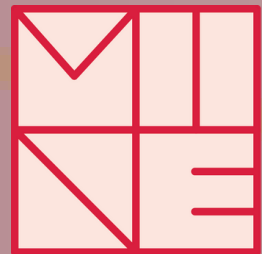




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# MOTHERS For PEACE & ECOLOGY

A project to facilitate support  
and mutual learning between  
mother center networks and  
initiatives in the Danube region

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But what is a  
**Mother Center?**

# MOTHER CENTERS

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spaces  
for...

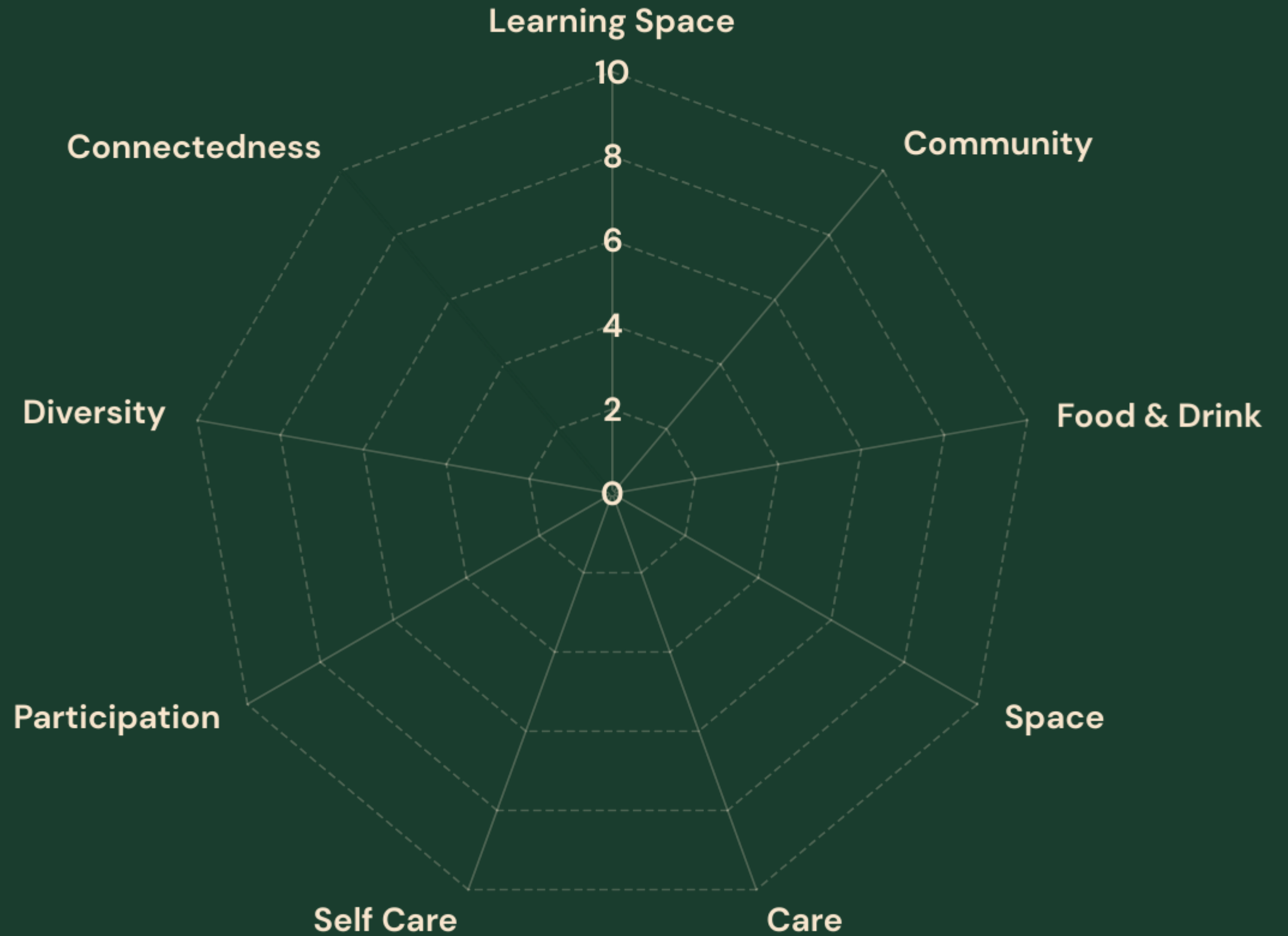
**public living rooms:**  
mothers and families  
pursuing individual needs  
meet in a space designed  
to facilitate low-  
threshold engagement

