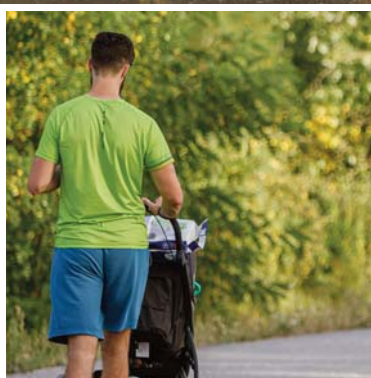


# ROHAN AND LIBEŇ ISLAND CONCEPT

Summary of public  
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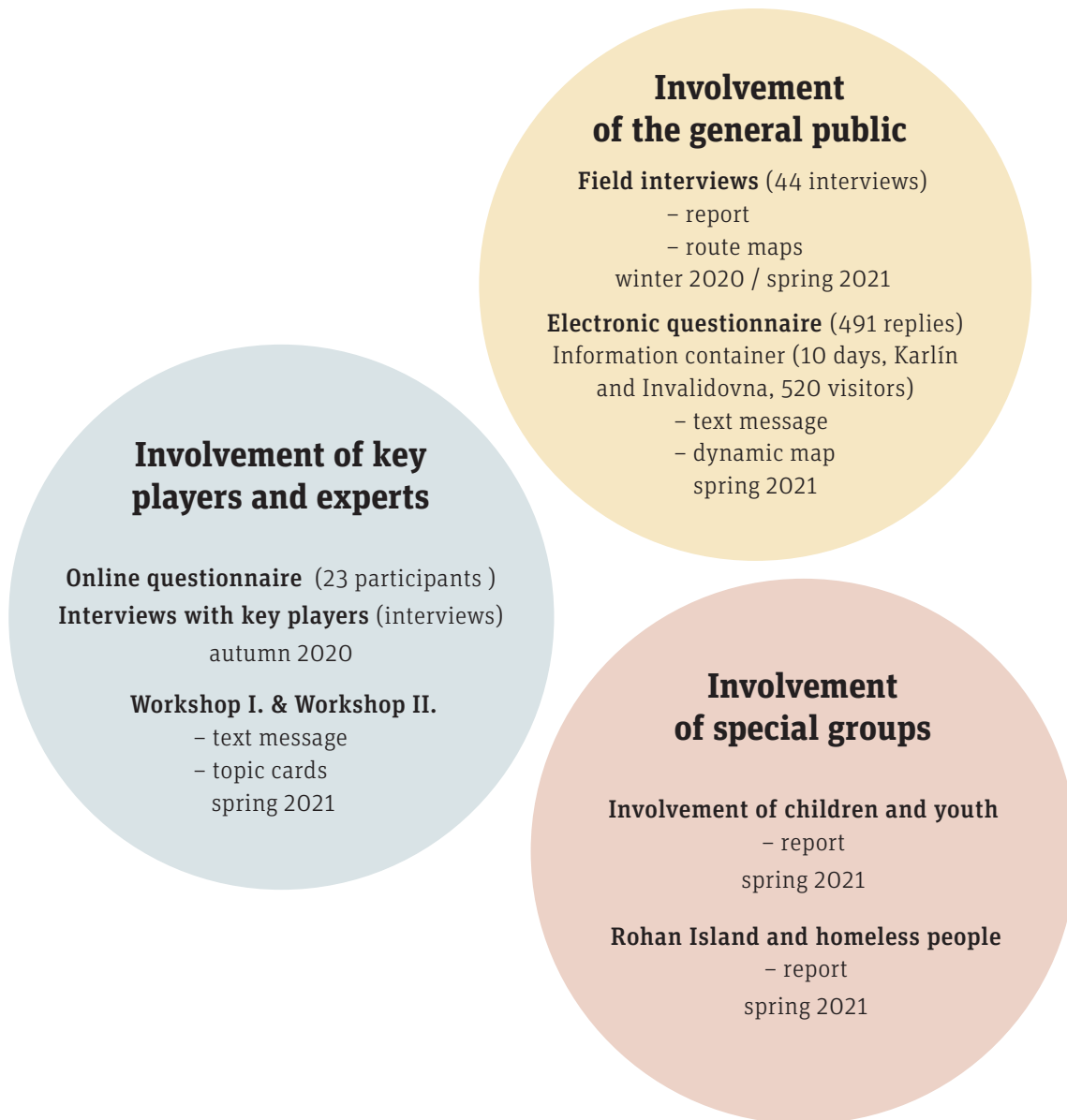
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## Activities

