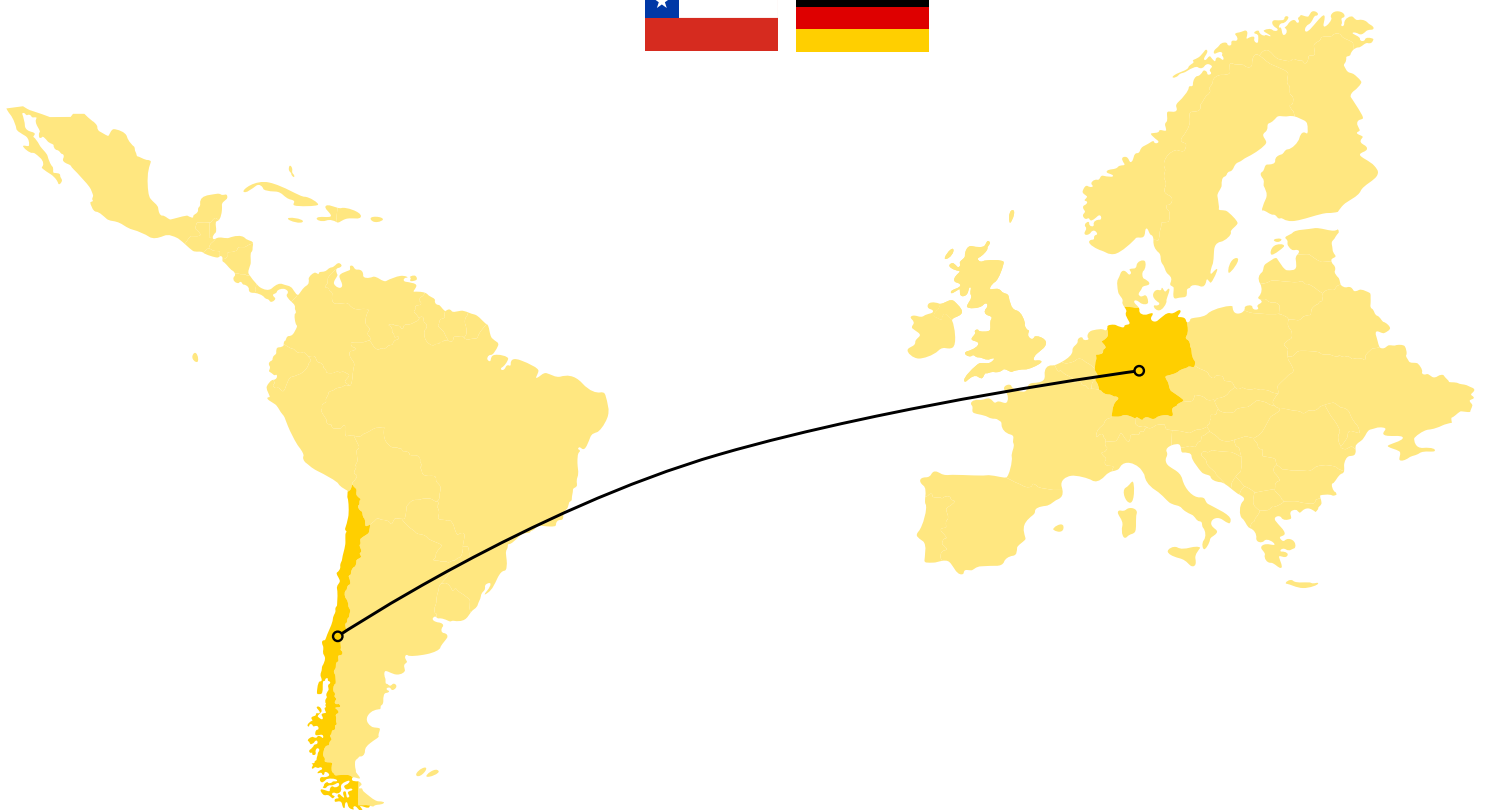




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THE CITIES OF SAN PEDRO DE LA PAZ, IN CHILE, AND BERLIN, IN GERMANY, HAVE EXCHANGED IDEAS TO INCREASE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS, ESPECIALLY IN RELATION TO THE CREATION OF COMMUNITY GARDENS AND THE WASTE MANAGEMENT. THE LESSONS LEARNED WILL BE PART OF THE ORDINANCE THAT THE CHILEAN CITY IS PREPARING.

