

COOL STREETS



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URBAN HEAT

As a result of heated concrete surfaces, the city is no longer able to cool off to a sufficient degree, resulting in heat islands. These prove a problem above all for residents of densely built-up districts, where **there is a lack of cool spaces where they can spend time.**



REACTING TO LOCAL NEEDS

The vibrancy of public space facilitates encounters between neighbours—here, **people of all age groups and many different nationalities come together.** The success of a „cool street“ is closely dependent on the human factor and both the activity of the neighbourhood and the residents' desire to connect with each other.



SHADED STREETS TO SPEND TIME

In neighbourhoods particularly affected by heat, well-shaded streets were declared car-free for four weeks. The „Cool Streets“ offered water mist sprayers, seating and neighbourhood-fostering features. The **streets were given to the citizens**—they were free to use the space for self-organised occasional events.



S Community spaces where diverse people meet