The various participatory activities involved in preparing the Rohan and Libeň Island Concept can be divided into three areas, depending on the type of target group engaged. The largest group was the **general public**. Greater care and a deeper level of involvement was provided to local **key actors**. A special focus was then placed on two topics and groups that are usually given little to no voice during similar activities – i.e. children and youth and the homeless.



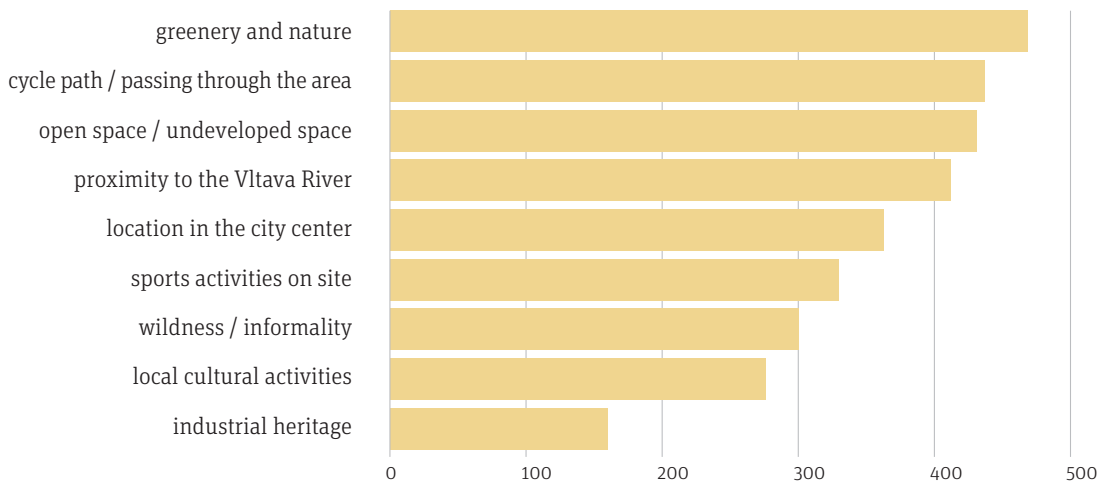
The participatory process also had other objectives apart from data collection. Here this meant a public information campaign, building a closer relationship to the location, topic and community in question. Activities included further events in which the project tried to involve the public from the surrounding area and Prague in general.

- Project presentation at CAMP (December 2020)
- Rohan Island Exhibition (April to October 2021)
- Orienteering on Rohan and Libeň islands
- Guided walks and other themed events

