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**CESBA - A movement towards a harmonization of sustainable built environment assessments throughout Europe!**



### **CESBA Neighborhood Award 2019**



Representatives of the project [CESBA MED](#) honoured the winners of the 1st CESBA Neighborhood Award 2019 during the [SBE 2019](#) (Sustainable Built Environment Conference) in Scilla, Italy on May 16th 2019.

The neighborhood award was a competitive challenge for urban areas in certain categories and for certain criteria's. We thank all participating projects for taking part in the 1st CESBA Neighborhood Award 2019 and for their extensive submissions. 23 submissions from 7 different European countries applied for the Award. Out of 3 different categories finally 4 winners and 3 honorable mentioned projects were assigned:

#### **Category AREAS UNDER A PLANNED OR PROJECT PHASE RETROFITTING:**

- Winners: El Cabanyal (València, Spain) and Center of Schnifis (Vorarlberg, Austria)
- Honorable Mention: Macrolotto Zero (Toscana, Italy)

#### **Category EXISTING RETROFITTED AREA:**

- Winner: Strubergasse (Salzburg, Austria)
- Honorable Mention: Centre Križevci (Križevci, Croatia)

#### **Category NEW DEVELOPMENT:**

- Winner: Zac Castellane (Auvergne Rhône-Alpes, France)

- Honorable Mention: Sonod in Belley (Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, France)

Each participant received a respective certificate and award booklets. In ongoing regional and local exhibitions from May – October 2019 the Award participating projects are shown to public ([posters available here](#)). A dedicated time slot for presentation during the World Sustainability Built Environment (SBE) Conference in Gotenburg in June 2020 is a further benefit to the participating projects. [Download award information here](#).

## News from Partner CESBA Association



### The municipality of Schnifis in Vorarlberg, Austria wins an international competition - the 1st CESBA Neighborhood Award for good neighborhood development

On July 5th 2019 during a press conference in Bregenz with Karlheinz Rüdiger (prime minister of the state of Vorarlberg), Luis Bragança (president iSBE international), Willy Kuchler (CESBA president) and Anton Mähr (mayor of the municipality of Schnifis) the municipality of Schnifis was honoured as winner of the CESBA Neighborhood Award 2019 in the category “Areas under a planned or project phase retrofitting”. The prime minister of Vorarlberg congratulated to this prize: *“The municipality of Schnifis has shown that intensive citizen participation over many years leads to coherent results. At the same time, the spatial and sustainability goals of the state of Vorarlberg are being met.”*

## News from Partner Envirobat BDM

### CESBA MED presented at the Union for the Mediterranean

EnvirobatBDM presented the CESBA MED outcomes and practical tools for local authorities at the Union for Mediterranean (UfM) meeting in Barcelona June 27th and June 28th 2019.

About 20 representatives of Mediterranean countries participated in the meeting to draft the UfM Action Plan on Urban Development for 2021-2027 on sustainability, energy efficiency, climate change adaptation and resilience in housing.

For two days representatives and professionals exchanged to identify potential projects ideas, twinning, financial strategy and capacity building needs. Presentation on assessment tools and CESBA MED were welcomed by participants as

## News from EUSEW 2019 in Brussels



### Shaping Europe's Energy Future

The project CESBA MED participated at the [EU Sustainable Energy Week](#) (EUSEW 2019) from June 17th until June 21st 2019 and within the Networking Village on June 18th.

The key principles of the PGS (participatory guarantee system) and its impact on society were shown. The PGS approach met the overall topic of the EUSEW 2019 “A clean planet for all”.

The CESBA quiz and a dart game with questions regarding the CESBA approach and ideas on horizontal harmonization & vertical integration of energy performance of the built environment in Europe as well as assessment of the built environment on different scales (territorial and neighbourhood scale) were presented.



CESBA MED partners invited European stakeholders in Marseille to a set of 14 presentations on buildings projects, for which the design, work and operation has 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



relevant supportive tools.

### **Toward sustainable buildings – sharing feedback**

The CESBA MED seminar and training workshop on March 28th 2019 was a real success.

### **News from Municipality of Udine**

#### **CESBA MED contributes to the debate on measuring sustainability**

On June 25th 2019 the ITACA workgroup “Urban scale protocol” in coordination with iiSBE Italia met in Rome where the municipality of Udine took part.

