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Palacyk Creativity Centre – the participatory role of youth in building and developing innovative space

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WHO WE ARE



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**Municipality
of Starachowice**



43 000

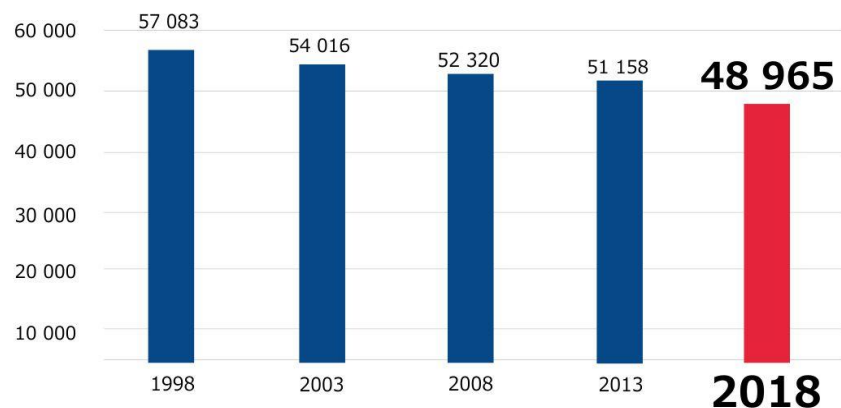


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The decrease in the number of inhabitants since 1998 is the largest among the group of comparable towns in Poland.

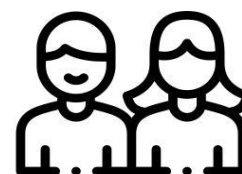
-14,22%

POPULATION



34,413 inhabitants - this is the projected population of Starachowice in 2050 according to Central Statistical Office forecasts. This means that compared to the current demographic situation, the town will lose one third of its population within 30 years. Empty quarters, closed schools, budget problems, lack of investments, labour shortage - these are just some of the problems the town will face if we do not act now to prevent the population loss.