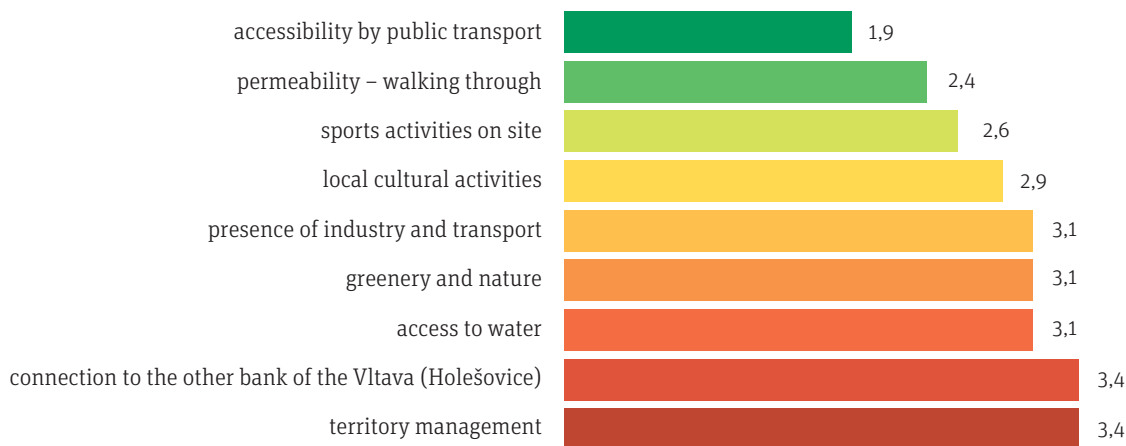
## Territory features

Most people view the area of the Rohan and Libeň Island as a place **bursting with greenery and nature**. This perception also overrides the actual **proximity** of the Vltava **River** itself, which may be because access to the water is currently very poor (high banks, vegetation). A significant feature of the area is the cycle path, which significantly determines the perception of a large part of the territory. The vast majority of visitors to the area view it from the cycle path and do not venture into the surrounding terrain. “I also see it more as a trail and its surroundings than anything else.” The area is heavily used for daily trips (walks as well as commuting to work or school) and few paths end in the area. These are directed towards activities such as clubs, culture or gardening. People’s perception of history (i.e. mainly **industrial heritage**) is an interesting issue – their **views are not uniform**. People most often see this as a neutral feature, but there are sizable groups of “enthusiasts” and “opponents”. To some extent, this may also reflect personal preference (should it remain or to be abandoned). **Wildness and informality** are evaluated similarly. Again, this is more of a mid-range evaluation.

