

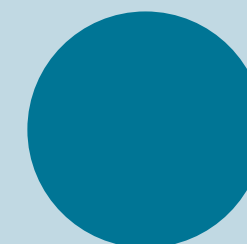
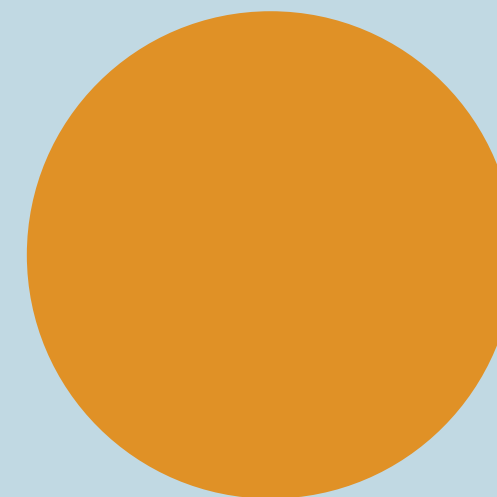


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## WORKSHOP 4

PROTOPIA - LEANING TOWARDS A BETTER FUTURE



## JOANNA ERBEL

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### Quick Summary

In this workshop, Joanna Erbel (Coop-Tech Hub, Protopia Director) presents the idea of Protopia and how to build a communication system. She will provide insights into the tools they use to work on changing power relations in Poland and how to plan for the future.

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## Tools in Poland



1. Public consultation  
(share your opinion)



2. Participatory budgeting

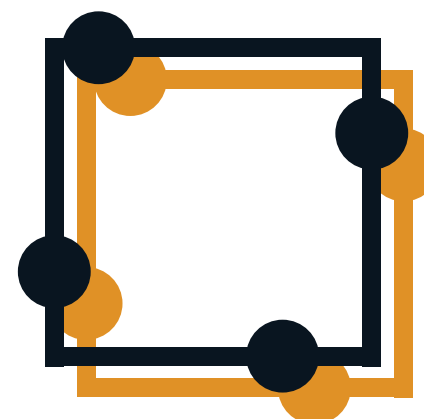
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If social reality changes, power relations have to change too.

If you need change, the easiest way is to build it on what you already have.



3. Local initiative (neighbours or group of people want to build something on public land)



4. Citizens' panels (representative group of citizens, decide on project)

„Building resilience requires democratizing the development model and moving towards economic democracy (more possibilities to share our resources)“

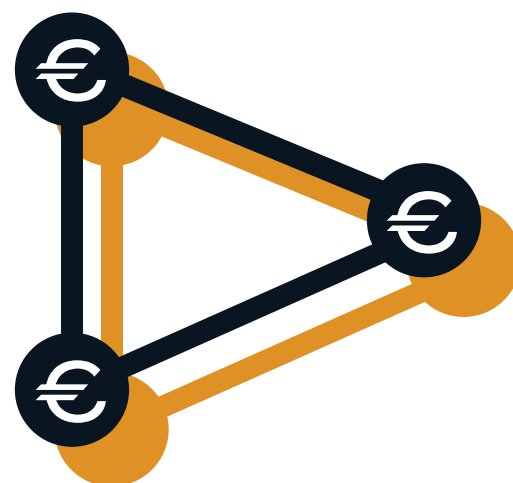
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## 3 pillars of urban resilience



1. Common ownership



2. Co-Investment



3. Co-Management

## Phases of building a coop system

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Cooperatives may include both, individual members (natural persons) and legal persons (institution, NGO)



