



Highlights and Challenges

2023

Solidarity FabLab



+600
people signed up



+260
people trained



> 50%
female participants

The program is aimed at empowering unemployed and disadvantaged young individuals, particularly those classified as **NEET** (Not in Education, Employment, or Training). We operate this program in collaboration with skilled trainers from Nod Makerspace community who equip these young people with technological and digital competencies.

The primary goals are to enhance their skill sets, boost their employability prospects, and foster a passion for continuous learning and engagement in either digital or vocational professions.

The educational program which is in our full ownership, is financed through sponsorship by our partner, the **Orange Foundation**.





Nod Makerspace refurbishment



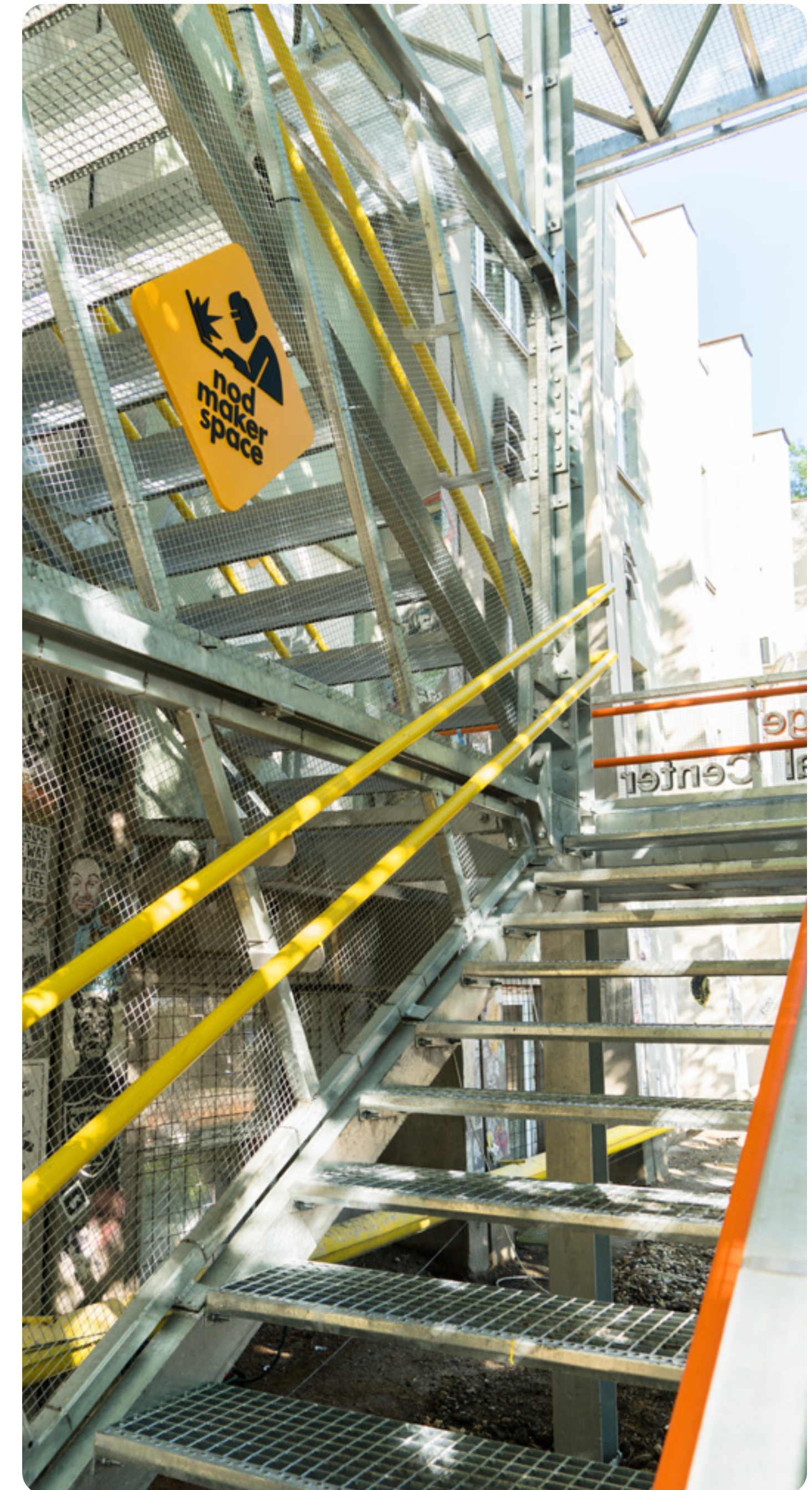
+1000
beneficiaries



NEW
STAIRCASE

Our main challenge of 2023 was the refurbishment of the Nod spaces, both for Solidarity FabLab and for Orange Digital Center.

The overarching aim of this venture was to establish well-designed and fully equipped spaces to accommodate the diverse educational activities orchestrated by partner organizations within the Orange Digital Center during its inaugural year of operation in 2023.



Nod Makerspace refurbishment



Part of our commitment involved the construction of a crucial staircase on the main facade of Industria Bumbacului, a project marked by the enduring bureaucratic challenges of the authorization process. The authorization process for this access and evacuation staircase, vital for the functioning of the Nod-occupied industrial building, began in 2016. The process required meticulous planning, including drafting technical documentation, building expertise assessments, detailed urban planning, numerous studies, and approvals from 10 institutions. In 2020, the construction and change of function permit was obtained. In 2023, the staircase was built, ensuring seamless connectivity between building levels and a welcoming industrial engineering presence on the street.



