greenery, every element is designed to reconnect residents with nature.

Every stroll becomes a chance to recharge in this vibrant, green city, where public spaces are thoughtfully crafted to support relaxation, creativity, and a deeper connection with the environment.

# INTERGENERATIONAL AND INCLUSIVE LIVING SPACES

The city redefines urban living with intergenerational homes where seniors and youth cohabit, sharing insights and forging friendships across generations. Housing is a right, not a privilege, with quality, affordable options for diverse groups, from families to single residents. Residents of all ages and backgrounds are actively involved in the planning and design of their living spaces, ensuring inclusivity and addressing varied needs. This collaborative approach results in communities that are connected, vibrant, and attuned to the needs of everyone.

Elderly neighborhoods are thoughtfully designed with accessible recreational areas and door-to-door healthcare services, ensuring older residents can maintain an active and independent lifestyle.

Sustainable housing supports residents with welfare services from organizations or municipal providers, ensuring that everyone has the support they need to thrive.

Shared spaces are integral to this vision, offering areas where the community can live, play, and work together. These spaces host intergenerational activities, such as handcraft or cooking workshops, bringing people of all ages together to share knowledge, build relationships, and foster a sense of belonging.

Sustainability is key in this model, with housing designed to be environmentally friendly while meeting the diverse needs of the population. The city creates a thriving, collaborative urban life where everyone is welcome, and no one is left behind.

# COMMUNITY HUBS AND EDUCATIONAL CENTERS

Every neighborhood pulses with life, anchored by dynamic community hubs. These spaces serve as vibrant centers for connection, culture, and creativity, offering workshops, concerts, and citizen-led events that blend art, learning, and social engagement.

The hubs are open to anyone who wants to propose an event or activity, ensuring they remain safe spaces open to all citizens.

These socio-cultural centers promote inclusivity by hosting a range of events and activities, from educational workshops to concerts, creating opportunities for every resident to contribute to and benefit from the community. Residents are encouraged to co-design and manage these spaces, ensuring that the hubs reflect local needs, priorities, and cultural expressions.

By day, these dynamic hubs foster learning, working, and meeting, providing spaces where individuals and groups can innovate, collaborate, and grow. Tailored facilities and designs, shaped with input from the community, ensure that these hubs are functional and accessible to all.

In the evenings and on weekends, the hubs transform into vibrant venues for family gatherings and cultural celebrations, uniting residents through shared experiences. They become places where neighbors can connect, learn, and thrive together, reinforcing the community's spirit and fostering a sense of belonging.

Through these adaptable and inclusive spaces, the city nurtures creativity, strengthens social bonds, and celebrates diversity.

# FAMILY AND CHILD-CENTRIC SERVICES

In this family-friendly city, childcare is thoughtfully designed to meet the diverse needs of both children and parents, offering opportunities for development, play, and flexibility. Company kindergartens keep parents close to their children during the workday, while part-time, weekend, and hourly childcare services provide young parents with essential support, offering them much-needed free time for socializing, community activities, and personal pursuits. These flexible childcare options ease the daily care burden, making life more manageable for families.

Accessible kindergartens, designed to accommodate diverse family structures and lifestyles, ensure that every child begins their educational journey in a nurturing environment that fosters early development and social interaction.

To promote safety and inclusivity, streets are designed with child-safe crossings, and car-free zones are implemented near schools, ensuring a safer environment for children. Urban play areas, enriched with natural elements, encourage outdoor play and help children connect with nature. These thoughtful urban designs create a haven for families while promoting the well-being of children.

In addition to childcare, the city supports a variety of programs that help reconcile family and professional life. Public spaces, including integrated cultural and leisure centers, activity rooms, parks, and theatres, offer families opportunities to engage in shared activities, fostering growth, creativity, and connection across generations.

By creating an urban environment that caters to the needs of children, parents, and families of all shapes and sizes, this city ensures that every resident has the opportunity to thrive.

# HEALTH AND WELL-BEING FOR ALL

Well-being is at the heart of this city. Free healthcare and modern health centers ensure that care is accessible to all, complemented by regular health checks and wellness programs. Preventive care is prioritized through information campaigns, encouraging residents to engage in healthy behaviors. These programs, alongside regular health checks and citywide involvement in health and recreational activities, foster a culture of well-being that benefits every social group.

The city offers accessible and inclusive sports facilities, with affordable access fees that make physical activities available to everyone, regardless of income. Sports facilities are designed to be inclusive, welcoming individuals of all abilities and promoting active lifestyles for all. The emphasis on physical activities extends to the city's outdoor spaces, with initiatives such as hiking meetings in the outskirts of the city, encouraging residents to explore nature while staying active and healthy.

To ensure a healthy urban environment, the city enacts measures to reduce air pollution, including low-emission zones, green corridors, and strict industrial regulations. These policies keep the air clean and help mitigate the effects of urban pollution, further promoting health and well-being.

In this city, well-being is a shared priority. By promoting healthy habits, inclusive physical activities, and environmental health, the city ensures that every resident has the opportunity to live a healthy, vibrant life, connected to nature and supported by a comprehensive system of health resources.

# ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL INTEGRATION IN CITY PLANNING

In this city, economic and cultural spheres seamlessly enrich urban life. The involvement of company managers and other economic actors in the process of urban development planning is a powerful tool for boosting the city's prosperity. More importantly, it fosters a sense of responsibility, awareness, and involvement within the business community, which is how social responsibility can be built within the private sector. These economic stakeholders collaborate to drive sustainable growth while embracing social responsibility, helping to create a thriving and equitable urban future.

Cultural districts and hubs are established to celebrate local heritage, support artists, and attract tourism—all while creating jobs and enhancing the city's vibrancy. These spaces become centers for creativity and cultural exchange, attracting both residents and visitors alike. Through these initiatives, the city fosters a deep connection to its cultural roots while building a foundation for future growth and prosperity.

Integrated urban planning takes a transdisciplinary approach, involving all stakeholders—residents, planners, future generations, and other key players—collaborating to shape how the city evolves. By considering economic aspects alongside cultural diversity, the city ensures a vibrant, high-quality environment that drives shared growth and ensures the city's long-term success.

Co-working spaces and cultural business incubators are integrated into the city center, providing platforms for entrepreneurship, innovation, and creativity. These spaces support the development of new ideas, fostering collaboration between diverse sectors and encouraging the growth of small businesses and startups.

Programs promoting inclusivity in pricing and accessibility ensure that cultural experiences, city services, and educational opportunities are open to all. This balanced approach between economic vitality and cultural diversity guarantees that the city remains inclusive, innovative, and thriving. By nurturing talent, creativity, and collaboration, the city paves the way toward a vibrant, sustainable, and equitable future for all.



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