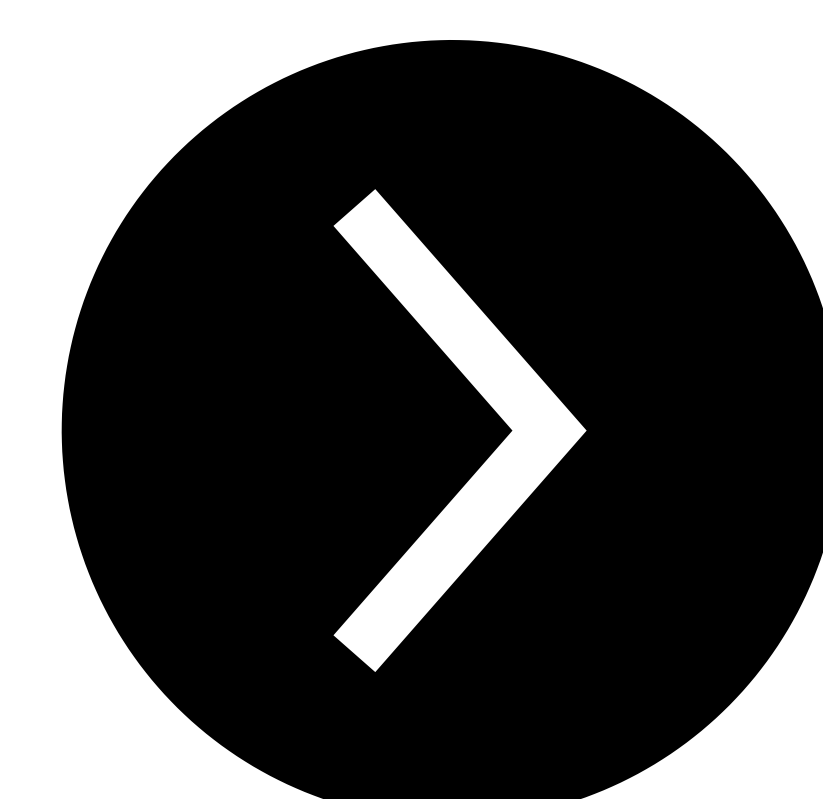




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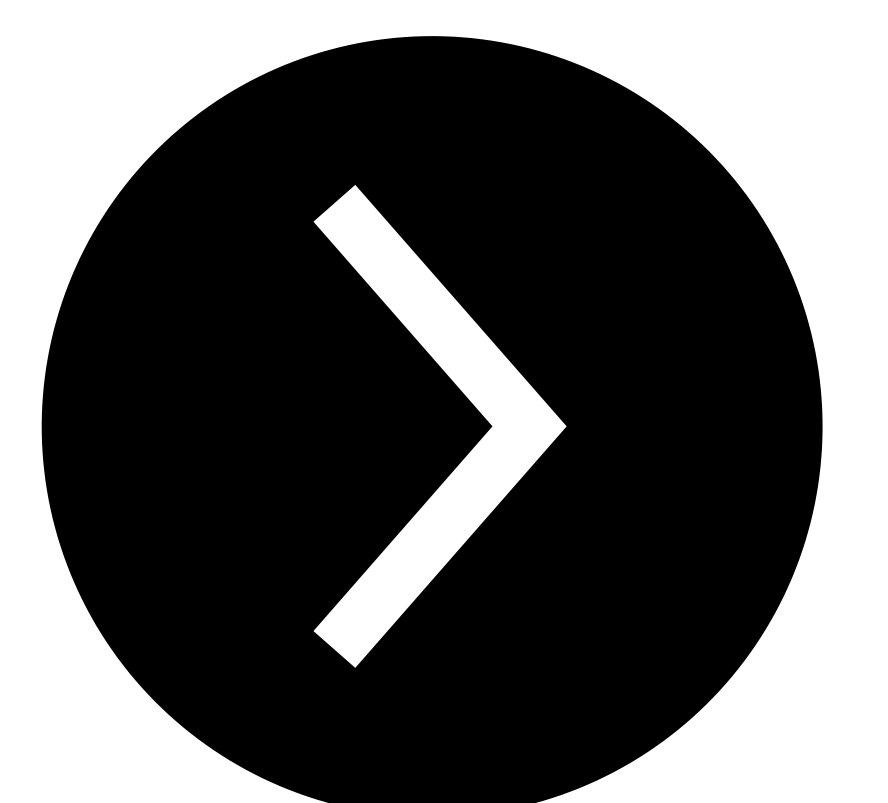
# How to bring a hidden aqueduct back to city life

UrbanDig Adriano is an initiative dedicated to re-activating the Roman Hadrian's Aqueduct as a living element of Athens' cultural, environmental, and social landscape.