AGE PROFIL OF INHABITANTS



persons in
working age

59%

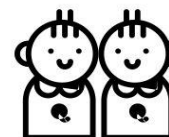
a decrease
of almost 20%
since 1998

28%

an increase of
over 60% since 1998



persons in
post-working age



persons in
pre-working age

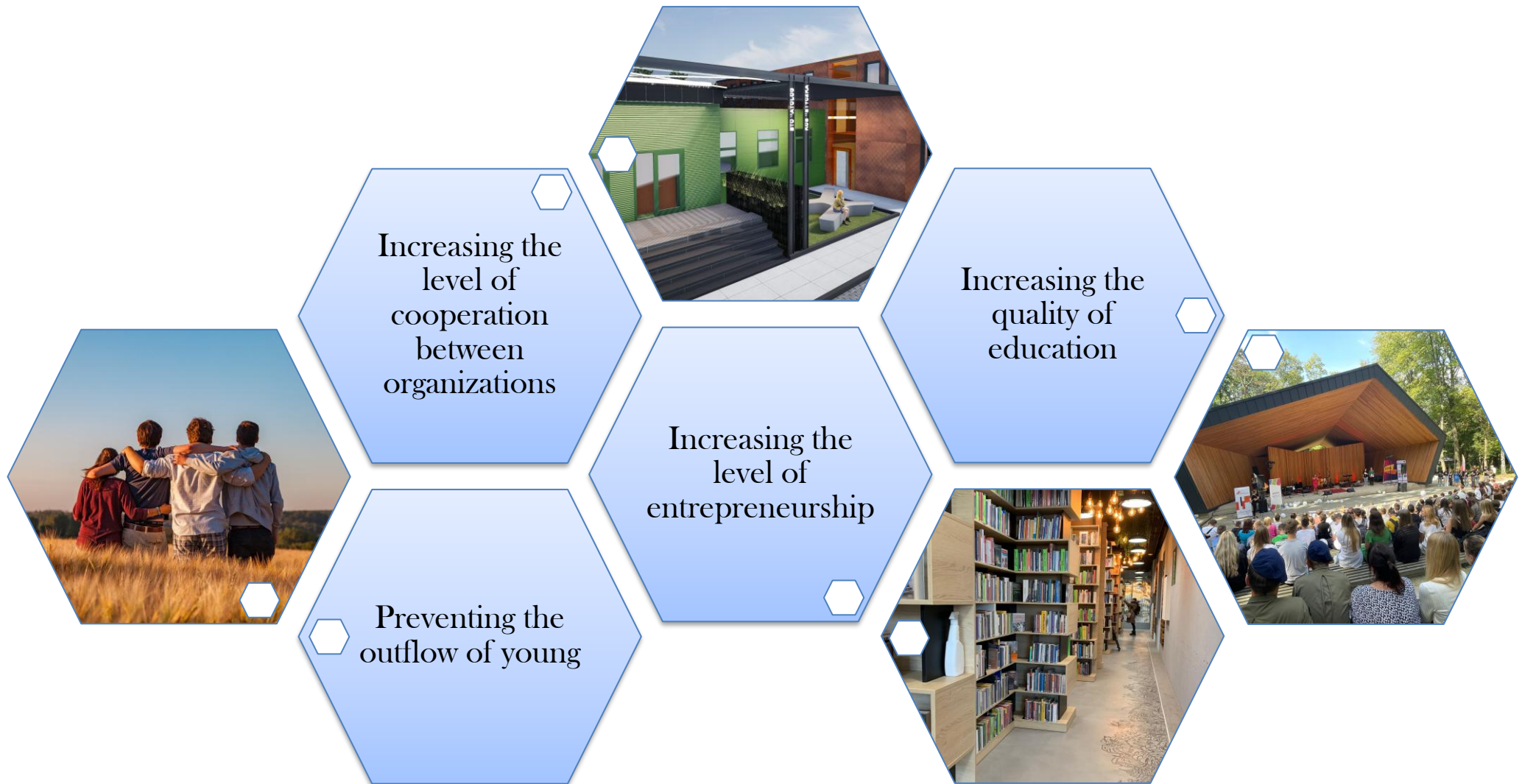
13%

a decrease
of almost 50%
since 1998



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Biggest Challenges



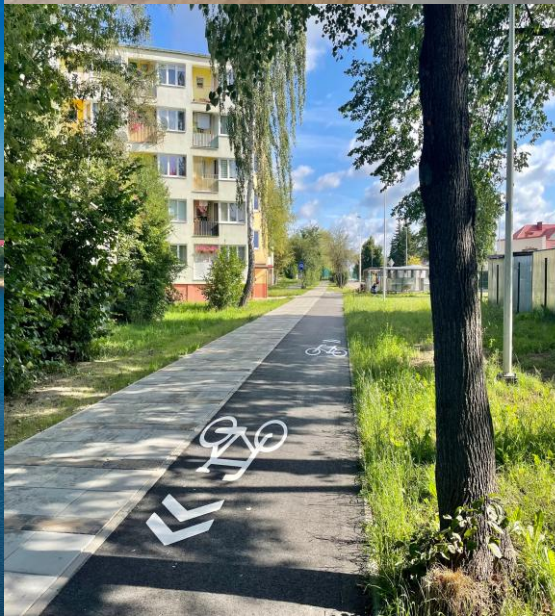


The mission of the City of Starachowice is to provide professional, reliable and friendly service to the citizens and to meet the needs of the local community by implementing the principle of self-government.