### Main characteristics of the area [electronic questionnaire, spring 2021, 491 responses]



## Territory evaluation

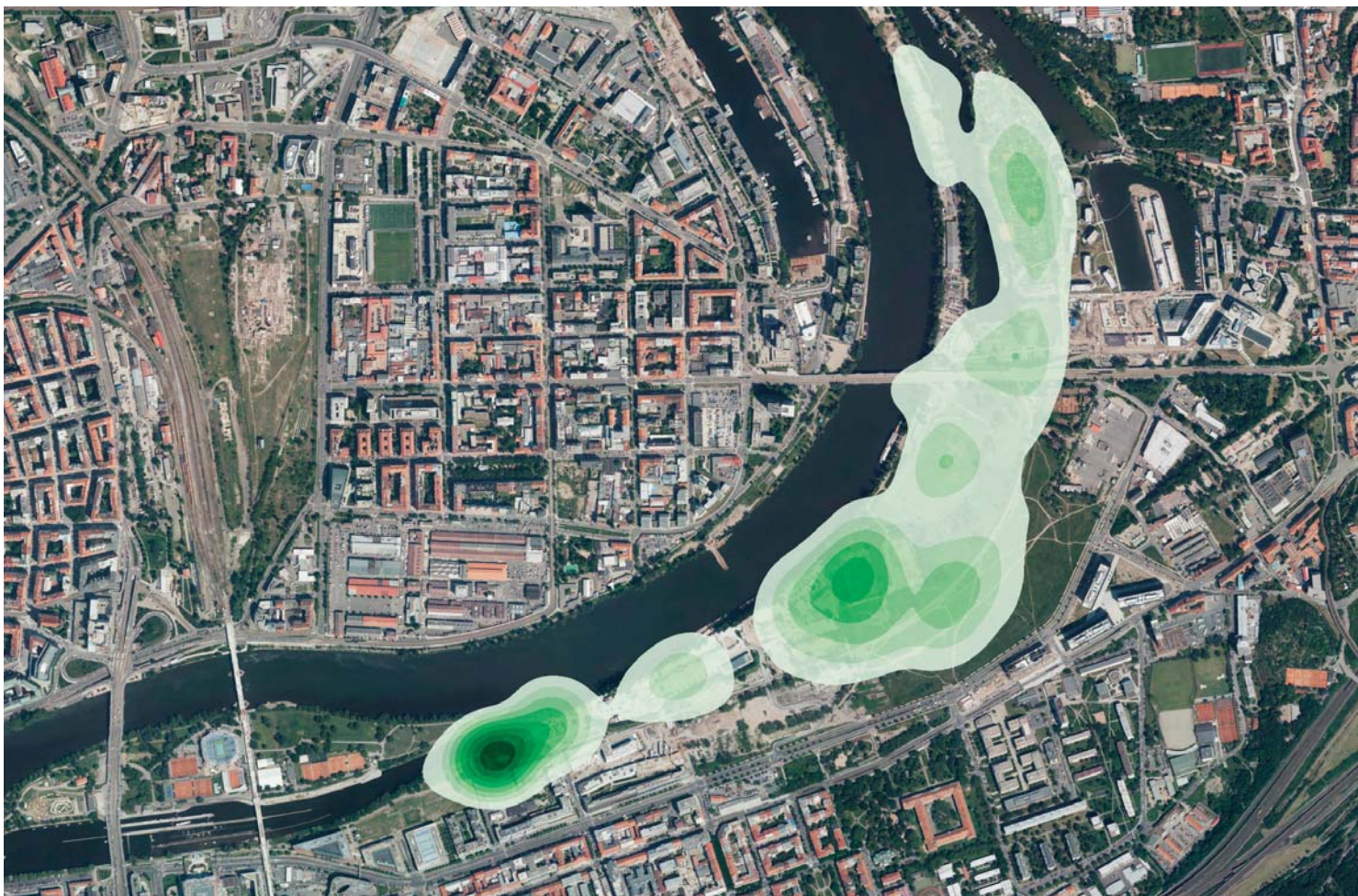


The table shows the results of the current evaluation of different features of the area (results of an electronic questionnaire where 491 respondents answered). The results are poor, especially concerning the **administration of the area** (including greenery), **access to the water** and the lacking or **insufficient connection** to the other bank of the Vltava. On the other hand, people value the **presence of the cycle path**, the current **sports** opportunities and, above all, **good transport accessibility**.

In addition to the primary features people see in the area, the questionnaire data also allow us to display a **quantitative representation** in the form of a heatmap. This shows the concentration of different suggestions in specific locations. The higher the number, the darker the color is on the map.

## Locations perceived positively

On the value map, the area of Přístav 18600 shines the strongest. This reflects the fact it is a well-known, long-established venue that people appreciate for its **cultural** contributions, the seating, refreshments and informal setting. The area between the concrete plant and the golf course really stands out on the map. This is in some sense the hidden heart of Rohan Island and where the greatest potential for change can be found. People here appreciate the copious **greenery** and a certain form of **wildness**. This place is also associated with a perception of **freedom** and open space, something appreciated by a large number of respondents. The third significant focal point is the area of Libeň Island – this mostly gets a positive evaluation due to its **atmosphere**, traditional function and wide range of **activities for children and youth** as well as local residents (the U Budyho pub).