Dâmbovița Delivery 2023



+12.000
participants

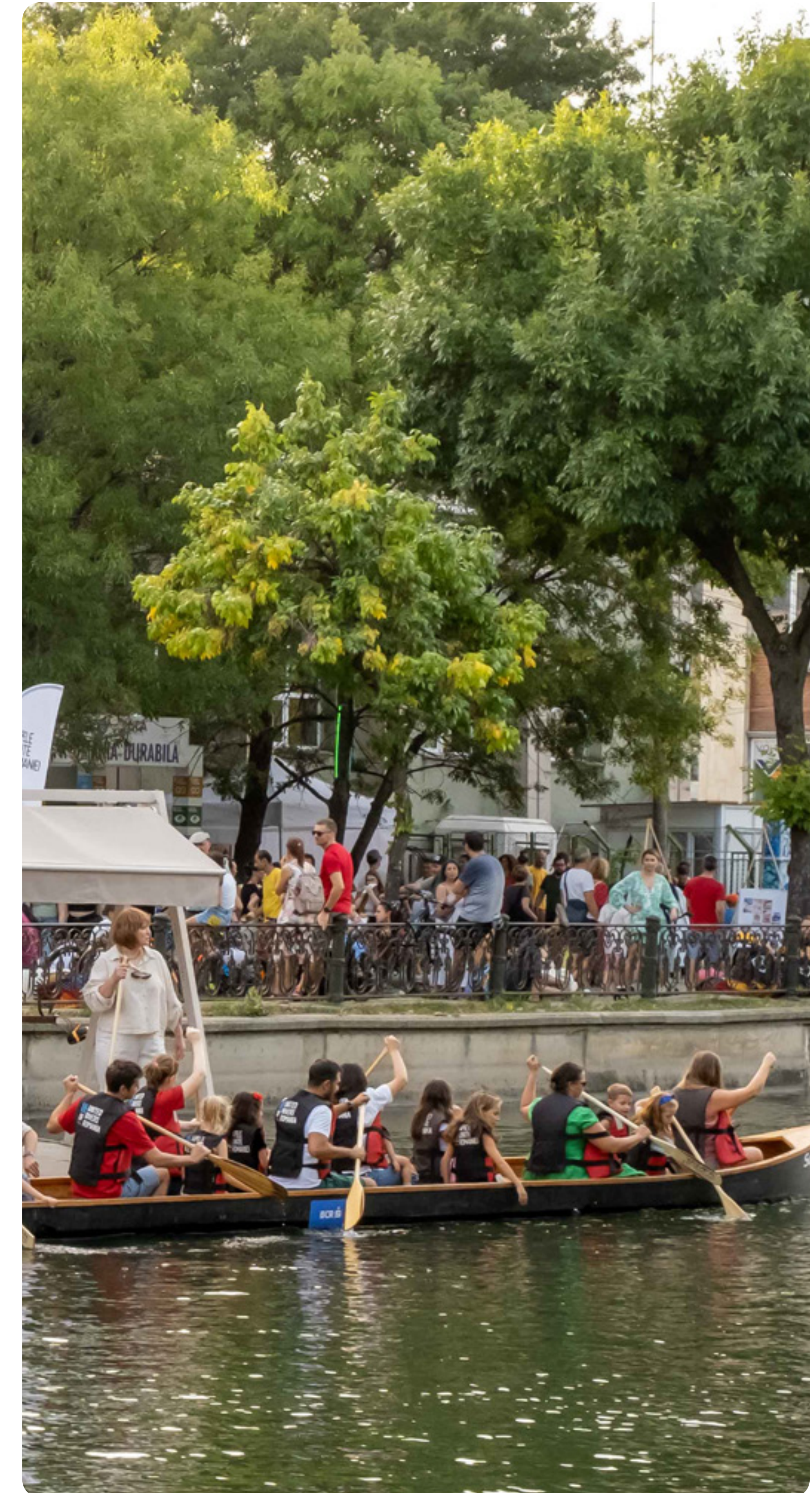


+50
activities



+3 mil reach
online & press

Dâmbovița Delivery is a grassroots annual project through which we are fulfilling our public space recovery mission, in the area Timpuri Noi - Mihai Bravu area. For one weekend each year, we pedestrianize the big boulevard Splaiul Unirii and we revitalize the public space through art installations, urban interventions, educational and ecology activities and boat rides on the Dâmbovița river.





Dâmbovița Apă Dulce

Derived from Dâmbovița Delivery, Dâmbovița Apă Dulce is a complex project that involves a set of technical urban solutions for a clean Dâmbovița river and the development of campaigns to educate Bucharest residents to befriend it, alongside advocacy actions.

In 2023, the first prototype was funded by Departamentul pentru Dezvoltare Durabila from the Romanian Government.

