

"How to set up and run a successful lab in your city"

Living Labs are an emerging approach in European cities. They bring together diverse actors to test smart solutions to urban problems in real-life contexts. In order to establish a successful lab it is important to anticipate common issues in advance. The workshop wants to put an emphasis on two of them: social inclusion and upscaling. The aim of a lab is to learn from pilots/experiments that ought to be upscaled afterwards. However, that does not always work out as intended. Involving various kinds of stakeholders incl. marginalized groups is key to foster a co-design process that leads to broadly accepted outcomes. In the workshop they want to present guidelines for Living Labs that originated from two EU projects (Urb@Exp SmarterLabs) and explore them together with the participants.

You can bring in your points of view. You will experience the hands-on tool 'LAB-kit'.

TOGETHER WE CAN CHANGE
THE WEATHER



MARIO DIETHART
RESEARCH ASSOCIATE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ
AUSTRIA

Mario has gained experience in various EU projects mostly dealing with education for sustainable development. He is inspired by the citation by Charles Hopkins: 'Education for Sustainable Development is bigger than anyone of us or our institutions acting as we presently think, hopefully, Education for Sustainable Development is not bigger than all of us and our institutions working together!'. He also loves the book series 'Earth from above' by Yann Arthus-Bertrand.

Brings along: Thomas Höflehner a colleague in the SmarterLabs project
They will facilitate the interactive LAB-kit session together.