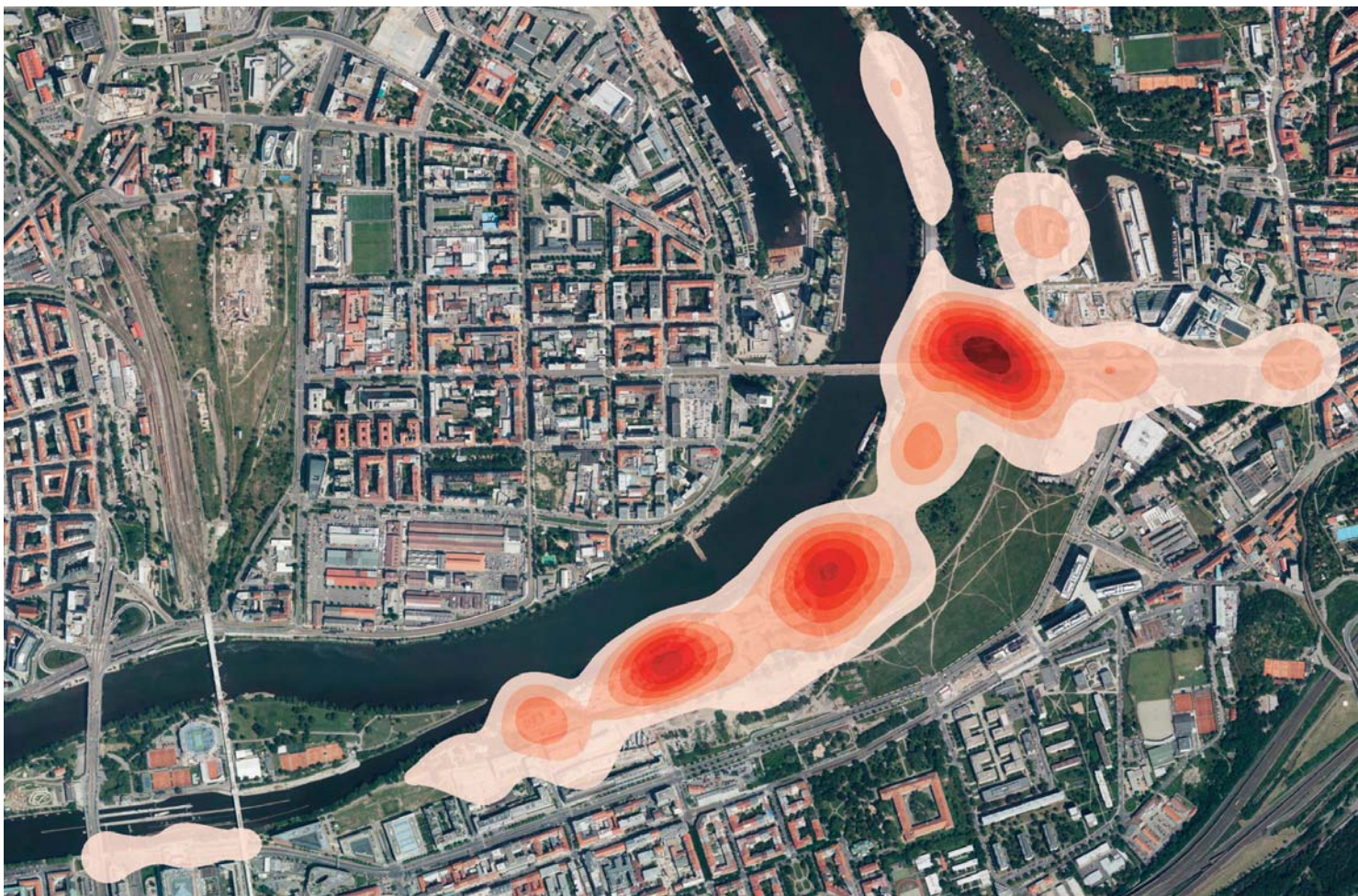


Locations perceived positively

## Locations perceived negatively

The problem map most clearly reflects themes of **inadequate functionality** and missing or **poor maintenance**. The area north of the Libeň Bridge stands out most on the map. Here there is a mess of unwelcoming **used car dealerships**, inadequate traffic solutions (intersections with the cycle path, **freight traffic**), difficulties with maintenance (**the state of the Libeň Bridge**). The second area viewed poorly is the so-called wilderness or urban steppe. The biggest problems here are **over-growth, impermeability, litter** and the presence of **homeless people**. The **concrete plant**, which is associated with **dust, noise** and freight traffic, arouses very negative emotions. However, the disagreement runs much deeper here – people simply don't like having such a facility in the city center, near residential housing or recreational areas.