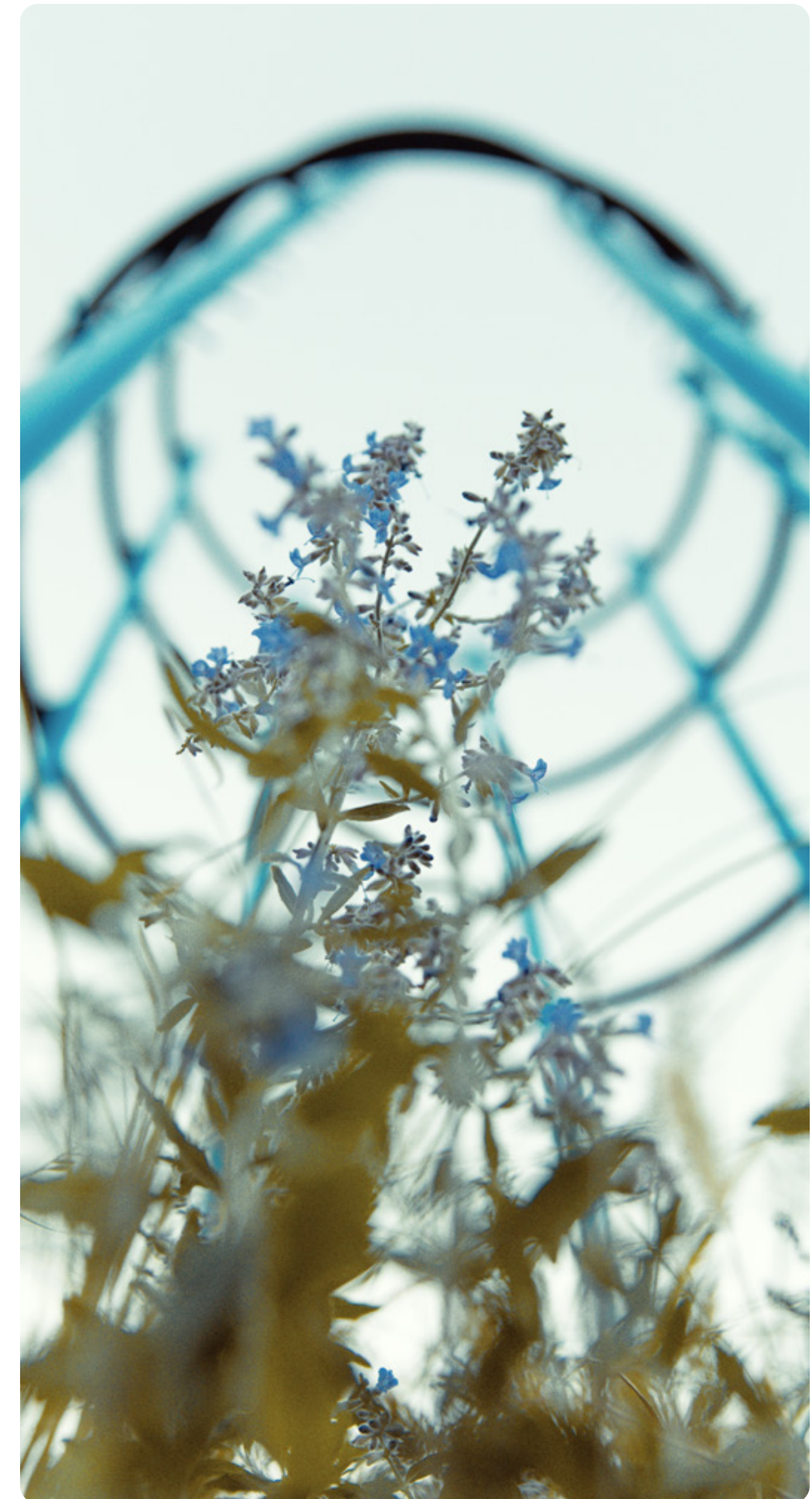
RESULTS:

Prototyping and installing a floating barrier for waste collection on the river.
Monthly actions (July-September) to collect waste from the river and its banks with the help of volunteers.

Prototyping a mechanism to lift waste from water onto land

Prototyping a public fountain for ultra-filtered drinking water from the river.

Opening an unused urban public space beneficial for the community.





MAKER ABC

MakerABC, an Erasmus project involving our team and two Barcelona partners, generated a guide with three sections: a methodology for identifying maker needs, examples of stakeholder solutions and expert advice, linguistic exploration of Maker Culture terms in various languages.

All partner organizations aimed to define and enhance their practices, pooling resources and sharing expertise on business modeling, community engagement, and sustainable development to address environmental and climate goals.

Our objective involved mapping European maker groups, evaluating their practices, and consolidating insights into a best practices guide: **The Maker ABC**. This guide aims to support those aligning with maker values, fostering sustainable entrepreneurial impact within their communities.