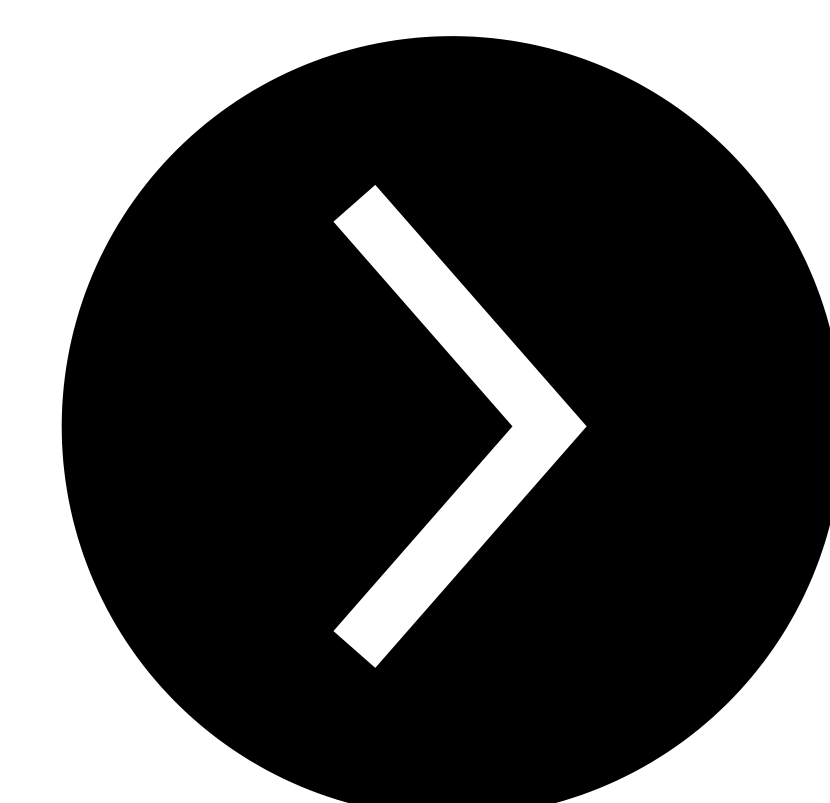
# The challenge

- The Hadrian's Aqueduct is under-appreciated as a cultural and environmental resource.
- Limited community participation and few educational tools to connect people to water heritage.
- Fragmentation between culture, environment and planning blocks integrated, resilient urban approaches.
- Low public awareness and engagement weaken the connections between the neighbourhoods and cultural heritage.



# The idea

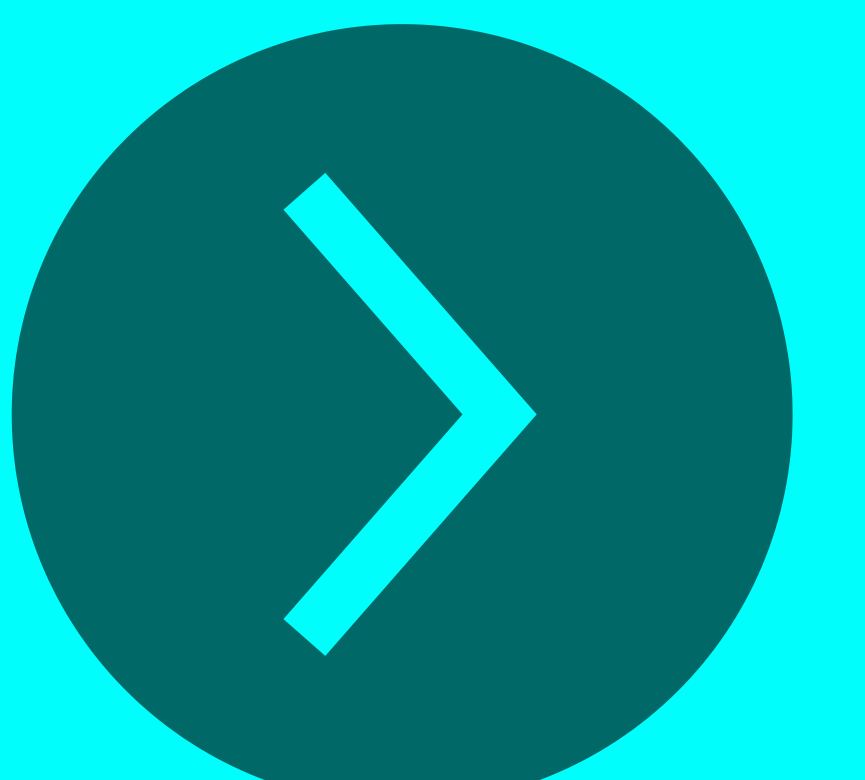
UrbanDig Adriano uses art, education and participatory tools to reconnect people with Hadrian's Aqueduct and strengthen neighbourhood networks, supporting water-sensitive and community-led urban regeneration.