**ITACA** - Institute for Innovation and Transparency of Procurement and Environmental Compatibility - is a technical institution of the Italian Regions for the coordination among the Regions and between Regions and state's authorities, engaged for years in the definition of an environmental energy certification protocol, that has been focused at first on the building scale and then oriented on the urban scale.

The ITACA protocol for the assessment of environmental sustainability on the urban scale is about to become UNI "practice", meaning that it is going to be adopted by the Italian National Unification Entity as a normative document. Currently the protocol, just like the CESBA MED SN-tool, is structured on a series of indicators. Yet the part related to benchmarks and weights to be able to pass from the value of the indicators to a score is missing.

In particular, the work group focused its attention on the definition of benchmarks and weights and on the tool application in Public Administration policies to foster sustainability.

Moreover the municipality of Udine contributed to the debate on measuring sustainability during the **Biennale of Public Space**, May 31st in Rome, dedicated to public green spaces, sustainable mobility and public art. Furthermore the municipality of Udine participated in an international workshop “Local Action Plan, Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan and Sustainable Mobility Urban Plan” on June 13th.

feedback used, is inspired by participatory guarantee systems (PGS) a process implemented by the partner envirobatBDM in its own certification.

An introductory plenary session was the occasion to present the CESBA Med project, the Interreg Med programme and make a focus on European study on participatory guarantee systems led by CESBA association partners.

### **News from Government of Catalonia**



#### **GENCAT presents CESBA MED results at Barcelona Building Construmat Fair**

The Government of Catalonia presented CESBA MED results in the Barcelona Building Construmat Fair on May 16th 2019. The event took place in the stand of the Department of Territory and Sustainability.

Sílvia Mata, engineer and technician of the European Programmes Unit, conducted the presentation. She highlighted the tools developed by CESBA and how they can support the cities towards building a more sustainable environment. The audience was mainly composed by architects, University professors, engineers, and managers from companies related to sustainable energies.

Barcelona Building Construmat is an international Fair that takes place every second year. With a main focus on sustainable development and innovative solutions, it's a reference in the international scene, being the only fair in the world to allocate more than 2000m<sup>2</sup> to innovation, new materials and processes that will influence the industry and the ways we build.

### **News from National Observatory of Athens (NOA)**



### Co-Creation Lab in Athens, Greece

NOA organized the Hellenic Co- Creation Lab on June 4th 2019 in Athens, Greece. The event was very well attended including Mr Vafeiadis (Deputy Rector of Vrilissia), Mr Le Tellier (UN Environment), representatives from other organizations (CRES, CISED) the technical departments of the Municipality of Athens, engineers, architects and other professionals. The program included an overview of the CESBA MED method and main deliverables, a demonstration of the tools and short presentations on a variety of topics on the general theme of urban sustainability to trigger dialogue and engage participants. The discussions explored the challenges and the opportunities of local authorities and their efforts towards sustainability, looking for ideas on how to best engage end-users and residents to create successful plans. The representatives of the Municipality of Fylis and Vrilissia were also presented with a Certificate in recognition of their participation in the CESBA Neighborhood Award 2019 for the two neighborhoods, the Historical center of Ano Liossia in municipality of Fylis and the Neighborhood in SE Vrilissia.

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### CESBA MED at the 6th International Conference "Energy in Buildings – Northern Hellas" in Thessaloniki, Greece

On May 11th 2019, NOA participated at the 6th International Conference ENERGY in BUILDINGS - NORTHERN HELLAS 2019 organized by the ASHRAE Hellenic Chapter in collaboration with the Technical Chamber of Greece.

The presentation reviewed the general CESBA MED method, approach and characteristics, focusing on the simple and adaptable characteristics of the method, the national pilots and the resulting final key performance indicators, the completed work on the toolkit and the available training material.

With about 100 participants (engineers, architects, academia and professionals of different disciplines) and 19 speakers from Greece, USA, Egypt and Spain, the conference provided a forum for reviewing and elaborating the state of art and progress in a variety of topics on the built environment.

[Find more info's on the conference presentation and the conference.](#)