ARHITECȚII INOVĂRII



26
startups funded



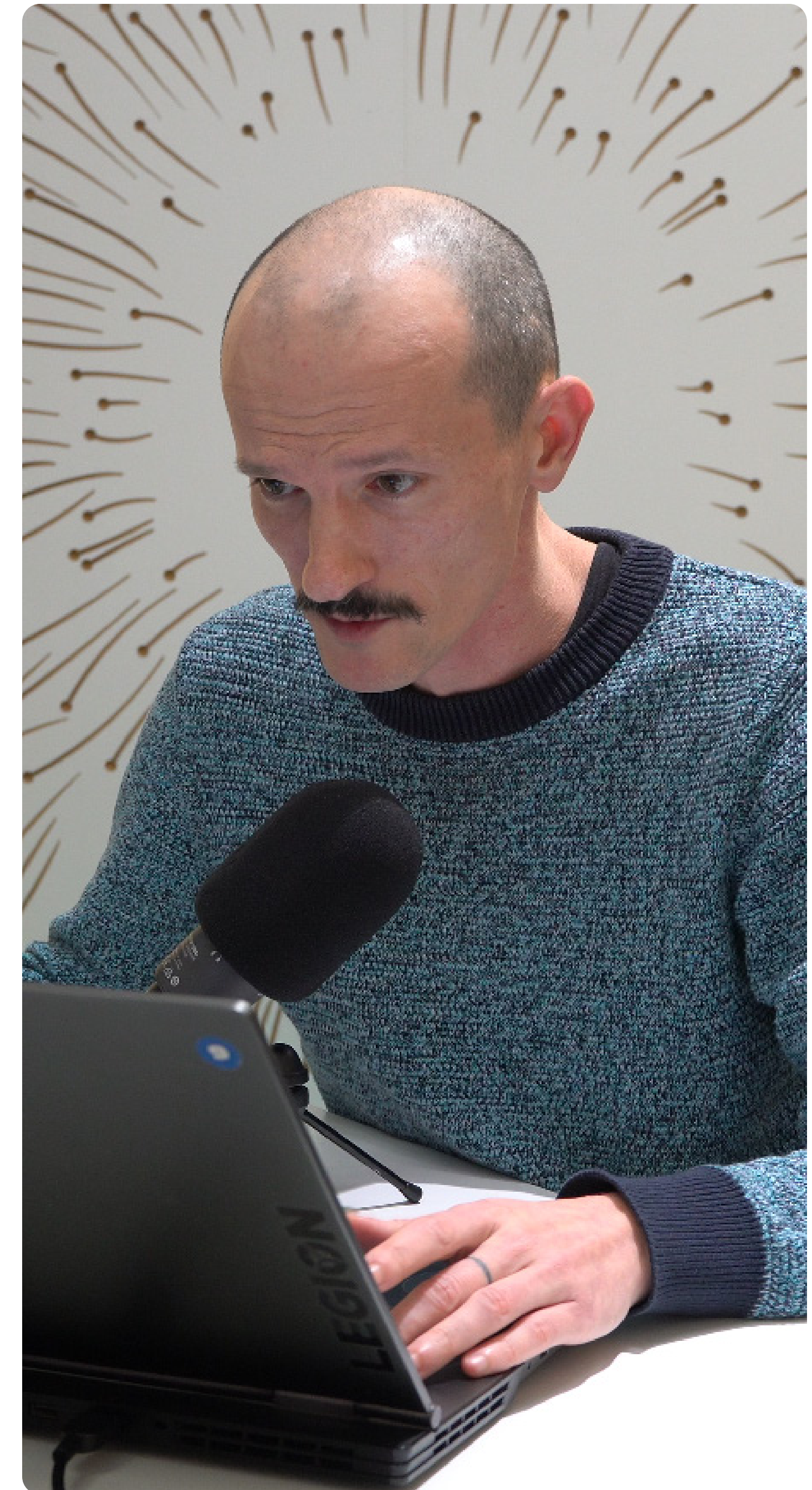
National
coverage



6
podcast episodes

“Arhitectii Inovarii ” Innotech Student grant has just concluded. It was a business acceleration program targeting students nationwide who implemented their business ideas with the assistance of non-repayable funding, administered by us in partnership with Fonduri Structurale and Universitatea Ion Mincu.

Through this program above, we managed to prepare **Platforma N** - a rich opensource resource for the creative industries entrepreneurs. Its mission is to amplify creativity, innovation, and passion.



Some other achievements we celebrate:



Bursa de Makeri

Launch of the inaugural Bursa de Makeri- Nod's residency program, where we curate a creative team of Makers and support them in developing their businesses.



Meet the Makers

an open-house event featuring selected Makers from the Nod community showcasing their products.



Street Art Fest

Restoration of the old access staircase at Nod in collaboration with Alternative Bucharest, a street art festival aimed at painting the walls of the Cotton Industry building.



Thank you!



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