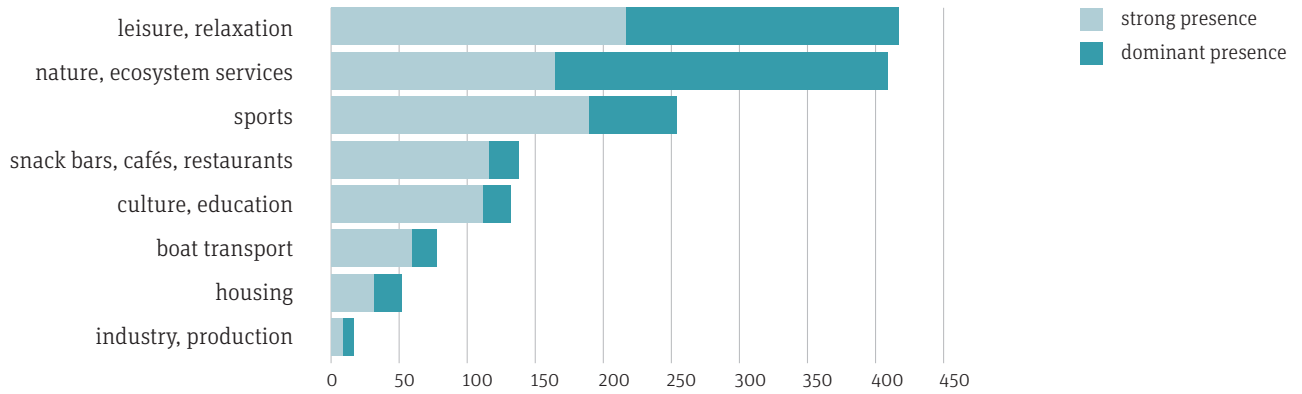
Future outlook



Locations perceived negatively

## Future outlook

### Future outlook – strong representation



According to respondents from the public, the area’s **primary purpose** in the future should be **recreation**, while also significantly fulfilling **ecosystem needs**. Another highly popular use is for **sports**. In contrast, content such as culture, hospitality or boat transport achieved high numbers at both ends of the scale (i.e. strong pros and cons). These should therefore be present in the area, but in a balanced way. These functions should also be treated with caution, as there are concerns about possible congestion (e.g. the marginal criticisms of Příklad 18600).










## Involvement of key players

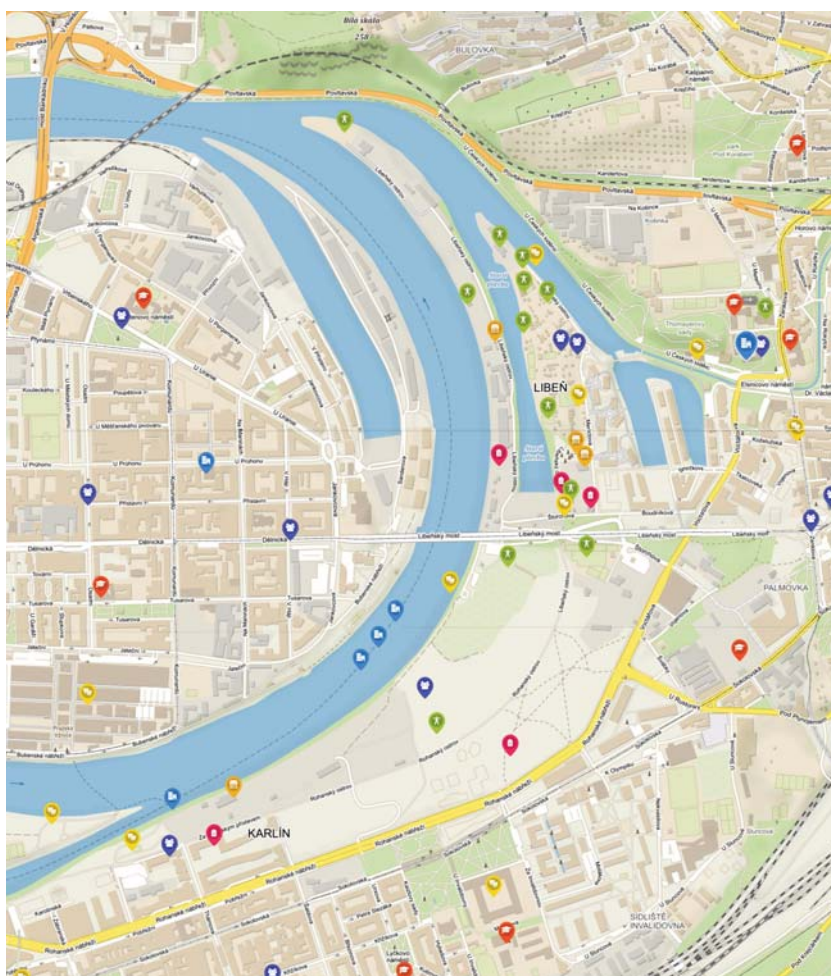
### Finding a vision for development of the territory