THE PAIRING AT A GLANCE

San Pedro de la Paz is located in the Metropolitan Area of Concepción in the south of the Biobío River, Biobío Region, Chile.

Berlin is the capital and largest city of Germany by both area and population. The city is one of Germany's 16 federal states.

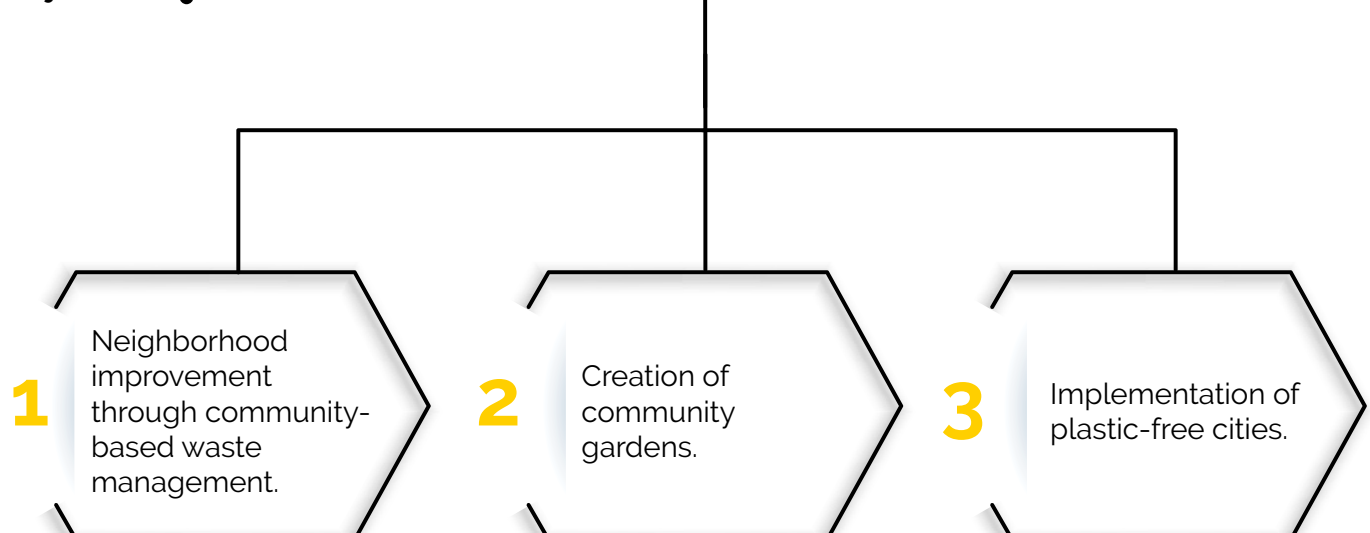
Keywords

- #Waste management
- #Participation
- #Sustainable neighborhoods
- #Community gardens

Thematic areas of cooperation

- Green areas
- Solid Waste Management
- Participatory neighborhood management

Objectives



Activities

Both cities decided to learn from each other's strength. San Pedro de la Paz focused on one poor neighborhood: its objective was to make San Pedro de la Costa a clean, safe and accessible neighborhood. Berlin Neukoelln, on the other hand, wanted to learn from Chile's application of the legislation to ban plastic bags, and from management of citizens' participation processes.

The activities included in the Action Plan are:

Berlin-Neukoelln: learning from Chile's anti-plastic bag ordinance; applying the German Federal Law on

Stakeholders involved

San Pedro de la Paz (LAC): Citizens, landowners, municipality, University of Concepción.



packaging of 2019; Piloting plastic free weeks/ month in Neukoelln; Introducing Neighborhood Management to Neukoelln; Learning from Chile's neighborhood participation model; Piloting neighborhood management in Neukoelln.

