

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Levente Polyak



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Sex Male | Date of birth 07/04/1979 | Nationality Hungarian

WORK EXPERIENCE

2021-2022

Jury member

European Capital of Innovation Awards and European Rising Innovative City Capital Awards

Assessment of competition entries, evaluation, deliberation

Business or sector European Union organisations

2022

Expert

Cultural Heritage in Action

Accompaniment of peer learning visits: event design, moderation, learning capture

Business or sector European Union organisations

2022

Expert

Urban Innovative Actions – Integrated Territorial Development study

Assessment of UIA projects, interviews and case study analyses

Business or sector European Union organisations

2021-

Expert

CUP4Creativity, Urban Innovative Actions, Újbuda (Budapest)

Support to the actions of the CUP4Creativity partnership and dissemination of results

Business or sector European Union organisations

2020-

Expert

DARE, Urban Innovative Actions, Ravenna

Support to the actions of the DARE partnership and dissemination of results

Business or sector European Union organisation

2021-2022

Lead Expert

CO4CITIES, UIA-URBACT Transfer Mechanism Network, <https://urbact.eu/co4cities>

- Design and implementation of transnational exchange focusing on the commons

Business or sector European Union organisation

2018-2021

Lead Expert

ACTive NGOs, URBACT III Transfer Network <https://urbact.eu/active-ngos>

- Design and implementation of transnational exchange focusing on local civil societies

Business or sector European Union organisation

- 2018-2022 **Expert**
Curing the Limbo, Urban Innovative Actions, Athens <https://uia-initiative.eu/en/uia-cities/athens>
▪ Support to the actions of the Curing the Limbo partnership and dissemination of results
Business or sector European Union organisations
- 2018-2022 **Project Manager and Researcher**
OpenHeritage, H2020 SC5-22-2017 <https://openheritage.eu/>
▪ Research, dissemination and design of training modules related to the adaptive reuse of heritage
Business or sector Research
- 2016- **Co-editor**
Cooperative City Magazine - <https://cooperativecity.org/>
▪ Research, interviews, featured stories, project findings dissemination, communication
Business or sector Non-governmental
- 2015- **Managing Director**
Eutropian GmbH (Vienna) - <http://eutropian.org/>
▪ Consultancy, policy design, cooperation design, event organisation, trainings, research, advocacy
Business or sector Private
- 2016-18 **Consultant**
Kultura Nova Foundation, Zagreb - <http://participatory-governance-in-culture.net/>
▪ Trainings for municipalities and NGOs in the field of governance and participation
Business or sector Non-governmental
- 2015-2018 **Ad-hoc Expert**
Interactive Cities: Social media and digital communication in urban governance (URBACT III Action Planning Network) <http://urbact.eu/interactive-cities>
▪ Design and implementation of knowledge exchange, transnational meetings and local action plans
Business or sector European Union organisations
- 2017 **Consultant**
Committee of the Regions / European Investment Bank Jaspers programme
▪ Contribution to the design, moderation and documentation of the Citizens' Dialogue series
Business or sector European Union organisations
- 2015-2017 **Researcher**
Funding the Cooperative City - <https://cooperativecity.org/funding-the-cooperative-city/>
▪ Research, policy design, advocacy, multi-stakeholder workshops, dissemination

