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Between 2023 and 2025, a series of local scenario workshops and events were organized. These activities explored inclusive urban development, accessibility, and community participation through collaboration with citizens, students, local authorities, and organizations. The events offered valuable opportunities to test the project's methodologies in different social and spatial contexts, fostering dialogue on how to make urban environments safer, more inclusive, and accessible to all.

Local Scenario Workshop in Kranj, Slovenia

19 December 2023

Representatives from the University of Ljubljana organized a workshop in collaboration with the Municipality of Kranj to present future work on inclusive spatial planning in the city. Students from the Urban Planning and Architecture programs showcased projects focused on designing housing solutions for paraplegic individuals, people with autism, the visually impaired, and the elderly. Through design presentations and models, students demonstrated how architectural and urban planning approaches can address the specific needs of different user groups. The workshop served as an important exchange of knowledge and ideas on inclusive design, with great potential for future implementation.

International Week in Ljubljana, Slovenia

16 February 2024

The University of Ljubljana and the Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia organized the International Week titled "Enhancing Community Resilience for Current and Future Challenges: Prioritizing Vulnerable Groups and Accessibility." The event brought together students and scholars from several European universities to explore issues of accessibility and inclusion in urban environments. Through analytical work, role-playing, and future scenario exercises focused on six urban areas in Ljubljana, participants addressed themes such as physical accessibility, aging, social inequality, and active citizenship. The week concluded with an exhibition and group presentations, highlighting innovative ideas for developing more inclusive urban spaces and providing an excellent platform to share the outcomes of the SAFE Project.

Workshop "Proposing Future Solutions to Improve the Accessibility of Future Tourist Services" in Granada, Spain

23 May 2024

A workshop was held at the Faculty of Economics and Business Studies, University of Granada, bringing together more than 25 university students from various EU countries to identify barriers faced by vulnerable groups when accessing tourist services in Granada, such as monuments, hotels, restaurants, and public venues. Guided by lecturers and a representative of a SAFE Project target group, participants developed innovative proposals to improve accessibility and inclusion within the tourism sector.

Future Scenario Workshop in Helsinki, Finland

26 September 2024

The Finnish team organized a workshop with members of the Kanta-Helsinki Seniors to envision the future of senior travel. Participants developed possible scenarios for how senior travel might evolve, identifying both challenges and opportunities related to accessibility. The workshop began with a PESTE analysis and evolved into collaborative scenario building in groups, concluding with reflections on how to prepare for and influence desirable futures.

Children's Jane's Walk in Komenda, Slovenia

15 October 2024

A team from the University of Ljubljana, in collaboration with the Municipality of Komenda and Komenda Moste Primary School, organized a children's Jane's Walk in the town of Komenda.

This globally recognized method of community-based urban exploration, also an important element of the SAFE Project's mapping methodology was tested by the youngest members of the community, encouraging them to reflect on their surroundings and their role within it. The event was an engaging and educational experience for the children, who completed short questionnaires to share their impressions and ideas about the walk and the local area.

Future Scenario Workshop in Kiel, Germany

25 November 2024

A future scenario workshop titled "Jointly Developing Future Visions for a Better Quality of Life in Public Spaces around Vinetaplatz in Kiel Gaarden" was held in Kiel. The three-hour event gathered local residents, students, university staff, and city representatives to explore how public spaces could better serve diverse community groups, including people with disabilities, families with children, women with migrant backgrounds, and the elderly. The workshop emphasized the importance of creating inclusive, safe, and accessible public spaces for all.

Future Scenario Workshop in Vantaa, Finland

21 January 2025

As a follow-up to the Helsinki workshop, the Finnish team met with the Vantaa Pensioners Association to share results and gather new insights. The workshop built on findings from a participatory walk held in autumn 2024, in which more than 25 seniors assessed accessibility in their area. Discussions highlighted the need for stronger community ties, improved safety, more green spaces, and better services to support senior well-being in the city.

Workshop "Proposing Solutions to Improve Accessibility and Safety - Por Poca Pasta" in Granada, Spain

20 January 2025

A workshop titled "Proposing Solutions to Improve Accessibility and Safety - Por Poca Pasta" was held at La Inmaculada Vocational Training Centre in Granada. The event was linked to the Fast Good Experience Project, in which students created and managed an Italian themed gastronomic service, Por Poca Pasta. During the workshop, students worked on enhancing the accessibility and safety of their service for different target groups, including people with reduced mobility, seniors, individuals with Asperger's syndrome, immigrant women, and families with children. Several accessibility measures were later implemented, and the initiative was featured by Andalusian television channel Canal Sur.

Empowerment Through Creativity in Kiel, Germany

19 August 2025

A series of creative workshops were organized in Kiel to empower migrant women and encourage their participation in shaping the Gaarden district. Participants expressed themselves through drawing and painting while discussing community participation and urban design. Led by a creativity pedagogue and a musician, the workshops inspired reflection on personal and collective identity under the motto "How do I see myself in the Gaarden district?"

Regional Contextualisation in Architecture, Ljubljana, Slovenia

19 September 2025

At the RCA Conference, the roundtable “SAFE, Inclusive, and Accessible Open Public Space” was held in the Plečnik Lecture Room at the Faculty of Architecture, University of Ljubljana. The discussion brought together experts in architecture, urban planning, and disability advocacy, including representatives from several Slovenian institutions. The roundtable explored how awareness of safety, accessibility, diversity, and inclusion influences spatial identity in contemporary and future architecture. Within this framework, the SAFE Project was presented as an example of how research and practice can contribute to building safer and more inclusive urban environments.

Kulturtreffen Workshop in Kiel, Germany

22 September 2025

The Kulturtreffen workshop was held at the Music Bunker in Kiel-Gaarden with the aim of strengthening networks for accessible cultural activities and promoting collaboration among diverse local stakeholders. The event gathered representatives from NGOs, schools, associations, politics, and the municipality, as well as individual artists. Participants exchanged ideas on cooperation and inclusivity, emphasizing the importance of making cultural events accessible to everyone and fostering sustainable partnerships within the community.



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