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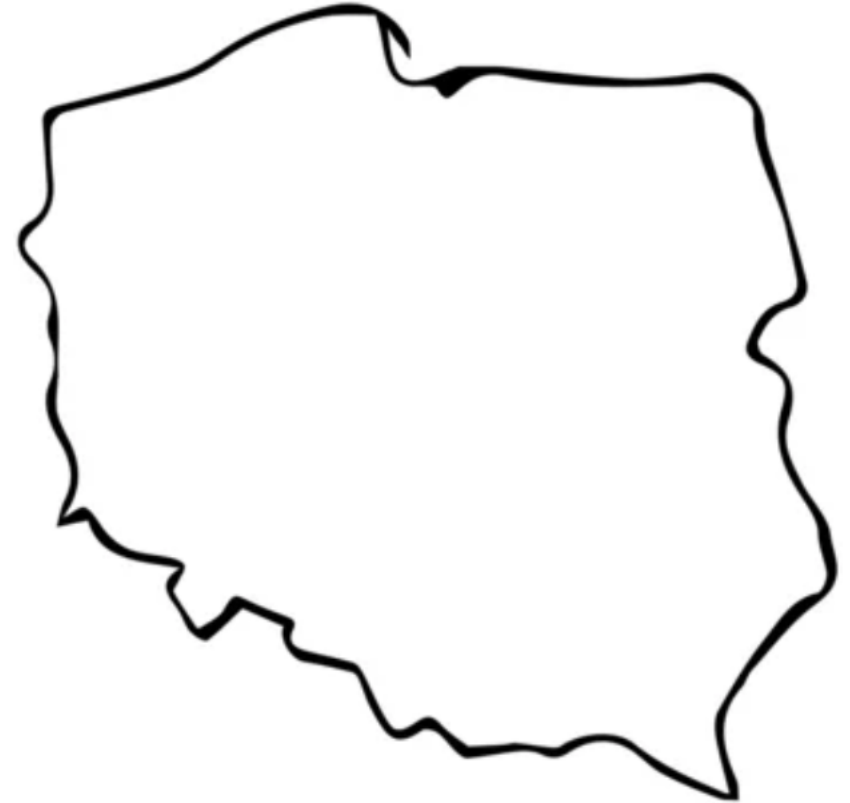
Projects that changed the city



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Youth Policy in Poland

1. Youth Policy Strategy
2. Youth Worker Status
3. Youth Councils in Local Government
4. The Role and Importance of Youth City Councils



Youth Policy in Starachowice

2015 – Establishment of the Youth City Council

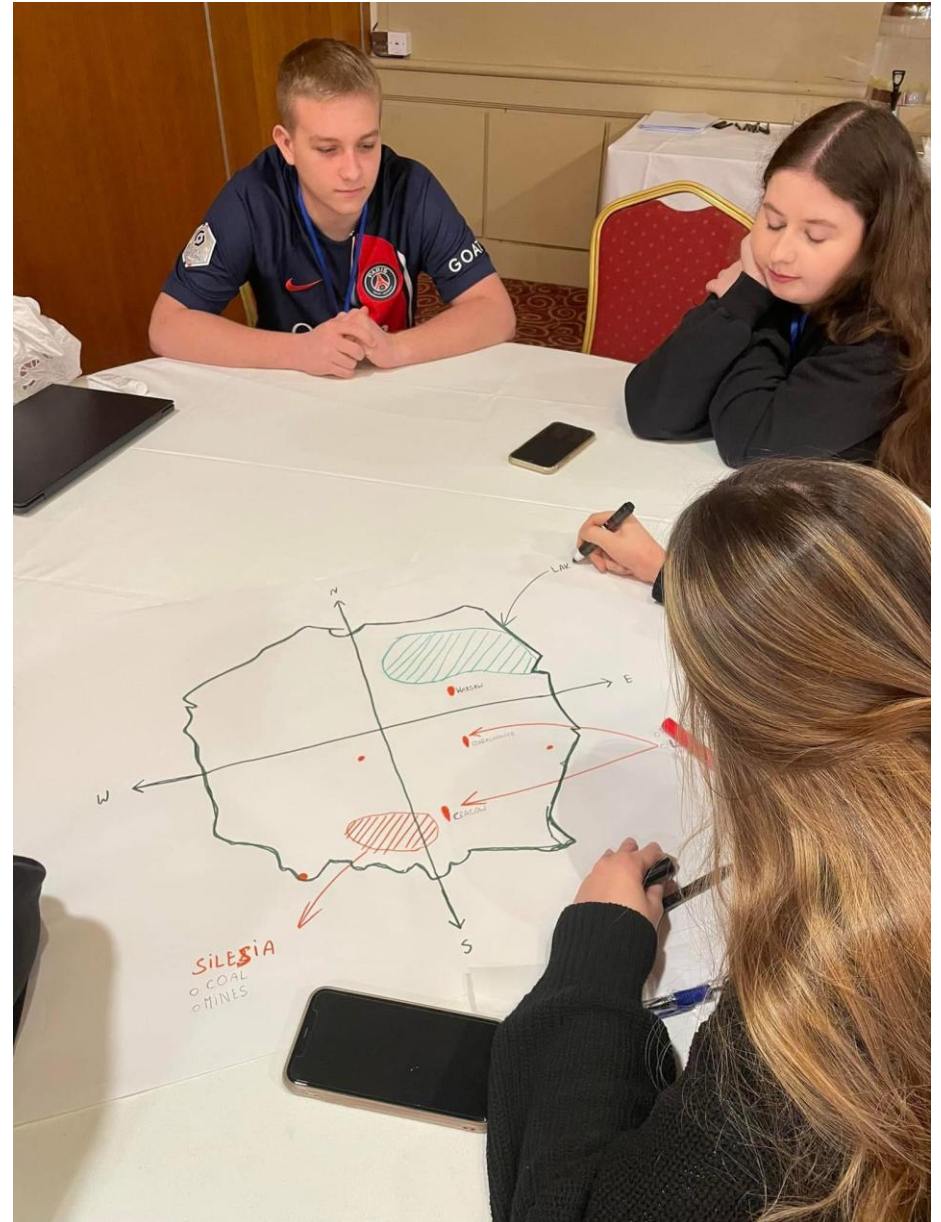
2020 – First international project for young people

