WP4 Note

4.1.1 BeEutopian Award. The PoP choice

1. Introduction

This document is a short note to explain why there has not been a BeEutopian Award and, therefore, no PoP choice of the best team.

The EUTOPIA alliance jointly launched a set of place-based challenges with a global scope to be solved by students, supported by a co-creation environment.

The original idea was that students, in multidisciplinary teams and from their home universities, worked on the challenges posed. Once the ideas to solve the challenges had been raised, a selection process would have been made of the best ideas to take to the Hackathon and, from there, to the grand finale.

An ad hoc awarding committee was to be set up bringing together both universities and stakeholders to assess the work done and presented by finalist teams themselves. In this way, the alliance would recognise the best approach to the launched challenges and work closely with the stakeholders to study and plan for an eventual implementation of the pilot solutions solutions.

However, for pandemic reasons, it has been very difficult to set the teams and engage students. Therefore, instead of having a competition, we have set a cooperative Hackathon and Conference open to all students that had participated and engaged with the programme until the end.

Each partner has worked with students and their Associated partners, giving feedback to their ideas. However, the Pool of Partners as a whole, has not met to decide any winning team since any competition was cancelled.

[Minutes of the meetings are available. The debates and discussions among the group members on the best way to approach both the program, the hackathon and the grand finale are reflected in the minutes]