**The concept of Mikropolis - the most important aspects**

**1. A strong, inclusive identity of a given place** - based on the diversity of all residents, their unique talents and stories, aware of the richness of their own unique resources and allowing all residents to identify with a given place, regardless of their age, origin, ability or financial status

A. Based on stories that connect (about ordinary-extraordinary residents - from the past and present)

B. Based on places that connect (historical places as well as new ones, jointly created by residents and places of beautiful nature that can be cared for and fought together)

Questions:

- How to build an inclusive and cooperative identity of a given place in an innovative way? What is the strongest influence on a strong local identity?

- What is true community and what does it depend on? What affects the sense of community, integration and the strength of bonds of the inhabitants of the local community?

- How to build social inclusion and respect for diversity.

- How to build a local identity that includes and combines different age and nationality groups, with different levels of fitness and different economic status?

**2. Active participation** of residents and organizations in the life of the community

A. joint creation of local space [neighborhood cafes, etc.]

B. co-creation of culture and education by participants [participant co-author, Local Activity Places]

C. the possibility of implementing original projects and initiatives, triggering a sense of agency and innovation - tools financed from the city budget, such as participatory budget, civic initiative, neighborhood initiative, etc.

D. financing activities for the local community by local business (business and culture cooperation)

E. volunteering, activation to action, cooperation of non-governmental organizations

Questions:

- What influences the fact that people want to get involved and cooperate, that they have a sense of causative power? How to build active citizenship?

- How to engage and include groups at risk of exclusion (seniors, foreigners, people with disabilities) in activities?

- How to create a space that encourages activity, cooperation and initiative? How to create Local Activity Spots / Neighborhood Cafes that work?

**3. Mutual, solidary support** in the face of difficulties and problems, building a sense of unity, security and strong local ties, counteracting loneliness and helplessness in the face of problems and crises

A. listening regularly to the needs of the community

B. sharing resources (such as time, ideas, talents, knowledge, digital, language, business skills), exchanging things in the spirit of no-waste

C. mental and material support to help people in crisis

D. effective, coordinated cooperation of various institutions operating in a given community and local business

Questions:

- How to research the needs of the community, how to get to know its problems

- How to foster community cohesion and a sense of local community unity

- How to encourage the sharing of resources (such as time, ideas, talents, knowledge, digital skills, language, business, mental and material support)

- How to build a network of cooperation between NGOs and business for the benefit of local communities