2022 – First Youth Festival

2024 – Establish of the Palacyk Creativity Center

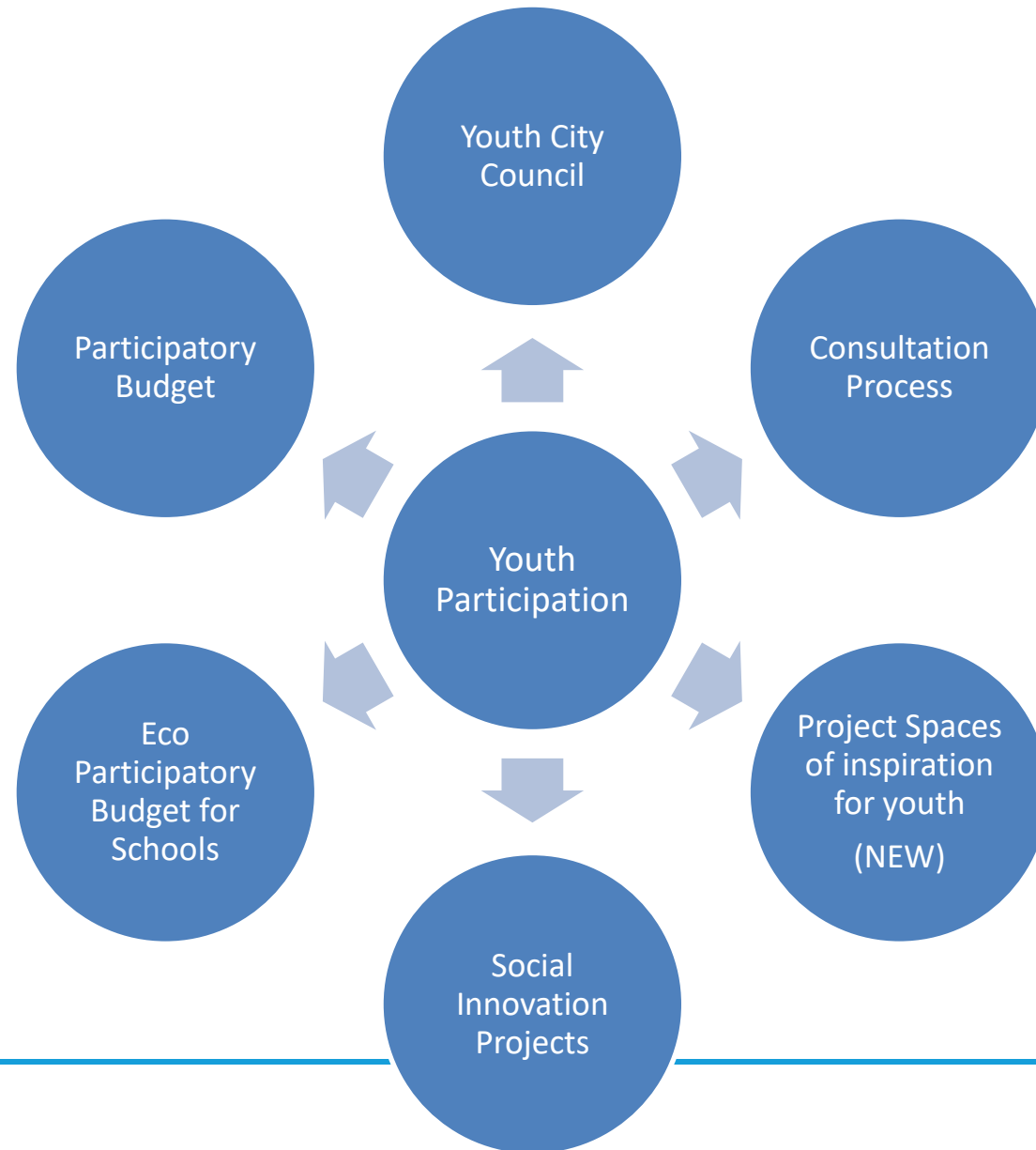
2024 – Beginning of work on diagnosing the situation of young people in Starachowice