**grassroots civic  
engagement:**  
intergenerational  
groups organize and  
advocate for  
community needs

**co-created self-  
help support  
networks:** mothers  
and families  
identify shared needs  
and resources and  
take ownership of the  
learning process

# MOTHER CENTERS

**collective  
assessment  
& evaluation**



# SUPPORT THE SUPPORTERS

## 2022–2023



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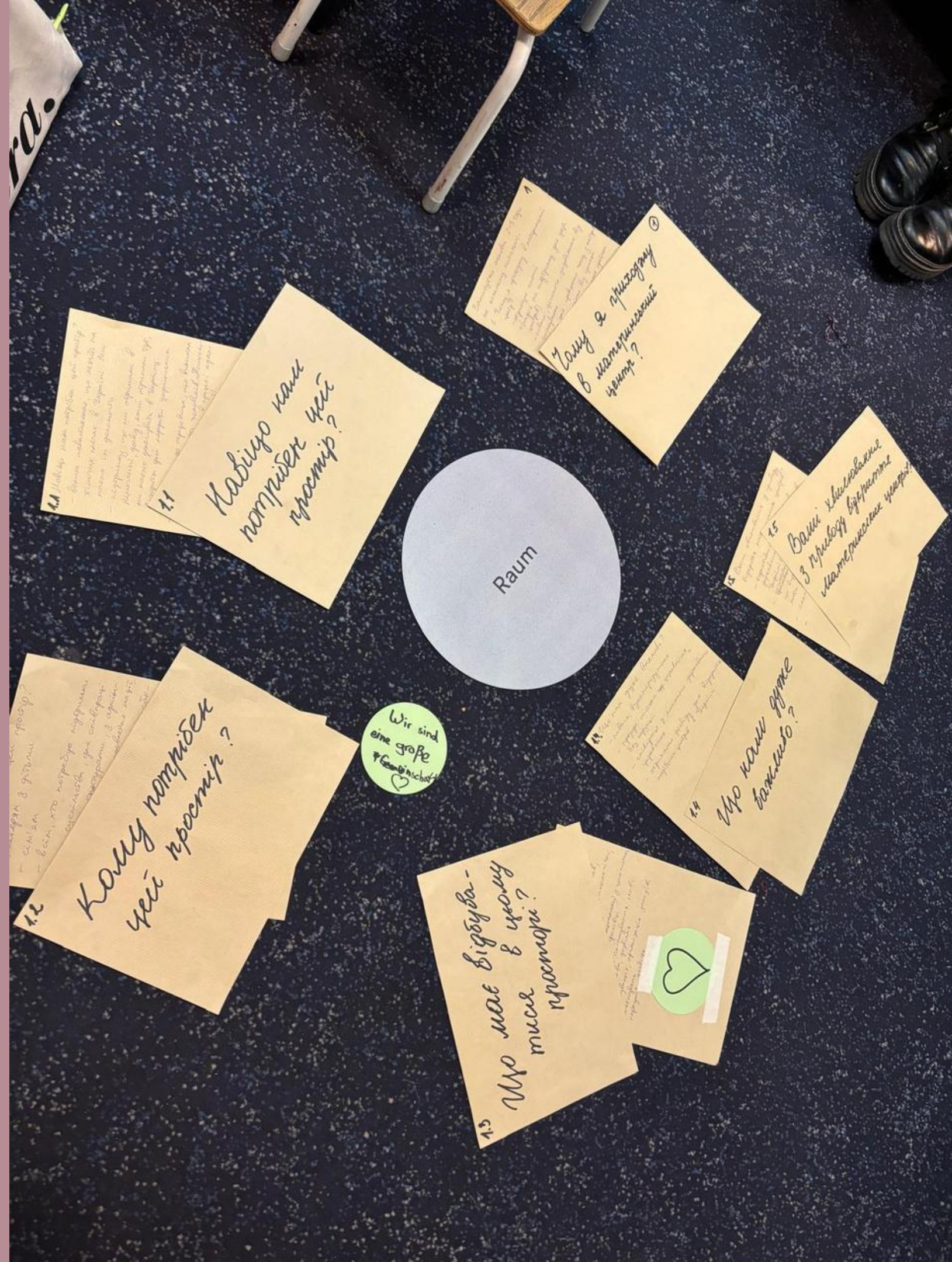


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Using existing Mother Center infrastructure to meet the emerging Ukrainian refugee crisis in countries bordering Ukraine and Baden-Württemberg.





