

'No Economic Recovery without Cities!' Civic Initiative

At a time when a significant number of countries are facing severe economic problems, a group of citizens is promoting and developing a world civic initiative called 'No Economic Recovery Without Cities!' developed under the spirit of the United Nations "World Urban Campaign".

Concept

Promote a collaborative set of debates about 'the role of your city in the economic recovery', to discuss and understand key structural problems, identify key urban potentials and share innovative experiences in different aspects: (1) Urban Space, (2) Arts & Culture, (3) Mobility, (4) Environment & Green Spaces, (5) Climate Change, (6) Ageing.

Produce (in the end these debates) a 'LOCAL AGENDA FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY' where the stakeholders should share ideas/proposals to face economic recovery.

5 steps

1. Spread the idea (in your city and in others)
 - Facebook Group
(<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=141669395860771&ref=mf>)
 - Blog (<http://noeconomicrecoverywithoutcities.blogs.sapo.pt/>)
 - Mailing-list (<http://groups.google.com/group/no-economic-recovery-without-cities>)
 - Champions/Partner's Google Map
(<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&t=h&msa=0&msid=117887044712495751582.00048d2f1baddde64c16a&ll=40.446947,-8.4375&spn=145.436342,298.828125&z=1&source=embed>)
2. Organize a preliminary meeting with interested people of your city to think how this idea can be put in practice. It's important to involve all interested stakeholders of your community (artists, businessmen, researchers and professionals who 'work with cities', as well as institutions and citizens).
3. Create a blog/site to inform your community about your idea. The blog/site should have clear information of: contacts, initiatives developed, good practice, actions proposed.
4. Organize a set of debates/workshops about 'the role of your city in the economic recovery', to discuss and understand key structural problems, identify key urban potentials and share innovative experiences in different aspects.
5. In the end these debates produce a 'LOCAL AGENDA FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY' where the stakeholders should share ideas/proposals to face economic recovery;

Don't forget to share with us all the developments and results (noeconomicrecovery@gmail.com).