

Case Examples - City of Naples

1. Title: Two years in Porta Capuana, tangle of experiences

2. Case example Summary (8 lines max.)

In June 2016 *Dedalus* social cooperative moved within the former Bourbon wool factory located in the heart of the multi-ethnic district of Porta Capuana. Its seat is known as *Officine Gomitoli*, an intercultural center for teenagers and young people of that area and the city. *Officine Gomitoli* is an open and collective place aimed at supporting meeting opportunities and the coexistence between Italians and migrants. It is a place for sharing beauty, culture, training and growth, just the opposite of the general stigmatization of that area as a place of troubles, distrust and fear. In just two years of life *Officine Gomitoli* has become an important reference point for the teenagers of the territory and, more in general, for the inhabitants of the area and beyond.

3. Solutions offered by the case example (10 lines max.)

In response to the social and material conditions of the neighborhood and the lack of places for social meetings, *Officine Gomitoli* has been able to offer a diverse range of educational and cultural opportunities, so that today it represents an accessible public place for the personal expression, for the reinforcement of talents and skills of the young people and teenagers living in the area. It is recognized by the families of the neighborhood, and in particular by the young population, as a place that listens to the needs of the people. We see the benefit of offering different expressive channels (theatre, photography, elaborating digital and paper neighborhood maps, plastic arts) as a way to promote the opening and the overcoming of barriers and borders, both physical and mental.

4. Building on the sustainable and integrated approach (10 lines max.)

Officine Gomitoli, aware of the complexity of the context and of the individual and collective biographies of its users, recognizes as a priority the constructing of networks and alliances with different actors of the public and private sector. In particular, various activities aim at increasing skills and professionalism through the collaboration with schools and at activating synergies and facilitating access to social, medical and cultural services within the area. The goal is to engage the whole of the local community in taking care and accompany the paths of growth and training of the young people living in the area.

5. Based on a participatory approach (8 lines max.)

The local population has been involved through advocacy tools, aimed at strengthening citizens' engagement and at reclaiming citizens' rights.

Specifically, we organize workshops to pursue active citizenship, the regeneration of the neighborhood and the empowerment of the new generations. See for example, the Regeneration project (<http://regeneration.coopdedalus.org/>).

The workshops are coordinated with the involvement of the local community to ensure that projects are suited to the context and attract the participation of different sectors of the local population.

6. What difference has it made? How did the result indicator shift? (10 lines max.)

The difference was the construction of a place for training, as well as for social and cultural growth in addition to the school, which is often abandoned before the completion of the studies. Many teenagers have discovered that they have talents and an alternative to the life that has been "pre-established" for them by their social and economic status.

In short, Officine Gomitoli has been able to build a positive link between young people and training paths, gaining the "presence" and the protagonism of girls and boys and focusing on their needs. Young people also learned how to look at their biographies not only from the perspective of those who identify their difficulties, but also with the purpose of activating their resources and abilities.

7. Why should other EU cities use it? (10 lines max.)

The experience of Officine Gomitoli is proving to be a good practice to promote social inclusion and to establish new roots for young citizens in the territory they live in. Moreover, it provides a local network group, whose regeneration activities are able to change and improve the social and economic conditions of the community.

8. Key Facts and Figures:

8.1 Start and end dates of case example: 2016 till now

8.2 Date of preparation of this case example: January 2019

8.3 Who prepared the case example?: Fatima Ouazri (Officine Gomitoli)

8.4 Budget: 300.00 € for the renovation of the building and 250.000€/a year for the activities

7. Extra information and hyperlinks:

<http://www.coopdedalus.it/>

<http://www.esperienzeconilsud.it/officinegomitoli/>

<http://regeneration.coopdedalus.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1w2XCrhanwz5OOQiVnIUbw>

10. Annex at least 2 good quality photos



