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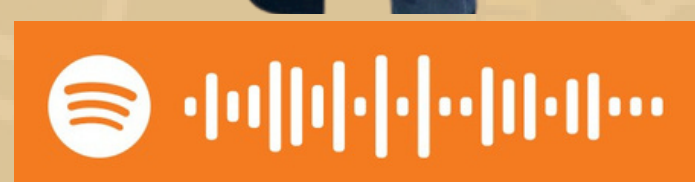
# ON THEIR WAY TO FUNDING

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## PILOT CITY — ROTTERDAM

The Rotterdam team enrolled in **CityLab010, a support programme for innovative projects that make a social contribution** to Rotterdam. It has opened up a lot of doors both in terms of support and contacts.

At the same time, they realised how many opportunities there are and how they **need to be very careful about what they do and do not apply for.**

In Rotterdam, if one applies for a municipality grant **they can only get one and will no longer be elegible for other grants.** This calls for a careful strategy.

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## FUND-IT TRAINING — AMSTERDAM

Amsterdam has a very active team, that has never given up on **finding the right funding opportunities in a city that has to deal with a lot of overtourism.**

They find ways to **take that fact and run with it and make it their biggest selling point**: introducing sustainable, local tourism to a city full of tourists.

They were granted 10.000€ by the municipality through a **subsidy for "social and integral initiatives".** They focused their application on showing how the map is truly a project that citizens of Amsterdam can contribute to and that can **give back something positive to the city.**

## FUND-IT TRAINING — SZCZECIN — PILOT CITY

The team was the youngest and most unexperienced in our project and network. **Even though they started off motivated and active in the project, that did not show quick results.**

That was bad for motivation and **the project eventually became too overwhelming** given the team's young age, and big life changes.

**Looking for funding in itself can feel overwhelming** without the added stress generated by finding and keeping a team, juggling private life, school and volunteering, and feeling insecure in an international new environment.

This was disappointing, but it did give the FUND-IT team **insight in the hurdles young, unexperienced teams have to overcome and what their mental process can be.** It is a pity that this did not yield a map, but it did yield this knowledge.

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## FUND-IT TRAINING — ROME — PILOT CITY

Designing a map for Rome is not an easy task. A first idea came out during the FUND-IT training course, when **a small mock-up map was created following the metro lines of the city.** The concept remained and has been evolving ever since.

The team is particularly interested in **creating sinergies at grassroots level with different realities and organisations** and has been actively networking with a specific local municipality district, Municipio VIII.

They are actively **looking for different kinds of national and European grants and submitting proposals**, especially in the field of social entrepreneurship.

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## FUND-IT TRAINING — SORANO

Sorano is a good case study for those looking at funding through EU grants.

They decided to apply for a **Solidarity Project grant in the frame of the European Solidarity Corps program.**

Sadly their first application wasn't successful but they got from the National Agency **detailed feedback**, which they reviewed together with some other USE-IT network members.

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