



# A virtual and interactive city walk (AdNEB)

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Number of Participants: 8 + 3 organisers

## Short introduction:

*What was the topic of the session?*

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The in-house research project “Advancing the New European Bauhaus” (short: AdNEB II) links expertise from various disciplines at the German Environment Agency to address the question “How do we want to live in the future?” in line with the objectives of the European Green Deal. The session took up the topics of the project and made connections to the NiCE focus on sustainable lifestyles in city centres. For this, an interactive city walk was used to spatially situate two of the AdNEB topics in inner urban space: blue-green infrastructure and architecture.

## Participants:

*Information about stakeholder groups and countries.*

50 Words

Eight participants and three AdNEB project representatives took part in the workshop. The majority of the participants were from Germany (including some from associations and others from city administrations) while two participants from the Budapest University of Technology and Economics took part as well.

## Summary:

*Agenda and content of the event? Who gave an input? Content of group work?*

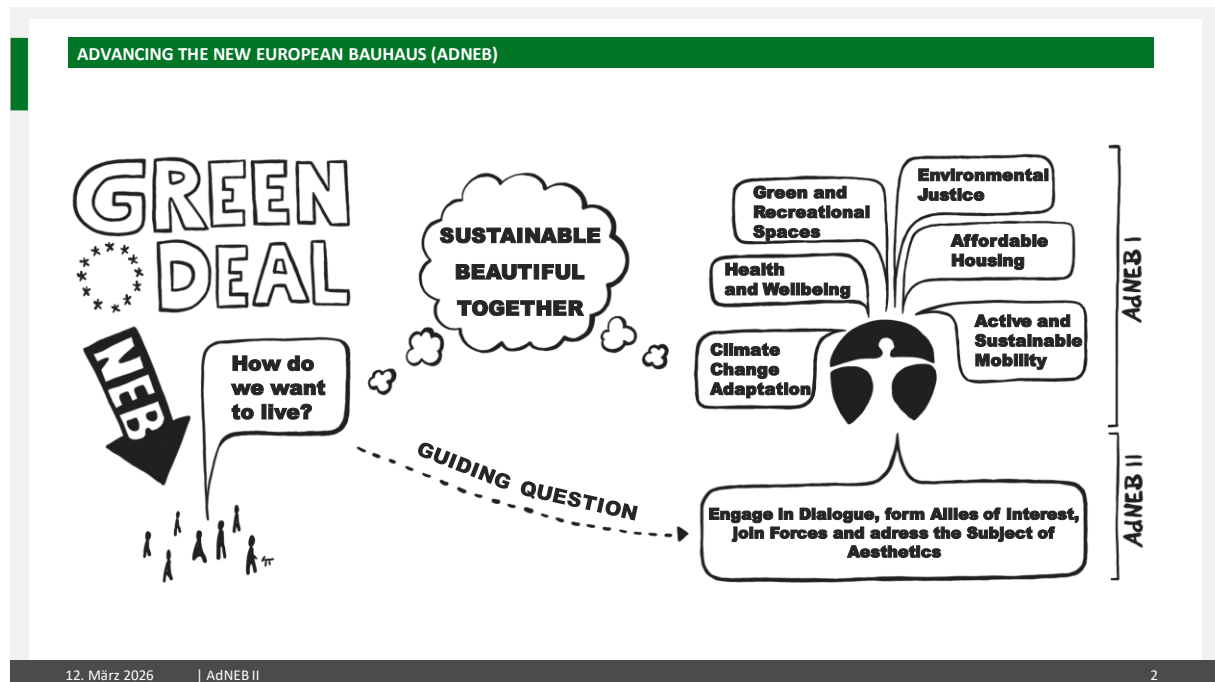
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After a short introduction by the workshop coordinators and a short round of introductions we started the group work. Each group was asked to identify challenges in the prepared city scenes taken from a pedestrian perspective. The identified challenges were then discussed in a group setting to generate a common understanding. Challenges included, but were not limited to lack of climate adaptation, lack of spaces for social interaction and mobility challenges. After discussing the challenges, the next round of group work was dedicated to thinking up solutions. Each group was assigned to either the “blue-green” or “architecture”



discipline to propose related solutions to the identified challenges. The groups switched between the city scenes to then address the problems of each area separately. In the end we held a common reflection on the process, the layering of solutions from both “discipline” groups and resulting collage of solutions. We were able to make significant conclusions for sustainable consumption and city development initiatives.





**Specifics from the Session:**



*e. g. cooperation opportunities, interesting ideas, synergies between participants, projects, organisations?*

100 Words

The interactive format of the session was well received by the participants and led to many different discussions. Thematic connections between the research of the German Environment Agency and the professional profile of the participants were made.

### **Key insights of the session:**

*What are the learnings or key insights of the session?*

100 Words

The workshop showed that there exist many solutions to existing urban challenges. Each group filled their collages with many solutions; were there more time, it can be stated that the spatial conflicts created by the different solutions would have to be addressed. One further learning was that many of the proposed solutions addressed the perceived lack of social gathering spaces in the urban scenes. The participants agreed that that sustainable lifestyles in cities would benefit from more social infrastructure which support interaction and engagement with the built areas, instead of being “pass-by” areas.

### **Links to further information:**

*Links to websites, presentations, videos, social media of projects, organizations, people or other events*

<https://www.umweltbundesamt.de/en/research-project-adneb-advancing-the-new-european>