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STEAM-inspired prototype development for key societal challenges



context

STEAM Disrupt is a partnership between Birmingham City University (UK), Urban INC (RO) and Polycular (AT).

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Between April and May 2019
Urban INC conducted an innovation lab for undergraduate and postgraduate students in Birmingham and Bucharest on developing prototypes for city challenges through STEAM methods.

Participating students' profile:

Creative: Artistic work, especially work that applies technology

Innovation: Service design, urban innovation and digital user experience

Making: Tech or traditional making, product design or technology

Engineering & Computing: Computer software development and coding

Architecture and Urban Studies

process & results

The Bucharest open lab tapped into local resources and know-how and helped students with strenghtening their critical and creative skills. By the end of the module students were able to:

- identify societal challenges
- observe and understand potential needs, market gaps, and social behaviours
- form interdisciplinary teams
- articulate a concept proposal
- design a roadmap for prototype development

Prototype concept proposals:

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Module Partners:

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