1. Launching cooperative



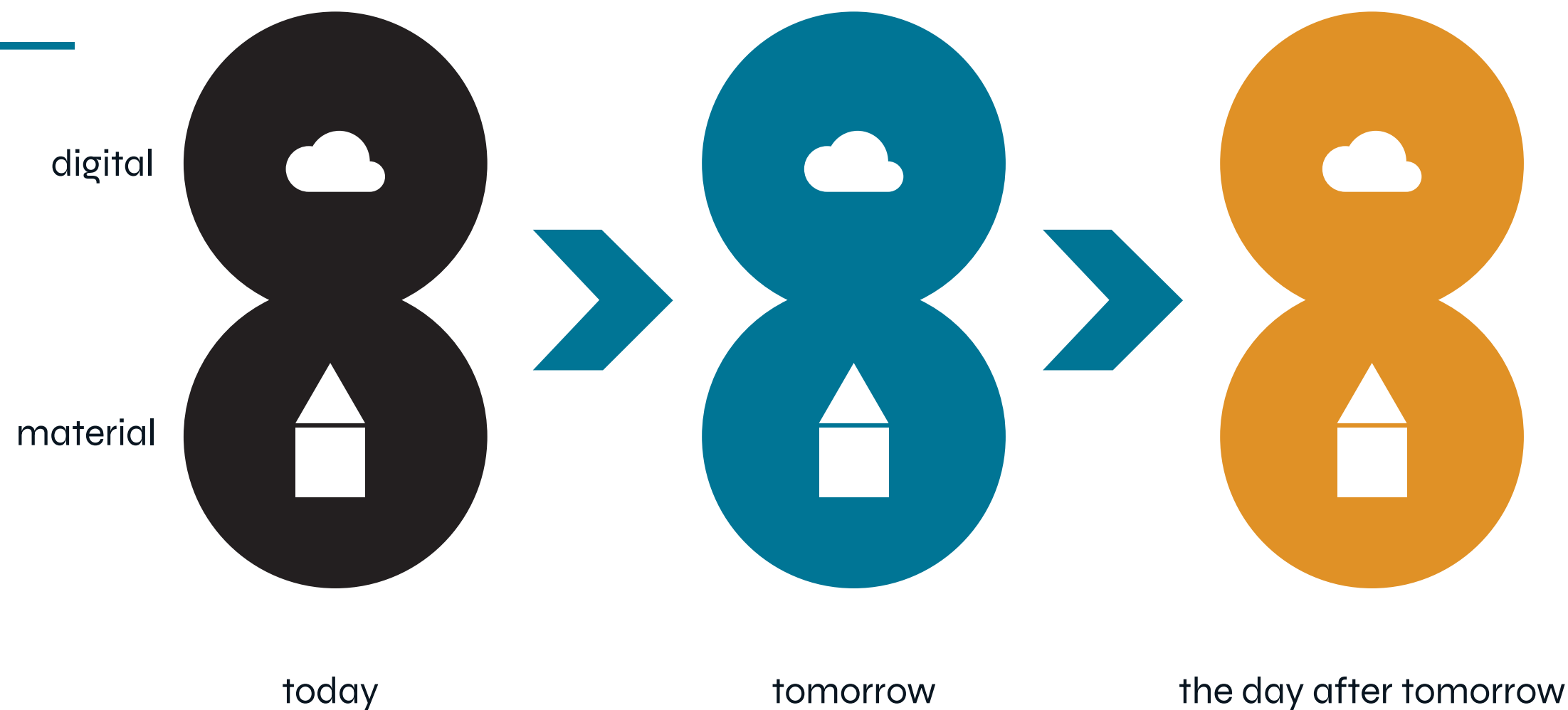
2. Exit to community



3. Developing a cooperative system

## Thinking in two time horizons

„Protopia is a state that is better than today than yesterday, although it might be only a little better (→ small steps)“  
- Kevin Kelly





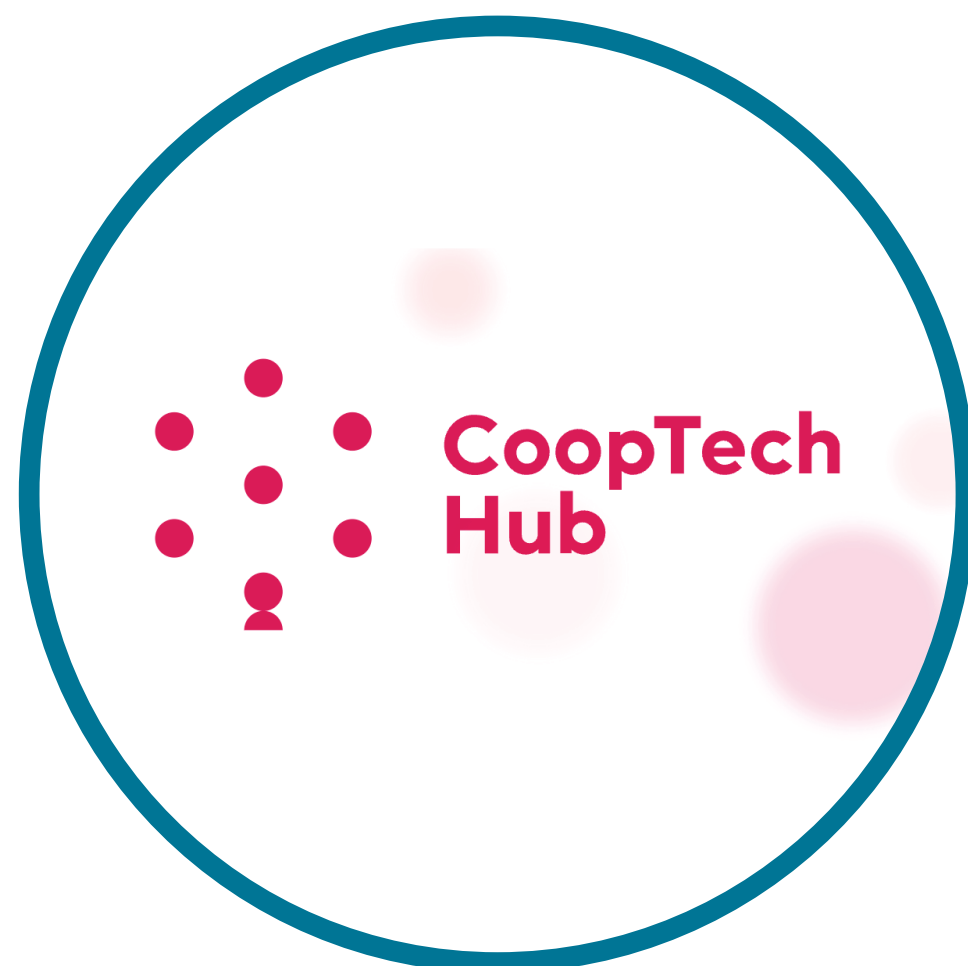
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## Local resources



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## Example projects



### COOPTECHHUB

First cooperative technology center in Poland, creates a community based on trust through a digital restart of cooperatives. Educate, train, advise and implement technological and socio-economical solutions, develop new cooperatives, build vision for a better future, work with local communities and administrations, putting nature in the focus (climate and health reasons), good at prototyping participatory tools.

<https://www.hub.coop>

## Example projects



### LIVING FACTORY COMPANY

In the city of Dabrowa Gornicza. Participatory project. Not a cooperative, but maybe soon. Participants asked what areas of business activity they could work in, painted images of how they would like the company to look like, boss accepted to implement ideas.

<https://fabrykapelnazycia.eu/en/about-the-factory/the-project/>



### THE CITY OF SEJNY

Building local resilience using different tools. Strategy: energy solutions; local cooperatives should operate it, in the real and virtual space; cooperation with local farmers to plant primroses.