# What's innovative here?

- **Public awareness:** turns an “invisible” infrastructure into a shared cultural and environmental reference point.
- **Civic action:** combines artistic research, immersive performances and community workshops to spark participation.
- **Local learning:** uses educational tools, sensory mapping and walks to build water awareness and local ownership.



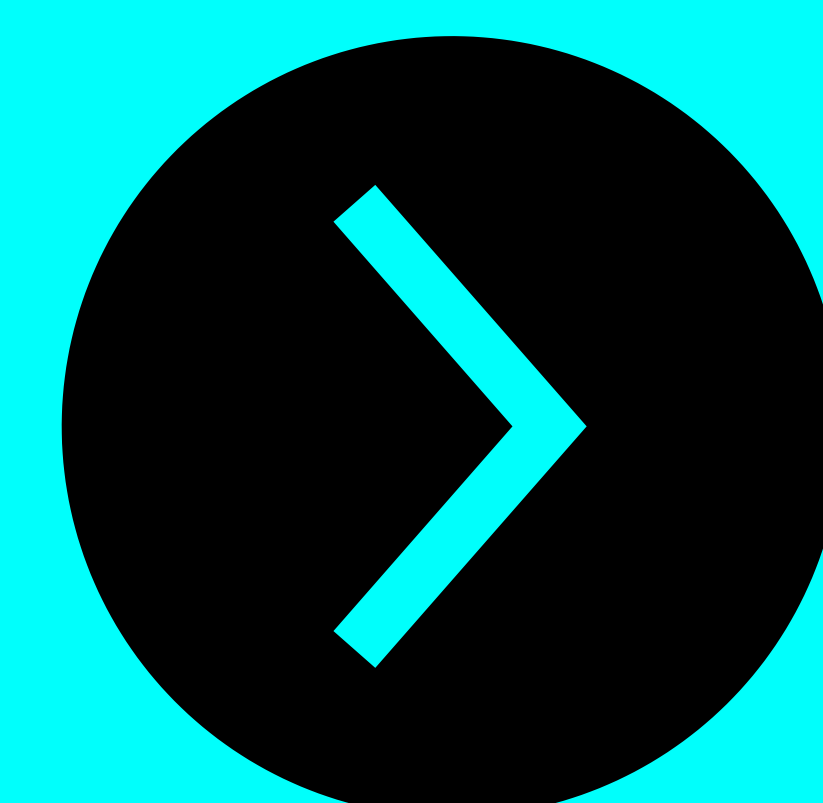
# Impact so far

3 performances delivered, bringing hidden heritage   
into public view through immersive formats.

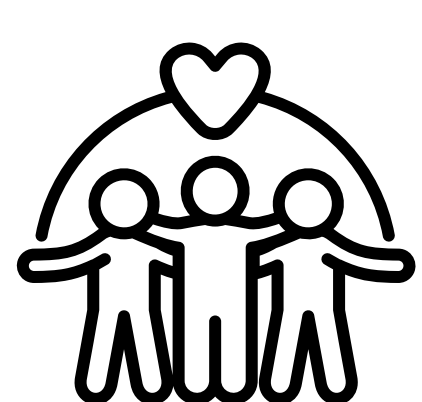
3 festivals co-created, using culture to activate   
public space and neighbourhood collaboration.

Transformed a section of the Kifisos River   
riverbank into a cultural space.

