The **Hearth Summit in Athens** invites the submission of poster papers (work in progress/late-breaking research) to be presented in the poster sessions of the event. The goal is to provide opportunities for participants from academia, public institutions and industry to present their latest developments in the interest areas around the topic of Wellbeing Cities- Sustainable Urban Living.

Presenters will exhibit their poster in a poster hall, where all Summit participants have the chance to walk by and engage in a fruitful conversation.

Posters will also be posted on the website, making it available for download to all participants in the abstracts "digital proceedings". **Registration to the Summit is compulsory.**

The Context:
50% of Greece's population is concentrated in just 4.3% of its territory, putting excessive pressure on large urban centers, like Attica, due to overpopulation, while rural regions are desolate. This pattern is not unique to Greece. UN-Habitat reports that about three-quarters of Europeans live in cities, making urban areas particularly vulnerable to climate change and environmental stresses such as heatwaves, flash floods, pollution, noise, and soil contamination. These challenges exacerbate social issues like segregation, social alienation, poverty, and inequality, especially affecting vulnerable populations. Ensuring the wellbeing of all citizens in harmony with the environment is crucial. Cities, as centers of creativity and innovation, have the potential to drive significant systemic changes in climate change mitigation, ecosystem preservation and restoration, and promoting a circular economy. During the Hearth Summit in Athens, we aim to discuss what sustainable urban living looks like and explore motives for decentralization.

We envision living in cities and urban environments in harmony with our natural world, in comfort, safety, and happiness. We seek to facilitate alliances that imagine, design, and create an economy where the rules, norms, and incentives are inherently set up to deliver quality of life and flourishing for all people, in harmony with our environment. This vision prioritizes the wellbeing of both people and the planet, embodied through Environmental Sustainability, Social Wellbeing, and Economic Equity.

These principles are expressed across different "environments", aka habitats:

- **The natural habitat**, connected with climate action, regeneration practices and resilience against natural disasters and climate change; what are the teachings that nature offers to us as a compass for harmonious living with ourselves and our surroundings? How can nature grow inside an urban area?
- **The living habitat**, what are the criteria for a wellbeing city? What does it offer to its residents? How do we move? How are the buildings constructed? How do we weave communities and cultivate the uniqueness of each place? How can we repopulate and regenerate urban areas in the periphery?
- **The economic habitat**, what does growth mean? What are the criteria for a harmonic and inclusive form? How do we ensure equity in mega- cities? How do we fight energy poverty? How do we promote green and qualitative jobs for all?

Call for Posters:

One of our prior goals through this event is to create synergies among the research community and representatives of the corporate and startup ecosystems, along with policy makers and citizen groups. Therefore, we welcome submissions from academics, researchers and practitioners in relevant fields the core themes of the event:

- **Impact Economy vs Wellbeing Economy**: Exploring the shift from the impact-driven economy to one that prioritizes holistically the wellbeing and societal health.
- **Ecological Integration & Nature-Based Learning**: Incorporating nature-based practices into urban environments to foster sustainability and deepen our connection to the natural world.
- **Climate & Mental Health**: Examining the relationship between climate change and anxiety, and the rejuvenating effects of nature on our mental health.
- **Cultivating Vibrant Communities**: Discussing ways to encourage citizen participation in the development and maintenance of green spaces, enhancing social cohesion and revitalizing urban architecture.
- **Climate Resilience & Extreme Weather**: Implementing strategies to mitigate extreme weather conditions and keep urban temperatures moderate through AI technology, other tech tools and methodologies for sustainable urban planning and design.
- **Equity in Cities**: Addressing issues of poverty, employment, and housing to ensure equal access to the necessary resources for their life.
- **Sustainable Consumption**: Promoting conscious consumerism and responsible consumption practices from food to mobility to entertainment.
- **Climate Justice:** Advocating for fair and equitable policies that address the disproportionate impacts of climate change on vulnerable communities.
- **Decentralization & Repopulation**: Enabling cities in the periphery to thrive independently and drive their own growth and development.
- **Sustainable Tourism**: Balancing tourism with the preservation of cities' unique identity, nature and culture, while prioritizing the wellbeing of local residents and its alarming interconnection with climate change.

Selection Process

The poster papers will be rigorously reviewed and are expected to have high quality, just like regular papers. The main difference is that a poster session provides a more interactive way to present work. Poster papers will be presented during a specific session reserved for posters. Notification of acceptance/rejection of submitted poster papers will be sent to the authors by email. At least one author of each accepted paper must register for the conference.

Registration Fee: 200 euros/ Early bird: 150 euros (30th September)

The Conference will also run a best poster award competition. All posters will be considered for the Best Poster Award. An independent review committee will select the winners at the conference.

Posters Submission Guidelines:

Abstracts for the Posters must be submitted by e-mail through this email address: lida.tsene@impacthub.net & wellbeing@impacthub.net.

Please send us a 300-word abstract, along with a 150-word bio and 5 keywords.

The submitting author of the posters must be the presenting author but does not have to be the first author. All correspondence concerning the poster will be sent to the submitting author's e-mail address.

Language: Posters should be written in English.

Posters' format
Posters should be displayed vertically (portrait format) and should be A0 paper size, that is, 118 x 84.4 cm or 120 x 80 cm (height-width).

Regarding the dimension of the text there is no unique letter size, but make sure that the title is legible at 5m and the content at 1-2m.

Submission notification
Authors will be notified about the submission of their posters by email. In case you do not receive confirmation within 48 hours, please check your spam folder. In case of no confirmation email, please contact: lida.tsene@impacthub.net

Authors will not be able to edit the posters after submitting them

Practical information
Authors must bring their posters with them, already printed.

After the Summit, submissions will also be posted on the website, making it available for download to all participants in the abstracts "digital proceedings".

Contact
If you have any questions regarding abstract submission, please contact: lida.tsene@impacthub.net & wellbeing@impacthub.net.

We will be happy to assist you.

Important Deadlines

• Abstract Submission Deadline: ~~10 September, 2024~~

   UPDATED DEADLINE: 25 September, 2024

• Outcome Notification: ~~20 September, 2024~~ 05 October 2024

• Conference Dates: 31 October & 1 November, 2024