



What is unMonastery?



- A group of people working on community-driven projects in a shared living space.
- Physical space for a distributed network.
- unMonastery aims to establish a network of spaces throughout the world, which will work together but autonomously to prototype new solutions to common problems.
- unMonastery draws inspiration from 10th century monastic codes and the concept of hackerspaces, borrowing parts of each model that engage closely with the local community.

Why Now?

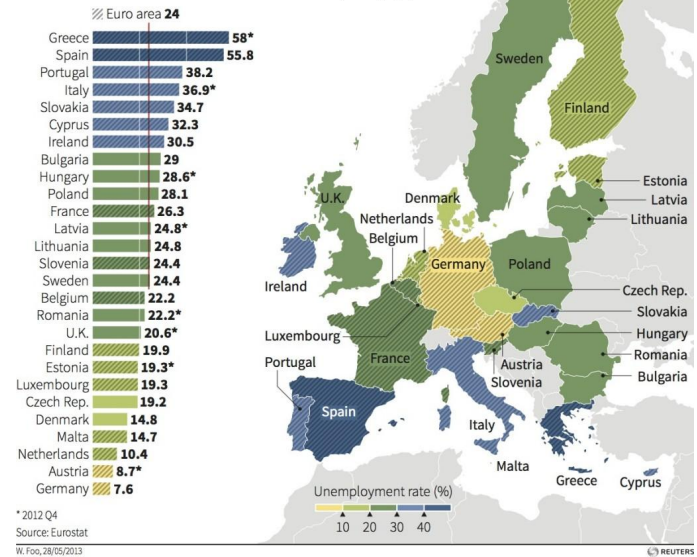
Creating spaces in which residents do not fully rely on the generation of income in order to make a living, unMonastery addresses fundamental contemporary challenges:

- (1) Large numbers of empty and disused property.
- (2) Austerity: the rollback of state provision.
- (3) High unemployment throughout Europe, particularly among young and highly skilled individuals.

Eurozone youth unemployment

The unemployment rate among Europeans aged 15-24 years edged higher in the first quarter of the year — 23.5% of youth in the EU27 were jobless.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE — SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED, 2013 Q1 (%)



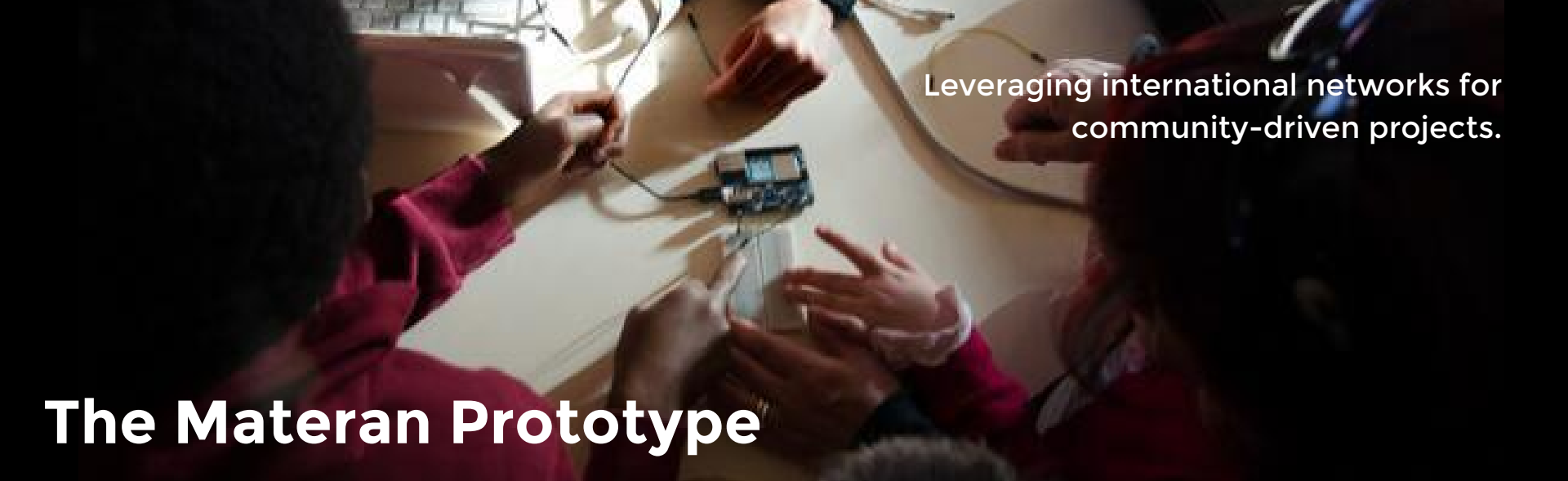
Source: Eurostat, 2012



The concept and establishment of unMonastery came out of an annual conference organized by [EdgeRyders](#), a distributed think-tank of citizen experts wielding collective intelligence and consultation.

12 Challenges

4 Months



Leveraging international networks for
community-driven projects.

The Materan Prototype

CoderDojo Matera + OpenTechSchool Matera: free intergenerational learning spaces.

unTransit: using OpenStreetMap to publish the city's transit system in real time.

KIDERWIND: open-source project to harness the wind at high energy in order to generate power. Hackathon 22-27 September in Matera.

Mapping the Commons: a web-based tool used to map local cultural assets.

The Contract

Co-living spaces working with local communities.



**My response to “How do we build community?” is:
“Do something useful.
Welcome others.”**

– Willow Brough
MIT Center for Civic Media

The Book of Mistakes

A narrative pattern language.

Problem	Proposed solution
12 challenges	Set specific target points to address larger identified challenges.
4-6 month timeframe	Time scale likely too short to build solutions and bootstrap basic infrastructure. 2+ year commitment ideal, not less than 1 year.
1 person = 1 project	Working groups are better than individual projects, providing less overhead and encouraging collaboration.

unMonastery in-a-Box

Developed in collaboration with MethodKit



OPEN SOURCE
FEEDING THE COMMONS

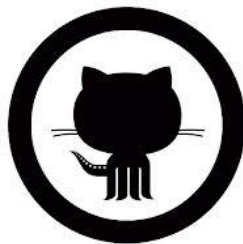
Tools for starting new
unMonasteries and evaluating
projects throughout their
development.



UNMONASTERY ANALYTICS
TRACK EVERYTHING



MIRACLES
CELEBRATING TRIUMPHS & FORTUNE



github.com/unmonastery



VIRTUES
PERSONAL TRUTHS

What's next?

Join an unMonastery team or suggest a location globally.



Materan Civic Innovation Network



LIVING ON THE EDGE

October 23-26, Matera

#LOTE4 The Stewardship

The ability to come together to take care of assets in an unstable context is a key skill for surviving and thriving in the future. The gathering is meant as a locus to exchange information and practical knowledge on how we can put the stock of underutilized public assets to a better use.

This is an invitation to participate!

Host a session, join a team, or bring your project to the Hackathon, October 15-23



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