**Environmental &  
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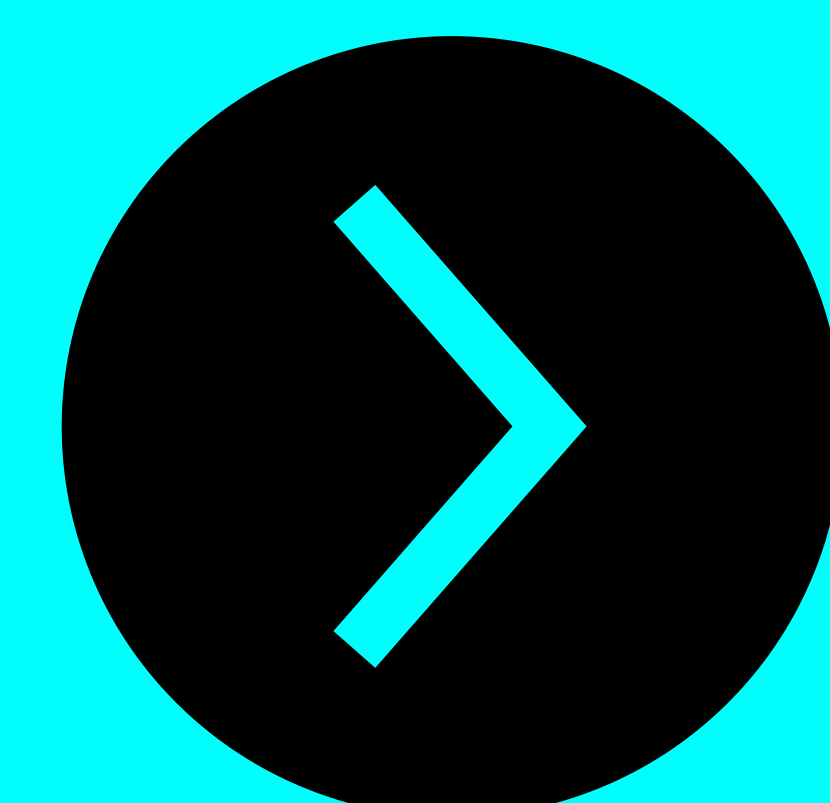


# Impact so far


School programmes and educational tools for cultural learning linked to historic water lines. 

A digital citizen-engagement tool created (“drop a message”). 


Supported the creation of the Water Solidarity Community in Halandri. 



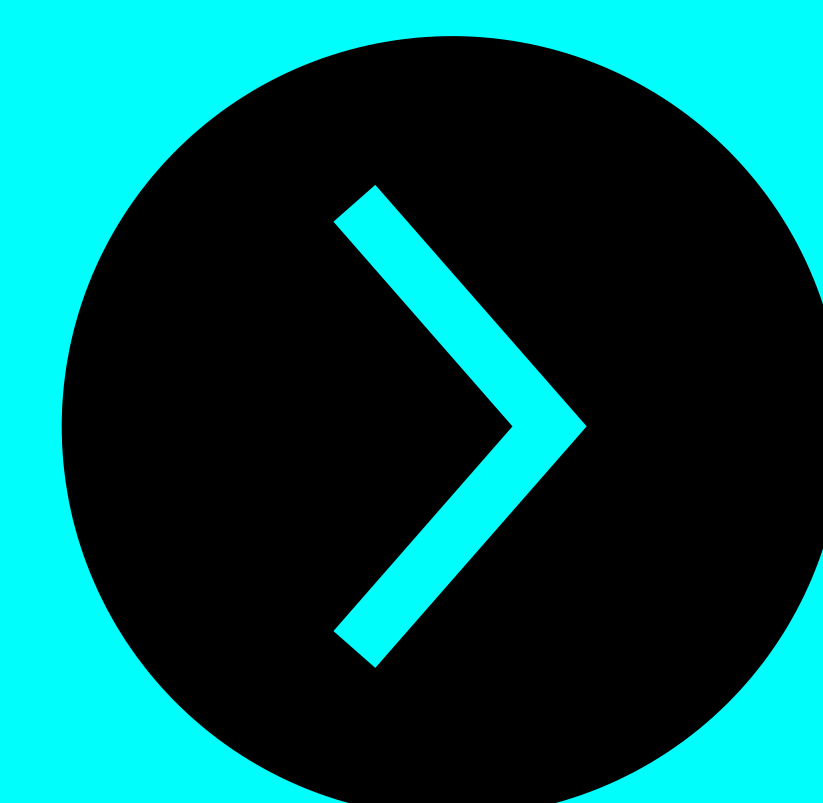
# Impact so far

Built an active community across 7 municipalities along the aqueduct's 20 km corridor. 

Sensory and stakeholder mapping to connect people, place and water heritage. 

Created collaboration between cultural actors, schools, NGOs and public authorities across multiple municipalities. 

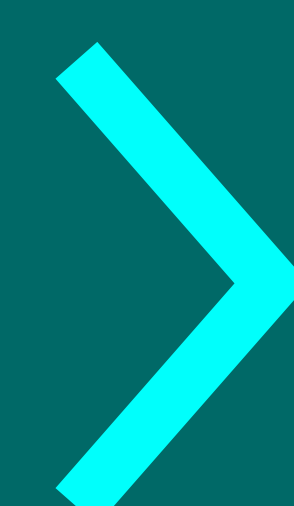
**Economic  
&  
systemic**





# What you can replicate

- Join or organise neighbourhood walks, mapping or local storytelling to uncover “hidden” heritage in your area.
- Build partnerships between schools, community groups and local authorities to link heritage with climate and resilience goals.
- Spot underused infrastructure in your city and explore community-led ways to reimagine it as a shared public asset.



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