2026 – Beginning of work on developing a youth policy document (planned implementation in 2027)

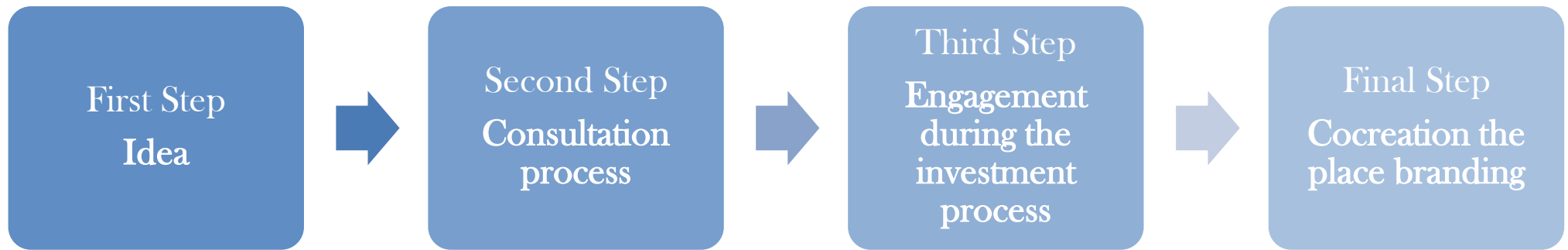


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Youth Participation: How We Engage Youth in City Management



Youth Involvement in the Creation of the Palacyk Creativity Center



Youth Involvement in the Creation of the Palacyk Creativity Centre

First Step

- Consultations with representatives of the city's youth council regarding the need to create a youth space.
- Acquiring funding from the Norway Grants.
- Organizing two consultation sessions with young people.









Youth Involvement in the Creation of the Palacyk Creativity Centre

Second Step

- Joint consultations with the designer and contractor
- Construction site visits for the Creativity Center







