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From information- sharing to co-creation: Why early CSO engagement pays off



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The importance of engaging CSO



Trusted Connections – Strong ties with local communities.



Local Insight – Understands issues and speaks the community's language.



Helping The Stakeholder Mapping Process – Identifies key actors and navigates networks.



Inclusive Methods – Designs creative, context-specific participatory approaches.



Lessons learned — Inclusive Riverbank Public Space



Inclusive Mechanism: Community Collaboration Agents + multi-tier forum design = broad public engagement. **Tools:** Minecraft, photovoice, magnetic playspace

Lessons learned — Shell-waste upcycling



Develop **meaningful women's engagement** and **connect local environmental issues with economic opportunities** to ensure long-term, sustainable solutions. **Tools: women's calendar**

Lessons learned — Urban Citizenship Academy



Empowering people early in the process, recognizing and capturing the marginalized voices ensures inclusive, equitable, and sustainable community-driven solutions

Result and Impact



Improved Project Acceptance – Early CSO input ensures community buy-in and smoother implementation.



Universal Designs That Work – Local insights make climate projects more relevant and effective.



Reduced Social/Operational Risks – identifies potential conflicts and environmental vulnerabilities before they escalate.



Enhanced Sustainability & Resilience – Shared responsibility drives sustainability and resilience. Supports long-term maintenance and adaptive management of infrastructure assets

