Convertible Studio









Yes, my Zebra is also a fully equipped ½-bedroom apartment. My living room can easily be converted into a comfortable sleeping room (I have to mention that I am 196 cm / 77 in tall). It is very easy and doesn't cost a lot.

So, after I had sacrificed the right rear bench for my kitchen two pads became redundant. In the beginning, I kept them in my basement; you never know. And behold, finally I had an idea how to use them. I used the backrest cushion to widen the left rear seating bench so that it coud be used as an acceptable lying area. I strengthened the bottom with some ply wood and attached on each long side an L-shaped metal profile to fix it and to keep it from moving away. The only part that was then sill missing was the front end (legs). But this turned out to be of only little problem. I tilt the driver seet to the front and filled the gap between seat and bench with a (self made) pad (also strengthened with ply wood at the bottom). The room below the pad is filled with boxes that bear it. Finito. In a few minutes. I have converted my living room to a sleeping room. That is comfort. It is dry, protected from moisture and rain, warm (if the auxiliary heating is switched on) and without mosquitos if you close the windows and doors early. During lonely evenings/nights I can listen to the radio, watch TV or switch on my little reading lamp. In addition, shoes, socks, clothes etc remain dry as well. And should it become bitterly cold, I take my electric blanket or swith on my auxiliary heating for a few minutes). The only disadvantage is that I am not able anymore to cook inside my Zebra as the widened bench occupies some of my cooker's space. But you cannot get away with everything in live.

Remains the fixing of the pad on the side if not applied. I used mainly the already installed equipment to fix it. In addition I attached a latch between the windows with some glue to stailize it. But I am sure, you will have your own ideas for this.