more: O3: Involvement of Key Players of the Rohan and Libeň Island

Dozens of individuals and entities are already active in the area and have a significant influence on its development. These players were invited to contribute to the Rohan and Libeň Concept through a series of activities such as **informal interviews (33 interviews were conducted) and an online questionnaire (23 participants)**. The output of these research activities is a **map of key players with 68 entries** (available here: [www.mapotic.com/rohansky-ostrov-mapa-klicovch-hracu](http://www.mapotic.com/rohansky-ostrov-mapa-klicovch-hracu)). This was followed by two thematic workshops held in an online environment during the spring of 2021. The output of these workshops is a set of **18 thematic areas with proposed objectives**.

<sup>2</sup> These activities were carried out before the subject preparing this report became involved (Atelier for Public Debate).

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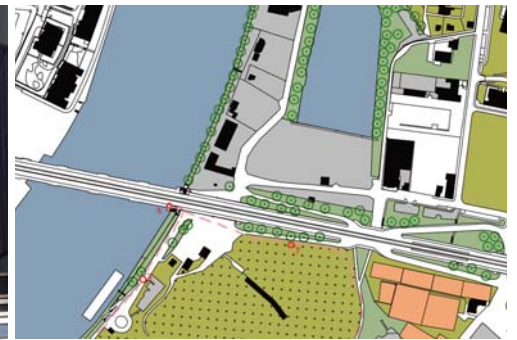


## Involvement of Children

more: 05 Rohan Island through the eyes of children and students

Our research among children and youth has uncovered a number of interesting facts that should be taken into account. We managed to involve **32 children** (ages 6–13) and **115 students** (ages 14–17). There are a variety of popular activities for children under 13. **Most often, they look for places to relax, play sports, where trees grow and they can play with the water.** Children are attracted by adventurous expeditions to mysterious places and tree climbing. Three-quarters of the children surveyed go outdoors on foot and about the same number said they would like to swim in the river.

Surprisingly, most of the high school students whose schools are within walking distance were **not familiar with the area and do not visit it.** This age group is mostly looking for places where they can relax undisturbed (“just hanging out” with friends), have the opportunity to buy refreshments and to perform a variety of activities (**more sports, less culture**), but mostly **in their own, unorganized way.** They see the future Rohan and Libeň islands as an open and available space, green and shady, with access to the river, no roads, landfills, fences, barriers or industrial properties, with opportunities to sit, get refreshments, hang out and play sports.



## Homeless people

more: 06 Rohan Island Territory and homeless people

In the area and its immediate surroundings there are large numbers of homeless people who stay in the locality for short and long periods. This is due to some extent to **the absence of more comprehensive governance** (and associated control), but also the **presence of relevant resources** in the area such as proximity to the **river**, good **accessibility** to the city center, relative quiet for sleeping, the possibility to build a fire, etc. This location largely attracts **homeless people** who, for various reasons, prefer sleeping outdoors over other options (shelters, hostels, etc.). The issue of homelessness in this location resonates strongly among the public. Fears and **unpleasant feelings** prevail over actual problems or bad experiences. Even in terms of police checks, there are very few conflicts in the area, with police visiting mostly as part of their patrols and inspections. People dislike the **litter** in the area, which they associate with the homeless.





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