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News from CESBA Neighborhood Award 2019

On March 27th six international jury members met in Marseille to verify and select the winners of the CESBA Neighborhood Award. 23 submissions from 7 different European countries applied for the Award. Out of 3 different categories:

- New developments (3 submitted projects)
- Existing retrofitted areas (14 submitted projects)
- Areas under a planned or project phase retrofitting (6 submitted projects)

4 winners and 3 honorable mentioned projects were assigned. The laureates will be officially announced at the SBE Scilla Conference on May 17th 2019.

The international jury was composed by Jozo Radoš (Member of the European Parliament), Josep Casas (Ministry of Territory and Sustainability of the Government of Catalonia), Julije Domac (President of Fedarene), René Lohe (Board member of CESBA Association), Braganca Luis (President of iiSBE international) and Gabrielle Raynal (DOMENE SCOP).

Within the Award booklet and in international exhibitions lasting from May till October 2019 all projects will

be presented to public. Further, the awarded projects receive a dedicated time slot for presentation during the World Sustainability Built Environment (SBE) Conference in Gothenburg in June 2020. Find more information on the Award timeline and events here.



News from iiSBE Italy R&D

On April 8th and 9th the CESBA MED project participated to "The Day of Cities" event organized by UNECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe) in Geneva. The event brought together mayors, urban managers and other key municipal practitioners for exchange of good practices and successful planning strategies. iiSBE Italia R&D participated in the two days exhibition to disseminate the CESBA MED results to the participating cities. Mayors and Deputy Mayors discussed approaches on how to create smart sustainable cities. City of Turin presented CESBA MED results describing how KPIs can help local public administrations to achieve a sustainable urban development.

The CESBA MED tools, in particular the CESBA Passport for Neighbourhoods, aroused great interest and gathered a large consensus.

News from University of Malta

Infoday at the BICC

An Infoday was organised on January 18th 2018 at the BICC (Building Industry and Consultative Council) in Valletta. The info day was under the coordination of project leader Dr. Ruben Paul Borg. The aims were to discuss the project's main outcomes with local target groups, local authorities and professionals.

The workshop was divided into five parts:

- 1. Introduction of project, aims, objectives and methodology
- 2. CESBA Toolkit- How to use the tool
- 3. Case studies of other partners
- 4. Case Study Urban Scale- UM (University of Malta)
- 5. Case Study Building Scale- ICT Faculty

The results were discussed; questions and discussions were held after the presentation of the results. Using this method, new ideas and constructive criticism could be generated by the participants.



News from Envirobat BDM

The CESBA MED Seminar and Training workshop "Towards sustainable buildings – sharing feedback" on March 28th in Marseille was a real success. CESBA MED partners invited European stakeholders in Marseille to a set of 14 buildings projects presentations, for which the design, work and operation have been improved thanks to assessment approaches. Transdisciplinary teams presented their projects and discussed related issues and feedbacks with a peer panel and the public in a transparent and open dialogue to share one common good: knowledge.

This participative approach of sharing feedback used is inspired by participatory guarantee systems (PGS) a process implemented by the partner EnvirobatBDM in its own certification.

Training course at Dolmen Hotel

For the first course targeted to decision makers and political people the following modules were chosen:

- Module 1: The CESBA MED Generic Framework concept and the multi-criteria assessment methodology
- Module 3: Case studies analysis (integration of building and urban scales): focus on decision making

The University of Malta was chosen as the urban case study whilst the ICT building was chosen for the building case study.

For the second course targeted to professionals the following modules were chosen:

- Module 4: The assessment criteria of the contextualized CESBA MED SBTool – Building Scale
- Module 5: Use of the contextualized CESBA MED SBTool – Building Scale
- Module 7: The assessment criteria of the



News from Municipality of Udine

contextualized CESBA MED SNTool – Urban Scale

• Module 8: Use of the contextualized CESBA MED SNTool – Urban Scale

During these modules, the locally selected criteria and the workings of the KPIs (Key Performance Indicators) were presented. For each indicator the intent, unit of measure, information sources and the assessment method / calculation was explained.



CESBA objective indicators vs Citizens' Perceptions: Comparison results from Udine

In order to add value to the achievements and deepen the analysis of the results coming from the CESBA MED project, City of Udine carried out a survey on the perception of livability and urban quality in its own project's case study, the Aurora neighborhood. The survey results are currently leading the municipal decision makers towards the definition of micro actions in order to enable citizens to perceive and appreciate the contribution to sustainability through the interventions implemented in the neighborhood.

Moreover the cross-analysis of objective data from the calculation of CESBA criteria and subjective data from citizens' perceptions provides an additional tool aiming to better map complex sustainability scenarios, improve the application of CESBA assessment protocol and complete the participatory approach in defining sustainability priorities in the urban planning.

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CESBA SNtool in the training agenda of the Order of Architects and Engineers of Pordenone (Italy)

On March 25th the Order of Architects (O.A.P.P.C.) and the Order of Engineers (O.I.) in collaboration with Co Energie Condivise organized a meeting on sustainability issues entitled "Sustainability rating in construction and urban planning: sustainable buildings in sustainable neighborhoods", where the Municipality of Udine was invited to present the results of CESBA MED project and in particular the SNtool and its application areas.

A qualified public of 40 professionals was able to learn about the new tool to help political decision makers who are preparing to define urban redevelopment plans.

