

# URBAN SOS - FINLAND NEWSLETTER

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## GREETINGS

Welcome Team Finland to the Urban SOS Partnership. As we move through the 3 years of our project to explore Social Work in the context I thought a newsletter might be a good way to keep everyone up to date.

While working in our meeting one of the members shared an excellent quote which I thought would serve us well as we move through this time of uncertainty and co-creation.

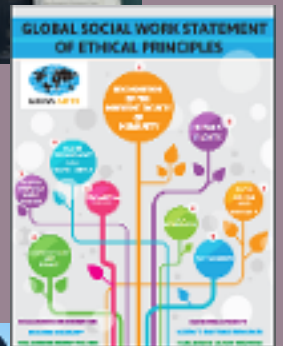
*"It is not necessary to know everything to understand something."* (Geertz, 1972:318)

## TPM1

The first Transnational Partnership Meeting in Ghent took place in the beginning of November 2019. We were warmly welcomed by Artevelde University of Applied Sciences as the host and Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences as the meeting chairman. We worked very hard on defining our concepts and how the outputs should progress



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## KEY DATES

**Date 1: Output 1-Framework for Analysis**  
1.1.2020-1.9.2021

Data collection and thick description creation begins in January 2020. More instructions will follow.

**Date 2: TPM2 Amsterdam 20.-22.4.2020**

We will have rough drafts of our 'cases' and thick descriptions ready for this technical meeting

**Date 3: TPM3 Helsinki**

General Meeting tentatively scheduled  
28-30.10.2020





Happy Holidays

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## VALUE AND POWER QUESTIONS (FLYBJERG, 2012)

Flybjerg's 8 questions:

### 5 Power Questions (related to power relations)

- Who gains and who loses
- Through what kinds of power relations
- What possibilities to change existing power relations
- Is it desirable to do so
- Of what kinds of power relations are those asking the questions themselves a part

### 3 Value Rational Questions (related to direction we are heading in)

- Where are we going
- is this desirable
- what should be done

Data collection and interviews/observations will begin in the spring. Each country will analyse 2 cases one which will be gamified for the platform. We need to decide on the particular cases or challenges that we agree makes sense for us to look at and then we share our viewpoints on that case in order to have good questions so we may build a good thick description. As we move along, we will work to come up with a way to make this transferable to cases for the outputs.

When we are thinking about the organizations or cases we want to use we need to remember that the case should be something that practitioners or students can use to train their place sensitivity. This is related to flybjerg's idea of context when working with phronesis. Analysing and taking into consideration the context is half the work.

I will be working this fall to create more concrete guidelines for interviewing and data collection.

## UPCOMING TEAM MEETINGS

I would like to have one meeting in later December if possible when I have some more information about the timelines and tasks. I have met with the coordinators virtually and we are working on getting you more concrete information as soon as possible.

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