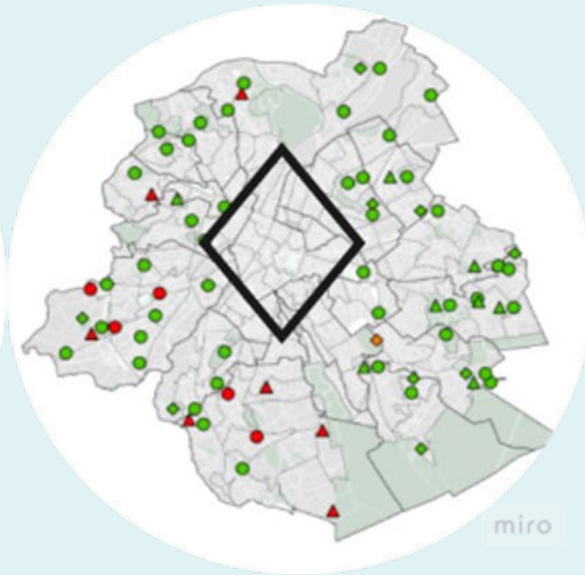
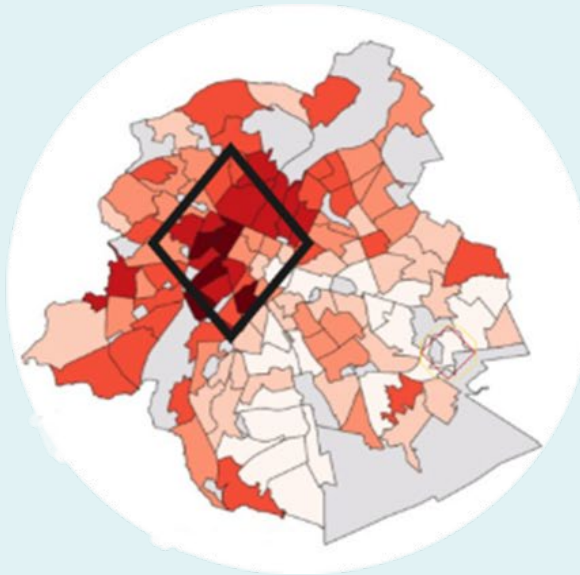
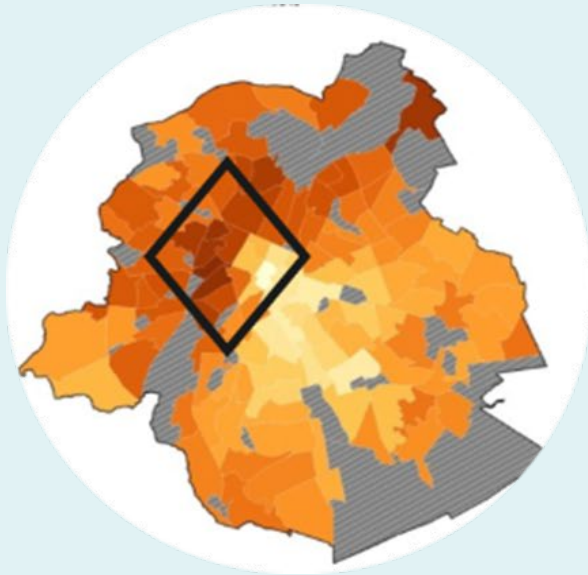




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Brussels - Belgium

- 1.2 million – 19 municipalities
- Capital Belgium & EU
- 184 nationalities
- Institutional complexity
- Young population
- (Spatial) divides



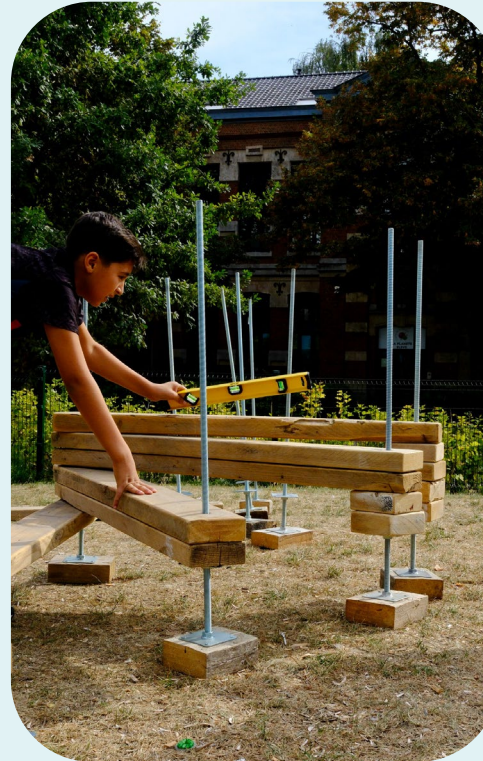


Call for projects

- €250.000
- Transform public space in dense neighborhoods
- Free play
- Anti-movement
- Freedom, risk taking, no rules
- Free, no registration required

Partnership is key

- Project holder - Owner location - Local partner





Strategies for safe & healthy spaces

Location

- Traffic safety
- Social control
- Shelter
- Seating area, toilets, drinking water
- Familiar destination

Ownership

- Wanted in the neighborhood
- Commitment from local organizations



Challenges

- Sustainability & impact
- Multiple levels
- Project-level
 - Temporarily vs permanently
 - Vandalism
 - Outreach: teenagers & gender



Child & youth participation

- Participation at every level
- Agency and ownership
- Child-led use of public space
- Youth representation in decision-making
- Children's jury
- Field research and direct feedback



Inclusion

- Targeted neighborhoods
- Inclusion embedded in jury criteria
- Gender equality as a policy priority





