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



CESBA MED final conference in Torino



The CESBA MED final conference, organized in close cooperation with all project partners, was successfully held in Turin on October, 11th 2019.

The different sessions of the conference were attended by 70 people from different countries of the MED area and gave new insights into the practices aimed to have common and harmonized indicators that allow the comparison of the performances reached by public buildings and urban areas to address the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The conference presented the main project achievements and offered the participants a dynamic debate with European experts and stakeholders. During morning session, the project partners presented the CESBA MED tools and methodology, the training system, the policy recommendations and the lesson learned from the testing cases in 9 territories. In the afternoon round table session, European cities networks, urban planning experts and other relevant stakeholders explored and debated possible future capitalisations of CESBA MED results.

A strong motivation to use in different cities the CESBA MED tools emerged from the speaker' interventions.





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News from Partner iiSBE Italia



CESBA MED regional dissemination event in Turin

On October 7th a public event to present the results of the CESBA MED project took place at the Urban Lab in Turin. 20 people attended the workshop. The newly appointed Councilor for City Planning, Construction, Public Works and Heritage of the City of Turin took part with great interest in the debate on the results of the application of CESBA MED Sntool in a Turin area.

Piemonte Region and the Metropolitan City of Turin participated in the event presenting the initiatives and projects they are implementing with reference to sustainable territorial planning based on performance indicators that, although operating at different scales, allow a shared and common approach.

News from Partner Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Énergie Environnement



Sustainable construction projects in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes awarded

On 24 June, three projects in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes received the Sustainable Neighborhood award as part of the CESBA MED European

News from Partner Government of Catalonia



Seminar to present the results of CESBA MED at regional level

The Seminar "New strategies for the Development of Mediterranean Sustainable Cities" took place in

competition: Prés du Sonod in Belley, ZAC Castellane in Sathonay-Camp and ZAC Valmar in La Ravoire.

The objective of the CESBA MED award was to reward neighborhoods for their sustainable characteristics measured by key indicators. These indicators make it possible to assess both the sustainable performance of buildings and the neighborhood. They also promote a common European methodology of tools for assessing the sustainability of neighborhoods.

The development of Les Prés du Sonod in Belley has enabled the construction of 69 collective housing units. The project received an honourable mention in the "New Neighbourhoods" category. The rehabilitation of the Castellane BIA, operational since 2010, aims to strengthen the centrality of the municipality of Sathonay-Camp to welcome a new population with new equipment and services on an area of about 12 hectares. This project also received first prize in the "New Neighbourhoods" category. The Valmar de La Ravoire ZAC has been redeveloped with sustainable materials. The district, without cars, respects the natural and historical axes. The ZAC was awarded in the category "Existing Modernized Area".

The local energy and climate agencies (ALEC 01 and Lyon), the architecture, urban planning and environment councils (CAUE 01 and 73) and the Savoyard Association for the Development of Renewable Energies (ASDER) contributed to the identification of high-potential projects and supported the project owners in their applications.

The highlighting of these projects allows the promotion of regional know-how, and the promotion of local actors and professionals in sustainable construction at European and international level. These three districts have now acquired a European reputation. They are presented in the official catalogue of the award and will help to highlight the work of those involved in construction and sustainable development in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes.

News from Partner Municipality of Udine



Udine's Greening event

On June 7th, the Environmental Policies Agency coordinating the CESBA MED project for the Italian municipality, organized a greening event, one of the initiatives promoted after the SN tool application assessing the sustainability level of Aurora district, the pilot case of Udine.

Barcelona on July 10th 2019.

The main goal of the session was to present CESBA MED's tools and methodology to other public administrations and interested agents so that they can start implementing it in their urban planning strategies and projects. Among the attendees, there were representatives and technicians from other Catalan public administrations (at regional and local level) as well as interested stakeholders related to urban planning, architecture, engineering and energy efficiency, and renewable energies.

After a brief introduction by Mr. Josep Casas, Deputy General Director of Architecture, Housing Planning and Urban Improvement of the Government of Catalonia, about energy efficiency, and how this can be improved from an architectural point of view, Mr. Xavier Martí, chief officer of European Programmes of the Government of Catalonia, made a general presentation of CESBA MED, explaining its objectives and methodologies and presenting all the work done by the project.

To conclude Mrs. Sílvia Mata, engineer and technician of the European Programmes Unit of the Government of Catalonia, made a technical presentation on the SBE method, detailed the KPIs and presented the SN and SB Tools. The session ended with a Q&A in which many participants showed their interest in the tools and asked for information on the process to start using it.



Udine's Co-creation Lab

On September 19th, partners from the Municipality of Udine organized their Co-creation Lab. It was an opportunity to bring together representatives of the Architects' Province Order, the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region and the National Urban Planning Institute. Workshop participants shared the participatory approach.

Aiming both to promote the participatory approach in the evaluation protocol and finetune its functioning, our Italian partners have reserved particular attention to some of the neighborhood younger inhabitants, the students of the 5th grade in the local primary school.

Other initiatives will follow in the near future. The focus will be always kept on the increase and improvement of the awareness of those who live and work in a neighborhood object of evaluation. As a public institution City of Udine is particularly committed not only to make the concept of indicator measurement more and more familiar but also harmonize the calculated value of sustainability with the perceived level of livability.

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The attention of the group focused on three critical aspects related to a correct use of the SN-tool and the reliability of its results: the choice of benchmarks, weights and objectives for each indicator, the choice of the additional criteria that together with the KPIs describe the sustainability level of a neighborhood and the opportunity to verify that the numbers calculated by the technicians through the tool reflect the perception of those who live and work in the neighborhood.

References to those in charge of promoting the decision making process:

- a clear commitment to technical training of municipal staff, but also to political decision-makers, so that they are aware of how their choices in the tool setting can influence the outcome of the evaluation;
- a criteria choice as wide and shared as possible, to better respect the specific character of a neighborhood and therefore recognize its real needs;
- a feedback action aiming to verify on the ground the correspondence between the value calculated through the SNtool and the level of liveability actually perceived

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