- 2013-2016 **Project leader**
Business or sector Non-governmental
Lakatlan Budapest / Vacant City - <http://lakatlan.kek.org.hu/>
▪ Research, organisational strategy, policy design, multi-stakeholder cooperation processes
- 2013-2015 **Coordinator**
Business or sector Non-governmental
Temporary Use as a Tool for Urban Regeneration (URBACT II Transfer Network Pilot)
▪ Design and implementation of knowledge exchange, transnational meetings and local action plans
- 2012-2014 **Special advisor**
Business or sector European Union organisations
Budapest Department of City Planning
▪ Consultancy, cooperation with NGOs, contribution to the Budapest 2030 Development Plan
- Business or sector Public
- EDUCATION AND TRAINING**
- 2010-2017 **PhD in Sociology**
Central European University (Budapest)
▪ urban sociology, social innovation, governance, public policy, urban planning, environmental planning
- 2013 **Visiting Fellow**
École Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture Paris-Malaquais
▪ mobility, urbanism, environmental design, participatory processes, governance
- 2011 **Visiting Fellow**
Columbia University, Spatial Information Design Lab
▪ digital communication, cartography, GIS, environmental modelling
- 2009 **Urban design officer (Intern)**
Délégation à la Politique de la Ville et à l'Intégration, Paris Municipality (Paris)
▪ participatory processes, inter-departmental cooperation, social inclusion, environmental review
- 2008-2009 **MSc in Urbanism**
Institut d'Urbanisme de Paris (Paris)
▪ urbanism, land use, real estate, housing, urban development, sustainability
- 2007-2008 **Urban planning officer (Intern)**
New York Department of City Planning, Manhattan Office (New York)
▪ research, public space, urban development, environmental review, GIS

2003-2007

MSc in Sociology

ELTE University of Sciences (Budapest)

- Urban sociology, media sociology, urban policy

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s)

Hungarian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
French	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Italian	C2	C2	C2	C2	B2
Spanish	B2	B2	B1	B1	A2
German	B1	B1	A2	A2	A2

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2 Proficient user

Communication skills

- presentation skills acquired through conferences, roundtable discussions, media appearances
- mediation skills acquired through working on cooperation between public administrations and NGOs
- moderation skills acquired through facilitating workshops, conferences, meetings

Organisational / managerial skills

- leadership skills acquired through leading projects with up to 12 team members
- teamwork skills acquired through working within NGOs, private companies and public administrations
- project management skills acquired through managing research, consultancy and development projects
- long-term consultation skills acquired through following and assisting parallel projects
- international networks acquired through managing cooperation networks

Cross-sectoral skills

- good understanding of community finance acquired through research and cooperation networks
- good knowledge of civic society challenges and capacities acquired through cooperation projects
- good overview of connections and contradictions between public and civic sectors acquired through governance design projects

Digital competence

SELF-ASSESSMENT				
Information processing	Communication	Content creation	Safety	Problem solving
Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user
ICT-competences				

- good command of photo editing software gained in project documentation
- good command of video and audio editing software gained in project documentation
- good command of cooperation and participation tools

ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION

Books

The Power of Civic Ecosystems: How community spaces and their networks make our cities more cooperative, fair and resilient (2021) <https://cooperativecity.org/the-power-of-civic-ecosystems/>

Il rilancio dei mercati: spazio pubblico, servizi comunitari ed economia circolare (2019) <https://cooperativecity.org/product/il-rilancio-dei-mercati-spazio-pubblico-servizi-comunitari-ed-economia-circolare/>

Funding the Cooperative City: Community Finance and the Economy of Civic Spaces (2017) <https://cooperativecity.org/funding-the-cooperative-city/>

Civil Város (2016) <https://cooperativecity.org/product/civil-varos/>

Vacant City (2015) <https://cooperativecity.org/product/vacant-city/>

Projects

EUARENAS (2021-) <https://www.euarenas.eu/>

CO4CITIES (2021-2022) <https://urbact.eu/co4cities>

Open Heritage (2018-2022) <https://openheritage.eu/>

PlaceCity (2019-2021) <https://placemaking-europe.eu/>

Generative Commons (2019-2021) <https://generative-commons.eu/>

ACTive NGOs (2018-2021) <https://urbact.eu/active-ngos>

Cooperative City (2016-) <http://cooperativecity.org/>

Interactive Cities (2015-2018) <http://urbact.eu/interactive-cities>

Funding the Cooperative City (2015-2017) <http://eutropean.org/funding-the-cooperative-city/>

Rethinking Food Markets (2015-) <http://eutropean.org/rethinking-markets/>

Temporary Use as a Tool for Urban Regeneration (2013-2015) <https://urbact.eu/tutur>

Lakatlan Budapest / Civic City (2012-2016) <http://lakatlan.kek.org.hu/>