

# Urban Lab – City for the Young — Poland's Youth Civic-Participation Pilot

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Quality score: 62/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

## Summary

A 2024–2029 pilot coordinated by Poland's IRMiR and Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy is testing youth-run 'Urban Lab' civic spaces — worth over PLN 6.58 million, EU-cofinanced — in eight cities including Bydgoszcz, Lublin and Rzeszów, targeting residents aged 13–35.

## Key dimensions

| Dimension                                  | Score |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| Evidence of impact / measured results      | 1/3   |
| Transferability / demonstrated replication | 2/3   |
| Scalability                                | 1/3   |
| Sustainability / continuity                | 2/3   |
| Innovation                                 | 2/3   |
| Inclusiveness / equity                     | 2/3   |
| Multi-stakeholder collaboration            | 3/3   |

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## Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-29

[Institute of Urban and Regional Development \(IRMiR\), with Poland's Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy](#) — accessed 2026-08-29

[IRMiR pilot announcement](#) — accessed 2026-08-29

[Urban Lab programme page](#) — accessed 2026-08-29

[Metropolia Bydgoska coverage of Bydgoszcz funding](#) — accessed 2026-08-29

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