San Pedro de La Paz: improvement of management of waste in the neighborhood; Improvement of water and energy supply efficiency; Improvement of access to the neighborhood; Improved garbage collection to reduce informal waste dumping; Improved access of public transport; Creation of recreation areas including community gardens.

Berlin (UE): Municipality of Berlin- Neukölln and San Pedro de la Paz, NGOs, local and community organizations.



MAIN INTERVENTION-PILOT PROJECT

The cooperation between Berlin and San Pedro de la Paz included, among its areas of cooperation, the design of urban green areas: San Pedro learned from Germany's experience in this area, and especially appreciated the flexibility with which issues related to the private property are addressed to facilitate the creation of community gardens and public spaces. This ability of the Berlin citizen associations to identify common goals and unite around them seemed surprising to San Pedro de la Paz.

As a pilot project, it was decided to implement an urban community garden in a recovered space in San Pedro de la Paz, linked to new composting and waste management practices. The initial Action Plan had to be streamlined to make it more feasible

with available resources; and in turn to make it more consistent with the preferences of the neighbors. Thus, the final objective of this intervention will be to recover abandoned and unhealthy sites to improve the mobility conditions between the residence and the services; as well as promoting recreational activities and urban gardens to generate quality urban public spaces.

MAIN IMPACTS AT LOCAL LEVEL

New ideas for neighborhoods' sustainable management have allowed both cities to enrich their visions to urban renewal, waste management and participation. **The lessons learned will be part of the ordinance that the Chilean city is preparing in this regard.**

Furthermore, it is expected that the main intervention will have substantial impact for the **improvement of the San Pedro de la Costa neighborhood.**



LESSONS LEARNED AND ADDED-VALUE OF IUC

It is necessary to have fresh, simple ideas with few practitioners involved in order to facilitate their implementation.

A valuable lesson learned is that projects at the neighborhood or community level have a greater chance of success if they operate in a space in which there is already an initial awareness and consensus on the activities to be implemented; another lesson learned has to do with the importance of having mayors in this type of cooperation: their commitment and encouragement at all levels of municipal management is very much needed.

The visibility facilitated by the IUC facilitated the technical work among peers and provided more possibilities for new types of projects and cooperation with international platforms and actors.

- San Pedro de la Paz

Open your mind and overcome your expectations. You will probably be surprised that there are so many (unexpected) facts and experiences you can learn from.

- Berlin

CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORKS

Related **SDGs**:

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



Urban Agenda for the EU: Circular Economy

INTEREST IN FUTURE THEMATIC NETWORKS

Interest shown by **San Pedro de la Paz** both in the Action Plan and in the survey conducted by the Programme

Interest shown by **Berlin** both in the Action Plan and in the survey conducted by the Programme

NETWORK 1	Mobility, Connectivity and Transport	NETWORK 1	Mobility, Connectivity and Transport
NETWORK 2	Smart Cities & Digital Transition	NETWORK 2	Smart Cities & Digital Transition
NETWORK 3	Urban Poverty and Regeneration, Housing, Social Inclusion – Cohesion, Equity	NETWORK 3	Urban Poverty and Regeneration, Housing, Social Inclusion – Cohesion, Equity
NETWORK 4	Circular Economy, Waste and Sustainable Production / Consumption	NETWORK 4	Circular Economy, Waste and Sustainable Production / Consumption
NETWORK 5	Sustainable and Healthy Cities, Sustainable Land Use – Nature-Based Solutions	NETWORK 5	Sustainable and Healthy Cities, Sustainable Land Use – Nature-Based Solutions
NETWORK 6	Climate Action, Energy, Water and Air Quality	NETWORK 6	Climate Action, Energy, Water and Air Quality
NETWORK 7	Innovation and Economic Growth, Strategic Sectors, Jobs and Skills.	NETWORK 7	Innovation and Economic Growth, Strategic Sectors, Jobs and Skills

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