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Inter- and transdisciplinary approach to revitalizing former small industrial cities in Armenia to enhance their transformative potential towards sustainability | ReCITY

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ReCITY – Inter- and Transdisciplinary Approach to Revitalizing Former Small Industrial Cities in Armenia – aims to support sustainable urban development in Armenia's post-Soviet small industrial towns. Led by the Territorial Studies and Development Lab at Yerevan State University, in partnership with the University of Vienna and Journalists for Urban Development NGO, the project focuses on three pilot cities: Charentsavan, Stepanavan, and Sisian. These cities face unique post-industrial challenges but also hold transformative potential for inclusive, eco-socially balanced futures.

ReCITY applies a three-phase structure:

- data generation through archival analysis, expert and biographical interviews
- policy and spatial analysis using interdisciplinary tools
- co-creation of sustainability pathways via participatory formats, including a Summer School and stakeholder workshops.

Emphasizing gender inclusion and local participation, ReCITY also contributes to graduate education at Yerevan State University by integrating findings into two new MA programs.

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