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Sandleiten

„Gold for suburbs“

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This concept is applied similarly to all of the six locations. Each time the concrete actions are chosen according to the specific topics and problems at the different localities. In the preparation phase the contact to local players is sought. The process of planning and working together (with us and with each other) in the course of the implementation will create a sense of common effort and groupforming that may be an important step towards betterment in itself.

In the case of Sandleiten (Vienna) the public space functions as neutral ground for the different generations and nationalities. The focus of our interventions is therefore on aspects that underline and strengthen this neutrality like wastebins, shopping carts, pedestrian walkways, public green.

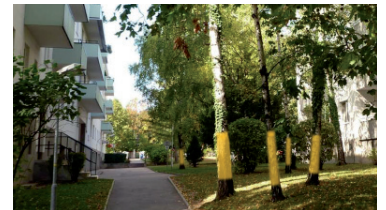


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In the case of Psary (Prague) the focus is to highlight elements that represent the different identities at Psary. These identities are seen as resources that may become a starting point of a new larger community „Psary-Jircany-Jesenice“ (PJJ).



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BUDAPEST

Delegyhaza

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At Délegyháza (Budapest) golden markings and objects are brought into situations that are linked to the use and the accessibility of the lakes. In a playful way we hope to raise awareness for these issues and to open up a fresh discussion in the whole community about them.



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welcome - a golden mobile bar



public path across a private site



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At Zalog (Ljubjana) the golden coating is applied to objects of formerly private use that are transformed by the goldenization into objects for public use. The golden coating is easily recognizable and forms a new category of public elements out of the diverse items that are donated.



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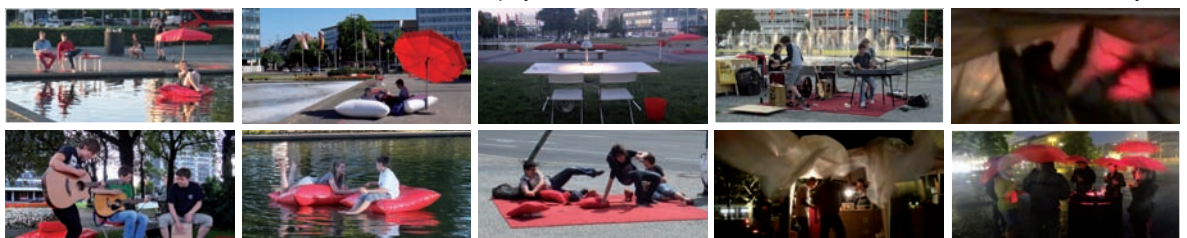


circle - areas: 1) between station and youth cultural center 2) at Plata Zalog 3) at the river.



objects collected by inhabitants - coated with gold - „activating“ public space

similar project at Ernst-Reuter-Platz in Berlin 2011 with red marked areas and red objects:



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In the case of Rajka (Bratislava) the main target is to emphasize the value of common spaces; especially those that are currently under stress by privatization. By underlining their value it may be possible to secure those grounds as important catalysts for the integration of the community.

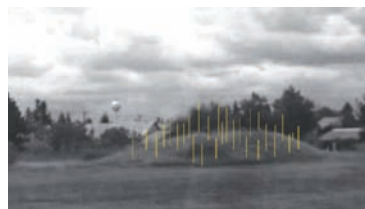


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sticks to mark territory for public use and activities
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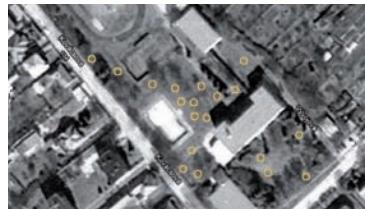


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