

UrbanLAB: Arrecife 3.0

ARRECIFE. City - Man+Biosphere
Urban activism in the urban cultural landscape



The urban space as a stage!

Globalization, urbanization, digitization, climate change, species extinction, and migration. There is no doubt that we need solutions for our future cities, no matter whether they are small, medium-sized, or cities with millions of inhabitants and whether they are located in Europe, Asia or Africa. There also is no doubt that we will need precisely defined, widely applicable, and interdisciplinary, innovative, and creative visions. Visions that cover urban development from a holistic perspective.

Integrated concepts of various scales and for various scales, political systems, cultures, mentalities, economic opportunities, and constellations of actors.

To implement these future development strategies, special organizational and efficient solutions are required. Interaction of politics, planners, and inhabitants often is not easy, as interests and the resulting conflicts of interests vary, the political process is very time-consuming, and the concept covers many scales. Often, innovation is lacking when implementing a large-scale

process

We want to rethink the urban transformation process!

As urban activists, we want to start the transformation process from the smallest scale. We want to integrate man as the reflected Homo sapiens into the urban transformation process. We understand participation as a driver of identification and, hence, identity.

As visionary planners, we will use "urban acupuncture" to define places having the potential for further self-development. We want to foresee and plan this process! We want to understand the urban incubator phenomenon, develop it for Lanzarote, and test it as a DIY action with the participation of local population and stakeholders.

Arrecife, the capital of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Lanzarote within the Man and Biosphere program (MaB), will be used as an urban lab. A real intervention on site is to give rise to further urban development. The urban space will be redefined and visions will be derived as to how startup urbanism may result in a long-term urban and landscape planning strategy.