# MOTHERS fo PEACE & ECOLOGY 2024-2026

**Strengthening Mother Center infrastructure  
to face and prevent the crises of tomorrow.**



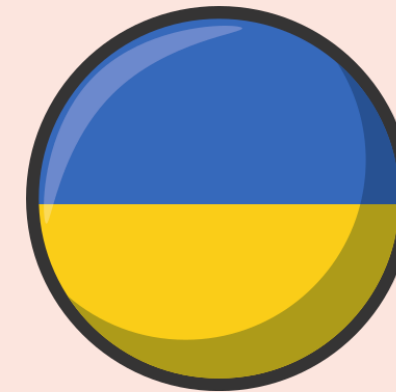
**Focusing on trauma-sensitive action, MfP&E is based on three pillars:**



**DIALOGUE &  
MUTUAL  
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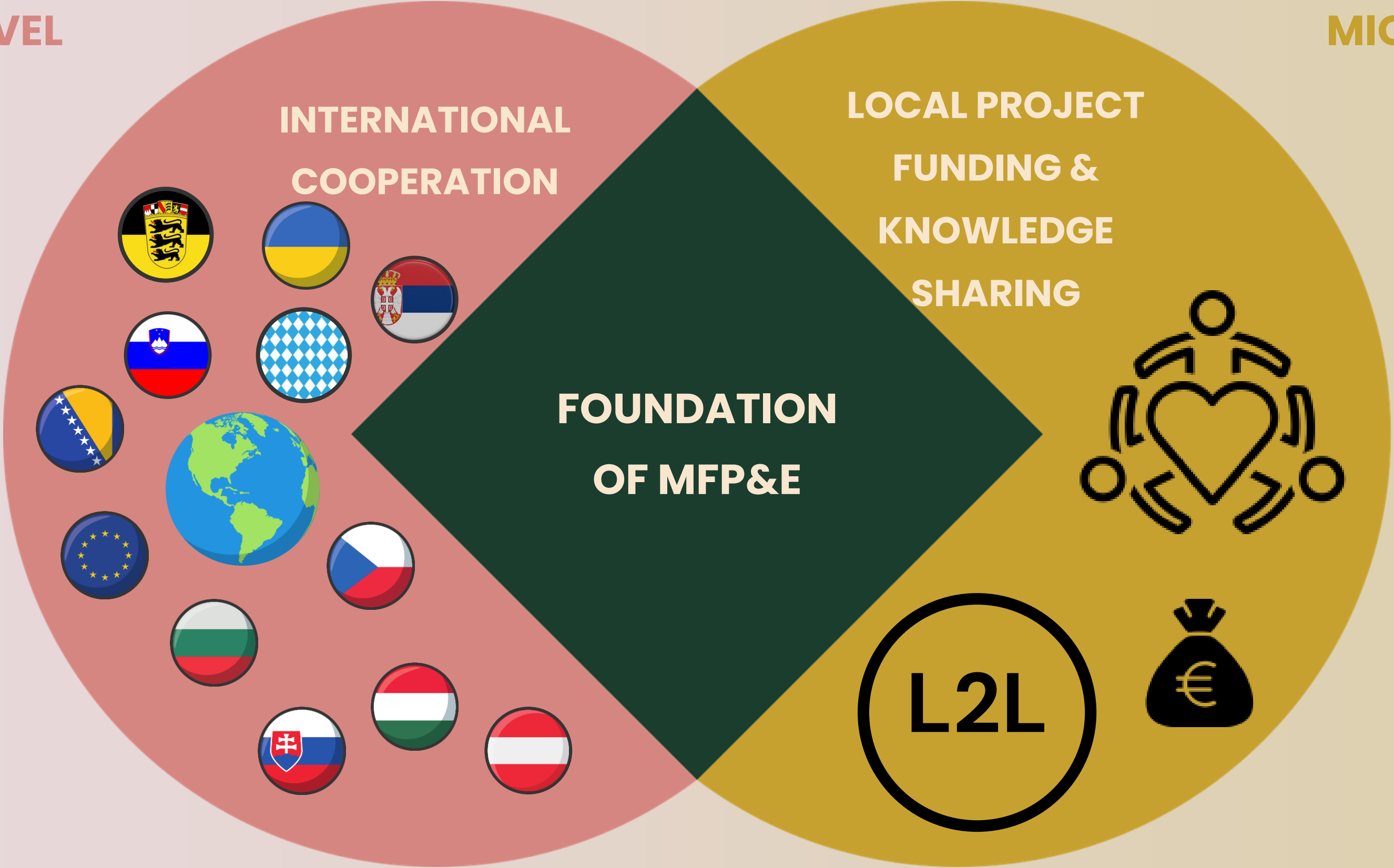
**CAPACITY  
BUILDING**



