

# STORYTELLING

*The project challenges traditional, anthropocentric urban models and proposes a paradigm shift in city planning towards regenerative, interspecies cities. The goal is to transform cities into living, symbiotic ecosystems where all beings—both human and non-human—have their place and voice. Interspecies collaboration becoming not just a responsibility and care, but a necessity to ensure survival in the face of climate crisis and advanced environmental degradation.*

In the face of the climate crisis, crossed planetary boundaries, biodiversity loss, and fragmented ecosystems, we no longer ask why to collaborate with non-humans—but how. How do we relearn to listen, understand, and co-create? How do we restore our capacity for coexistence?

It's time to move beyond old dualisms, reconnect natureculture, and abandon the human role as destroyer or savior. We are part of a planetary web of life—entangled, co-existing, co-shaping, co-surviving. Everything is relational, fluid, and shared.

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Cities grow greener—yet life keeps fading. Urban design still prioritizes human needs, reducing nature to a tool or resource. Ecological corridors are narrow and horizontal, rarely reflecting the layered spaces where life thrives. And yet, biodiversity keeps shrinking, even as the greenery expands. To build resilient urban ecosystems, and truly support biodiversity, we must design beyond just greening—recognizing the full, multidimensional relationships that sustain urban life.

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What if we invite *Physarum polycephalum* into planning process? A slime mold known for its ability to find the most efficient connections. What If framework of ecological corridors co-created with this organism can reveal better connections between urban habitats? Opening up space for regenerative, interspecies infrastructure.

My collaboration with slime mold started slowly—with observation, with care, with time. I began to understand and learn. Then the design process moved: from control toward relationship—from designing for or with nature to designing as nature.

Regenerative cities won't emerge from aesthetics or metrics—but from shared attention. From symbiotic entanglement. From interbeing.

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Imagine a future beyond the Anthropocene. A interspecies cities, where nature is no longer tool, but a main actor in city planning. Where habitats are no longer isolated, but interconnected living territories. We move past old dualisms, embracing shared belonging and responsibility. Collaboration with slime mold inspired new urban models—adaptive, decentralized, and non-hierarchical. Urban infrastructure is no longer seen only as technical networks—but includes flows of life and interspecies relationships. Ecological corridors become key city infrastructure, supporting multi-layered habitats. What began as an experiment is now core urban policy: and cities regenerate more than they consume.

***Poly:eutopia is not a utopia. It is a practice of new design: empathetic, interdependent, post-human. The future of cities will not be green. It will be interspecies. And it begins with poly:***