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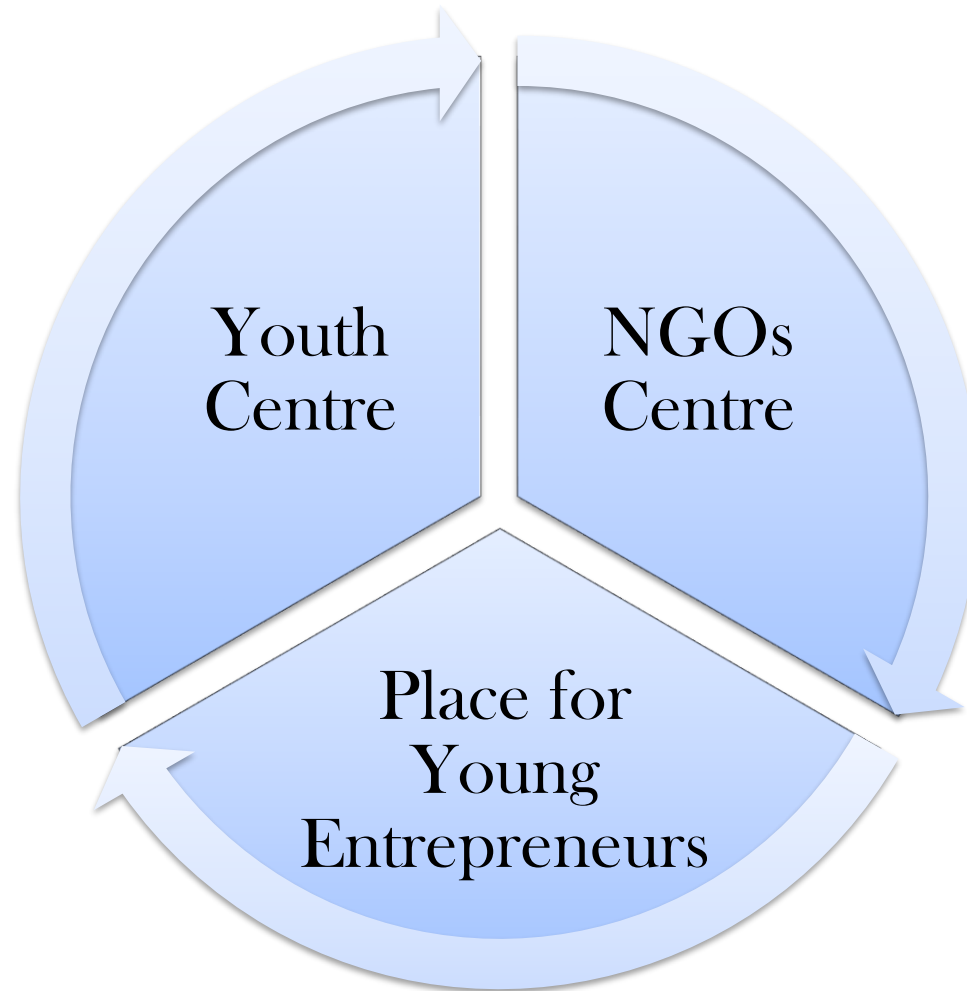
Third Step

- Organizing events to mark the opening of the Pałacyk Creativity Center
- Youth sleepover
- Joint tree planting in green spaces





Multidimensional Collaboration at the Creativity Centre



Multidimensional Collaboration at the Creativity Centre

Youth Centre

A space for young people
Headquarters of the Youth City Council
A venue for youth events

NGO Centre

Meeting place for NGOs
Legal, accounting, and project support
Volunteer Center

Creativity Centre

A space for young entrepreneurs

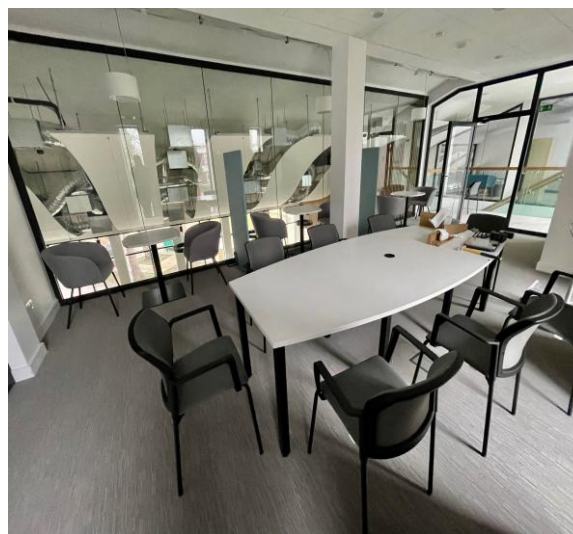
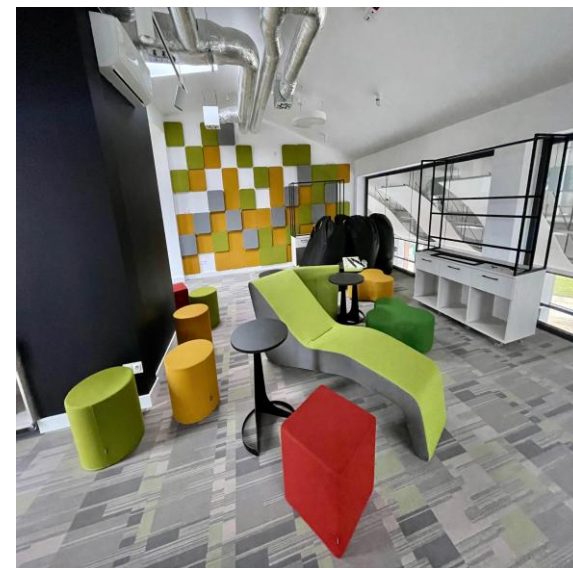
Free co-working space
Events for entrepreneurs
Workshops for entrepreneurs

