

Vitality!

Democratic Participation Processes

The first workshop, held in what will be the main pavilion will be the start of the community and development co-creation spiral that will lead to inclusion and democratic participation.

The theme of this first workshop is about what the people of Malarporten want to create in their lives and how they envision its development based on their own priorities. This is basically a goal-setting workshop that will lay the foundation for future socio-cultural processes. During the workshop people will get in contact with one another as neighbours and will be free to cooperate during it and to seek each other out.

This workshop will serve as an introduction in various ways:

1. For the citizens to meet each other and get acquainted
2. To meet the becoming pavilions and be part of their development since we believe creating your house is the start of making it your home
3. To the democratic participation loop, for which they just met the two main ingredients: their fellow citizens and the socio-cultural centres of the environment they live in

The first workshop is thus an introduction to all local creation spirals that our project has the privilege of housing.

After the opening the facilities will become public spaces under the tutelage of the municipality. During the year we will propose various activities at the sites, including helping to build, maintain and take care of the pavilions and their surroundings so that they can be fully the citizens'. For groups' activities we intend to set up a booking system for the spaces.

In this time we intend, with the collaboration of the municipality and adjacent universities and/or research centres get a view of what the main citizens' concerns are through the use of, for example, grounded theory and participant observation; and any other (social) scientific method of enquiry. Together with a multidisciplinary approach for the entire development of the area.

A "box" (virtual and physical) will be made for citizens to (also anonymously) place their themes and topics of interest and concern, as well as proposals for the areas further development. These will be collected and surveyed. A list will be made of the themes and topics for the first democratic meeting. During this time citizens will be informed of sources they can access to keep themselves informed about the processes of the local development of the area, and how they can contribute. This will also include their rights and responsibilities as citizens: towards all members and aspects of the community.

Citizens will be informed via various physical and online channels such as magazines at the pavilions, newsletter (which they can receive in physical and/or online format), social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter), the website of the municipality, Eutierra's, our collaborators'; as well as brochures, posters and other physical media that promotes the activities. We intend to do this in collaboration with the municipality itself, social groups affiliated to it (see list below), and other local, national and international partners.