

SUSTAINABLE JUST CITIES

Webinar: “Can sustainability and justice go hand-in-hand?”

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Green Gentrification



If dimensions of justice are not address with sustainability **we risk to deepen inequalities.**
But how do we address justice in sustainability?

We ask the right questions:

- Distributive (in)justice: Inequities in the distribution of environmental burden and benefits. **Who gets what?**
- Procedural (in)justice: Exclusion in the way decisions are made. **Who is involved in decisions and how?**
- Recognition (in)justice: Marginalization of communities / people based on identities (e.g. ethnicity, race, gender...). **Whose needs are recognized and represented?**

We took on the challenge of finding the **keys** that make **sustainability** and **justice** go hand in hand.

We identified **17**.



KEYS TO UNLOCK SUSTAINABLE JUST CITIES



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Co-creation with a Community of Practice



What is a key?

“What **approaches**
can activate this key?”

“What **governance
arrangement** can
enable this key?”



“What **drivers of
injustice** does this
key address?”

Inspirational
examples and
insights

Helpful **resources**

KEYS

*for sustainable
just cities*

17 KEYS for sustainable just cities



1. **Research & Innovation:** Justice is hardwired into research & innovation projects on urban sustainability
2. **Economy:** The economy benefits people and the environment
3. **Power:** Power dynamics are identified and dismantled for more equitable structures
4. **Responsibility:** City makers take responsibility and are held accountable
5. **Technology:** Digital tools can serve everyone
6. **Accessibility:** Green is for everyone
7. **Nature:** Nature creates living and breathing cities
8. **Diversity:** Inclusion starts by embracing diversity
9. **Solidarity:** Solidarity is fairness in action

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- 10. **Adaptation:** Change is inevitable, and adaptation essential
- 11. **Regional:** Regional integration makes cities stronger
- 12. **Participation:** Meaningful participation is empowering
- 13. **Art:** Art creates a sense of belonging, and has the power to transform places
- 14. **Civil Society:** Anybody can be a change-maker in their community
- 15. **Knowledge:** Knowledge is owned and managed by the community
- 16. **Translocal:** Sharing local learning brings transformative change
- 17. **Finance:** We need new ways of funding

Inspirational examples (keys + cases)

Social Solidarity Economy, Barcelona



The social solidarity economy (SSE) in Barcelona draws on long-standing traditions of **collaboration, mutual aid, commoning and cooperativism**, and is an important force for economic transformation in the city and across Catalonia.

Find out more:

<https://sustainablejustcities.eu/keys/economy>



Participatory budgeting, Amsterdam (etc.)



Participatory budgeting is a democratic process in which **community members decide how to spend part of a public budget**. It has the potential to “give people real power over real money” and provide opportunities for experimentation in cities around the world.

Find out more:

<https://sustainablejustcities.eu/keys/power>



Shared Table Network, Vantaa



Instead of throwing away food, factories, wholesalers and supermarkets can donate their food to the Shared Table network where centralized collection then leads to **distribution of the surplus through communal meals** and bags of food to take home.

Find out more:

<https://sustainablejustcities.eu/keys/solidarity>



Inclusive waste management, Rzgow



In 2017, the Municipality of Rzgow (Poland) launched a procurement tender, which aimed at coupling their sustainability waste management plan with social inclusion.

Find out more:

<https://sustainablejustcities.eu/keys/finance>



Greening city heritage, Bologna



The City of Bologna has transformed Piazza Rossini, one of the squares in the historic city centre, into a permanent pedestrian area, leaving behind its former use as a parking lot.

Find out more: <https://sustainablejustcities.eu/keys/art>

How can the keys be used?

- Keys are interdependent
- Useful check list
- Inform policy drafting
- For all city-makers and city-thinkers: Researchers, practitioners, administrators, activists, urban planners, policy makers...
- Wealth of resources
- **...other ways to use the keys? Share your idea in the chat!**

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Thank you for your participation!

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