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Translating Climate Neutrality
Policy in the European Union

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

To study climate change adaptation and mitigation through qualitative methods / ethnography

To think about a global problem (climate change) through comparative local perspectives and study local translations of EU policies

To consider top-down (city authorities) and bottom-up responses (NGOs, citizens)

Questions:

Why it is important to think about the problem on a city scale? Ljubljana, Celovec/Klagenfurt, Warsaw

What is considered as urgent? What kind of other temporalities direct climate action?

How is climate justice articulated and enacted? What people gain from it?

INITIATIVES IN THE CITY

Spatial management, political governance and participation

The most debated/the hottest issues in the city

To think of climate problems as environmental/social and political

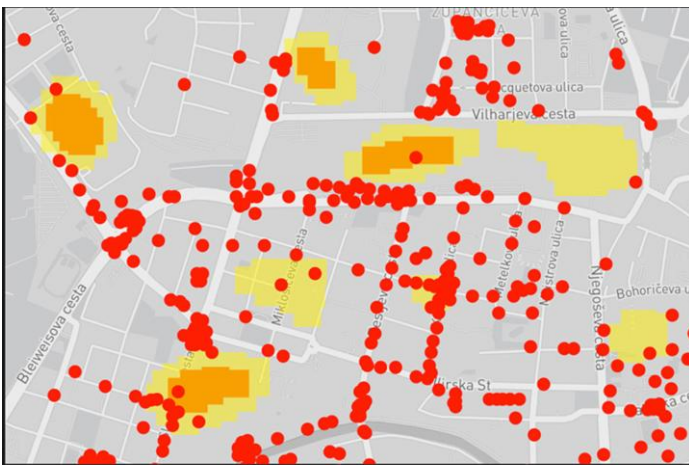
Natural park management: Tivoli park (events, trees)

Hot spots vs. greening the cities (cutting urban trees)

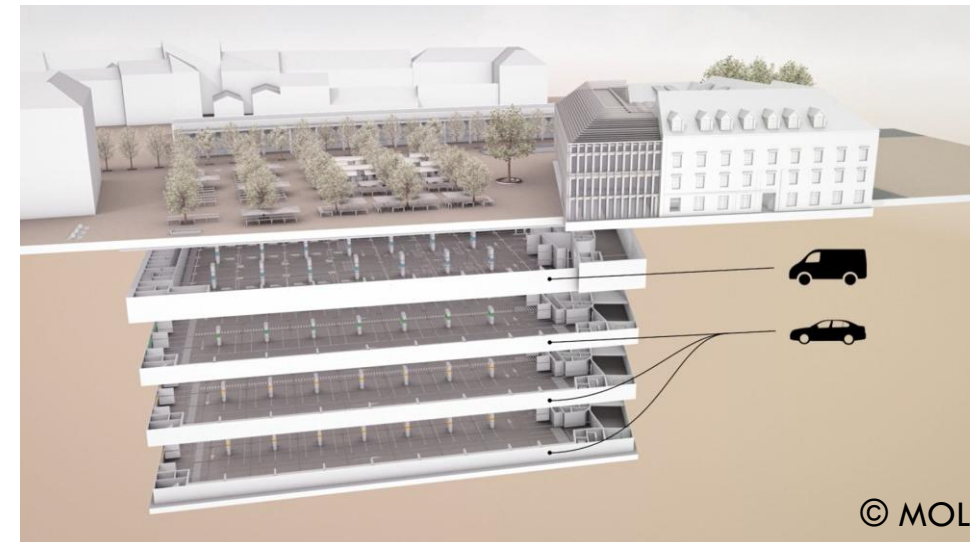
Mobility: traffic arrangements, parking, public transport

Housing

City development & touristification



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MAIN QUESTION AND DEBATES

- Erasmus students' research: Mission 100 is difficult to grasp and relate to
- Participation of stakeholders, what about broader public?
- How do we frame climate change and climate measures?
Not only through technomodernism and capital investments.
Not only through numbers and targets.
- Challenging depoliticization
Climate mitigation and adaptation are social and political processes – not merely technological solutions.



Mobilnost Aktualno Misija 100

Prva javna polnilnica za vozila s pogonom na vodik

JUST TRANSITION (BEYOND THE CITY SCALE)

- Mreža za pravični prehod // Network for just transition
NGOs, collectives, individuals, trade unions –
climate, environment & labour
- Just transition debate/politics/movement
climate / ecology / political-economic / social
climate change, migrations, jobs, inequality,
regional development
(visions, imaginaries, different framing)
to recognise problems we might otherwise ignore
- Linking ecology, climate policy, social costs, inequalities
and labour
Zasavje and SAŠA regions; restructuring and just
transition mechanisms



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