**ESTABLISHING  
MOTHER  
CENTERS**

MACRO LEVEL

MICRO LEVEL







Joint Learning & Co-Creating in

# GERMANY & UKRAINE

Stuttgart · Munich · Kyjiw · Volotchysk · Chmelnyzkyj



“Most of my family now lives in Germany. I have decided differently and want to support my country as much as I can. I want my children to learn things like honesty, justice, patriotism, volunteerism and charity. I dream that my children will be able to speak languages well, travel freely and work in any country, but will always return to their peaceful and best Ukraine.”

**–Olena Makarevich,**  
co-founder of the Victoria IDP Affairs Council



Nurturing Democracy in

**SLOVAKI**

Martin

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The UMC Network in  
Slovakia demonstrates  
innovative ways of  
collaborating with local  
government and other  
NGOs to meet  
community needs:







## Fostering Dialogue in **HUNGAR**

Janoshida  
Hajdúszoboszló

**“There is a growing need among municipalities and local mothers to cooperate and work out low threshold, care and community related solutions, in order to manage life in rural communities. We see a lot of good intention and opportunity here for the current times. The modernization of the MC scope and this new kind of cooperation with local municipalities is for us in Hungary the way forward.”**

**–Kinga Milankovics, co-founder of the Hekate Conscious Ageing Foundation and Hungarian mother centers**



# Cultivating Peace in **BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA**

## Zavidovici

"The siege of Sarajevo lasted almost 4 years and was the longest siege of a city in the modern history of warfare [...]. After peace was established, it was women who were the first to accept returnee families and contributed to the rebuilding of broken bonds in society.

**–Senada Dzankic**, founder of the first mother center in Zavidovici and co-founder of mother centers for Roma





# DIJALOG U DIALOGUE POKRETU MOBILE

## Building Self-Sufficiency in the Mother Centers of UG Centar za majke "Plamen"



Those of us from the mother center network in Bosnia and Herzegovina  
are on our way to the EUSDR 14th Annual Forum in Sarajevo 2025! We  
look forward to taking what we learn back to our local communities



# CHALLENGES and RECOMMENDATIONS

## What We are Facing

- Aging population
- Youth Deserts
- Shrinking middle class
- Mental health crisis
- Climate change
- Care crisis
- Growing democratic deficit
- Loss of trust in gov. institutions
- Russian war against Ukraine

## Local Action

- Community-based social infrastructure development.
- Development of local Mother Centers and enable them to organize care for vulnerable members of the community.

## Macro Action

Network development, including national and regional cooperation, sharing of best practices, and training organized by participating local initiatives and municipalities.





**We deeply experienced in our mother center movement that resilient communities are vital when existing political systems are falling apart – especially at a local and regional level. Organized around our common intention, we maintain our ability to act in community. We can therefore create islands of clarity in the midst of chaos. However, they only develop their transformative effect when they are networked and aligned together.**

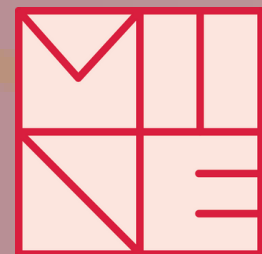
# **WHAT WOULD SUPPORT FROM THE EUSDR P10 LOOK LIKE?**

- **MORE COUNTRIES WHO ARE PART OF THE EUSDR WHICH SUPPORT A NEW KIND OF CARING APPROACH, THAT OVERCOMES SOCIAL DISENGAGEMENT.**
- **BUILDING “CARING COMMUNITIES”, STRENGTHENING THEM, AND MAKING THEM AS STRONG AS POSSIBLE.**
- **SUPPORTING IMPLEMENTATION OF STRONG, SUSTAINABLE NETWORKS ACROSS BORDERS**



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