



## CIVIL DEFENSE OF THE LOCAL PUBLIC GOOD – ALARMING CITIZENS

<b>Target group</b>	Adult learner
<b>Setting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frontal lecture</li> <li>• Group work</li> <li>• Plenary</li> </ul>
<b>Time</b>	90 minutes

This exercise is a simulation of real circumstances and is based on gathering the group, setting goals, dividing tasks, and executing them. During the exercise, teamwork, cooperation, strategy, and the anticipation of potential problems are practiced. In a broader sense, this method is important in strengthening the individual through building a group that fights for the common good.

MATERIALS NEEDED	
MATERIAL	Y/N
Projector	Y
Flipchart	Y
Printed handout	N
Other (please specify):	N

PREPARATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the realization of this exercise, motivated participants are needed, ready to think quickly and cooperate.</li> <li>• Flipcharts, pens, papers, smartphones can be used (for google search).</li> <li>• It is important to clearly define the reasons for defending the public space and the legal basis for protection before starting the exercise. The action must be based on realistic arguments.</li> <li>• It is useful for each participant to consider their personal motivation for participating in the defense.</li> </ul>





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## METHOD / PROCESS DESCRIPTION

**Frontal lecture/Trainer lecture -> preparatory phase (giving inputs)**

- Steps to defend the public good (space)
- Examples of good practice

**Work in groups -Execution**

Division into groups

Task: define the problem and develop a strategy for solving the problem.

Discussion of potential challenges in solving the problem.

Presentation of strategies.

**Plenum**

- Presentation/Evaluation
- Feedback, discussion, exchange of opinions

**Test / Writing short text**

- Presentation
- Evaluation

**Tip: Additional challenge**

Participants should write a short text (introduction, call) defining the problem and encouraging citizens to join their initiative.





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### LEARNING GOAL(S) OF THE ACTIVITY:

#### On an organizational level

It promotes a clear definition of the problem, as well as the steps that lead to its solution.

Strengthens individual competencies and contributes to group cooperation for a common goal.

#### In terms of political activism and active citizenship

It strengthens the competencies of an active citizen and promotes the building of a democratic society.

It promotes individual responsibility and a sense of importance and equality in society.

It strengthens civic activism and reduces the arbitrariness of authoritarian systems and representatives of the current authorities.

It prevents the disintegration of the public good and the destruction of natural resources.

In terms of participation in public decision-making processes

It restores the sense of power and importance to the individual that the individual has lost in the neoliberal capitalist model of living.

### LINKS TO CREATIVE, DIVERGENT, AND CRITICAL THINKING:

Civil defense of the local public good – alarming citizens method is a very important tool in improving active citizen skills. This method is based on defining problem and problem solving through community building, restoring strength to citizens, and preventing the implementation of decisions that are not in the public interest and oppose the preservation of the environment. It upholds values based on ecological, sustainable, solidary principles.

