**Media release.**

CoAdapt Project, financed from EEA funds, took shape during IdeaLab workshops organized by the National Centre for Research and Development (NCBiR) in March 2020.

The main purpose of the project is elaboration of a set of tools serving for:

- adaptation to climate change through the involvement of urban communities.

In the course of research, an educational / motivational computer game will be created, which is to be a tool for the adaptation of cities to climate change on a local scale as a grassroots initiative of a given urban community.

Ess Significant activities leading to the creation of the game prototype will consist in research mainly based on field observation (housing estates and its inhabitants) carried out in Polish, American, French, Danish and Norwegian territories. These activities will be carried out by an interdisciplinary team of researchers:: architects, geographers, sociologists, anthropologists, climatologists from Polish and Norwegian universities, respectively, SGGW, UW and OsloMet, WNRI.

The game prototype will be tested in the area of Warsaw among six communities selected. Working with them is to constitute both an element in their education and motivation for changing their attitudes towards the space and the responsibility for it. This goal will be pursued through numerous workshops, trips and meetings. The final element will be the realization of the motivation projects, ‘won’ in the time of game, aimed at developing new spaces which constitute an element in their adaptation to climate changes.

An important aspect in the realization of the project is paying attention to the necessity of:

- Motivating local communities to changes in adjacent spaces, aimed at having them adapted to climate changes as well as at actions attenuating climate changes.

- Collecting simple and cheap tools made by local communities. Such an approach will be particularly important in the time of transformations of degraded spaces as an item of revitalization of a given space and its protection against potential gentrification.

- Increasing the area of good-quality green space, which should also limit environmental segregation and give a possibility of strengthening social bonds.

Therefore, in view of town development, the project assumes very important challenges, viz.:

- Adaptation of cities to climate changes.

- Counteracting social exclusion.

- Shaping civic attitudes through education.

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