Space of Possibilities

Social Innovator
NGO Picnics
Leaders' Schools



Creativity Center „Little Palace”



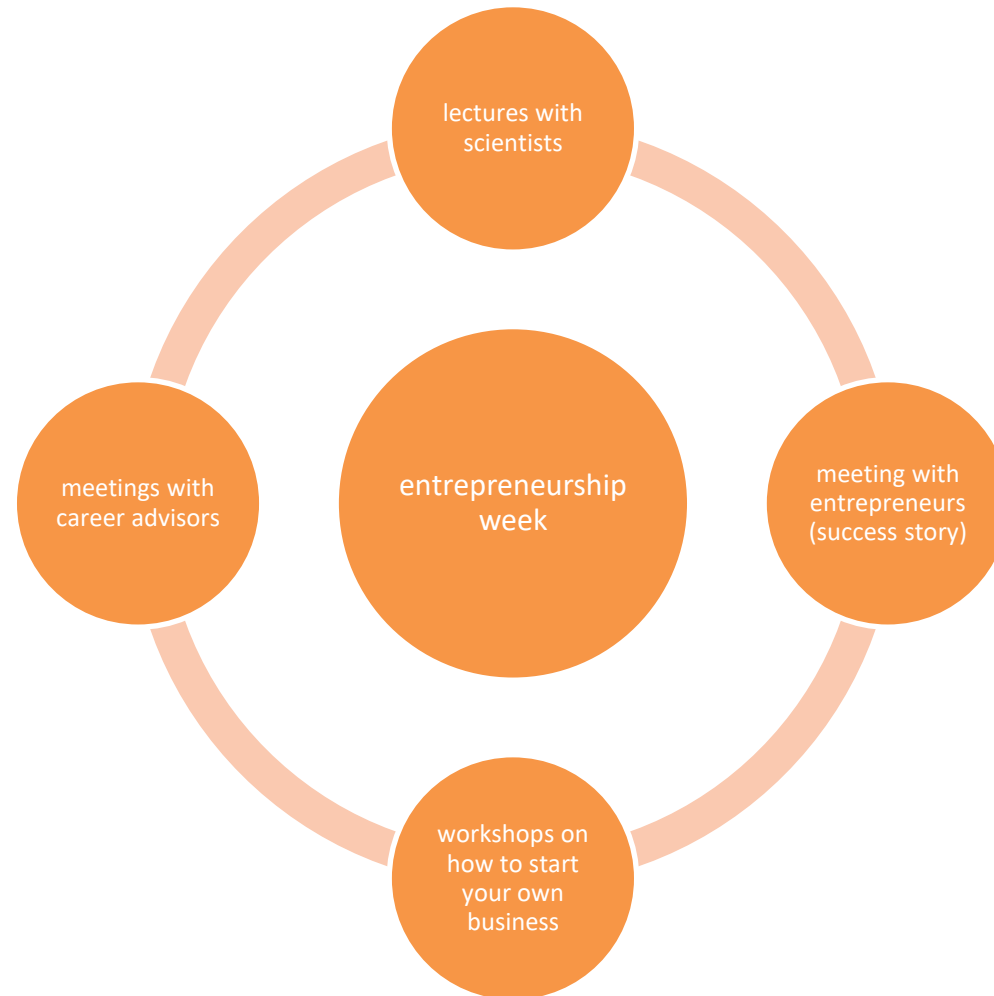
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Youth City Council





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