

Acronym – NTNN

Title – New Towns | New Narratives

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Iuav Role – Project Partner

Other Partners

- International New Town Institute (Netherlands) - Coordinator
- Osrodek Kultury im. C. K. Norwida (Poland)
- Gemeente Nissewaard (Netherlands)
- Obshtina Dimitrovgrad (Bulgaria)
- Ilijas Municipality (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- Urbanistines istorijos (Lithuania)
- Asociatia Basar (Romania)
- Institut für Ostmoderne e.V. (Germany)
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- Gemeente Zoetermeer (Netherlands)
- Modern Muveszetert Kozalapitvány (Hungary)
- Associazione ARCI TEATRO19 APS (Italy)
- Neue Gesellschaft Für Bildende Kunst E.V. (Germany)

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Iuav budget – € 3 000.00

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Description – New Towns | New Narratives is an initiative of a consortium of **14 New Towns**, consisting of 18 partners, all over Europe. The aim of the network is to exchange ideas and experiences on the necessary **reinvention** of these towns, that share a lot in common: they were all built according to a masterplan in the 1960s and 1970s, mostly as industrial towns or satellite cities next to major historic cities.

Despite the original ambitions, nowadays these New Towns have become outdated. Most of them struggle with social and demographic problems, a bad image and a (perceived) lack of history, a gap between local government and inhabitants and changing demands of a shifting population. The 14 New Towns in this network from 12 different countries spread all over Europe, recognize each other's challenges and want to collectively develop **new ideas, solutions, and practices**.



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The consortium includes representatives of municipalities, and also of NGOs, grassroots organisations and knowledge institutions. Together they aim to organise a series of seven events. Firstly, **five active workshops** ('Network Labs') in five different countries, focused on the most socially relevant topics. These topics have been defined by the consortium: 'Telling the story' (including the material and immaterial heritage and the narrative of the town) and 'Green' (including climate adaptation and mitigation). The 6th event will be an online meeting in which the Network Labs will be evaluated and next steps defined. The results and insights of the Labs will be presented at the final 7th meeting with a public seminar, publication, and an exhibition in Nova Gorica (Cultural Capital of Europe 2025).

Objectives – The aim of the project connects to the general objectives of the call:

- To promote **exchanges between citizens** of different countries;
- To give citizens the **opportunity to discover the cultural diversity** of the European Union and to make them aware that European values and cultural heritage constitute the foundation for a common future;

The project facilitates a network of New Towns from 12 different countries to exchange knowledge and expertise on themes that are connected to the narrative and the identity of the New Towns. This exchange will take place using a bottom-up approach, including professionals and citizens from the different countries.

- To guarantee **peaceful relations** between Europeans and to ensure their active participation at the local level;

The goal of the project is to create sustainable relations between the representatives of the different New Towns, and between the local authorities and the citizens. By organizing the events on site, the local authorities and citizens will meet and have a dialogue on the challenges and themes that will be addressed. Every event will be organized in strong cooperation with the local partners to safeguard accessibility for all.

- To reinforce **mutual understanding and friendship** between European citizens;

By organizing the events in 6 different New Towns in 6 different countries with the participation of 14 New Towns from 12 countries the aim is to show the similarities and differences of the New Towns in Europe.

- To encourage **cooperation between municipalities** and the exchange of best practices;

The project is an initiative of a network of New Towns on a European scale, from all parts of Europe. Because of the recognition of their similarities and the acknowledgement of the added value of exchange of knowledge and expertise the New Towns (represented by municipalities, NGOs and knowledge institutes) will cooperate in this project and aim to do so in the future.

- To support **good local governance** and reinforce the role of local and regional authorities in the European integration process.

One of the aims of the project is to address the gap between the local government and residents. The context of the Network Labs, where parties meet in an informal atmosphere, exchange thoughts, address needs and initiate cooperation facilitates the improvement of local governance. The cooperation in the network of the European New Towns will be a good ground to reinforce the role of the authorities in Europe.

Website – www.ec.europa.eu/funding-tenders/ntnn

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