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News from 5th CESBA Sprint Workshop, Gozo/Malta, November 14th–16th, 2018

40 experts from 8 nations developed joint solutions for a continuous improvement of buildings, neighbourhoods and spatial planning. The 5th CESBA Sprint Workshop was organized by 9 European projects and 5 partner organizations.

By means of the so-called Sprint method working groups dealt with respectively four issues for three days.

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News from iiSBE Italy R&D



SBE 19 Scilla Conference May 16th - 17th 2019 Scilla, Italy



Calabria Region and iiSBE Italia are pleased to announce the SBE19 Scilla conference that will be held on May 16th-17th, 2019 in Scilla, Italy. The conference will be held under auspices of international conveners UN Environment, CIB, iiSBE, FIDIC and belongs to the Sustainable Built Environment regional conference series leading towards World Sustainable Built Environment conference WSBE20 in Gothenburg, 2020. The conference is supported by CESBA. The conference will address policies at all levels, from EU to cities. Attention will be given to the integration of assessment systems in policies and in the decision-making processes of public authorities. Further the results of the CESBA Neighborhood Award 2019 will be presented. Information on the conference on here.

The Italian Infoday of the CESBA MED project, organized by iiSBE Italia R&D, was held in Rome on October 12th, hosted at the headquarters of the National Council of Architects. During the event the CESBA MED methodology and tools and their application to real case studies (Torino and Udine) were illustrated. The opportunities for synergies between the CESBA MED tools and the Protocollo ITACA at urban scale were explored. Finally the CESBA Neighborhood Award 2019 was illustrated to the participants.

News from Observatory of Athens (NOA)



NOA organized the main Hellenic CESBA MED Training Event with great success in Athens, on October 30th, 2018. The sessions were devoted to decision makers on the role of local authorities in sustainable development plans, to technical professionals with an in depth presentation of the electronic educational material on the sustainability key performance indicators, and hands on experience on the use of the CESBA MED Tools for the sustainability assessment of buildings and neighborhoods.

Further NOA organized the Hellenic co-creation workshop in Athens on October 23rd at the old Town Hall of the Municipality of Fylis, The event was opened by Mr Ch. Pappous, Mayor of Fylis, who outlined the ongoing efforts towards improving the municipality's energy and carbon footprint, emphasizing the benefits of participating in the CESBA MED pilot test. Ms M. Karavasili, Citizens' Inspectorate for Sustainable Development (CISD) as a member of the CLC addresses the theme of "an active citizen is an informed citizen". The main presentations by NOA included an overview of the CESBA MED project, process, method and tools, with an emphasis on the Hellenic pilot test in the Municipality of Fylis, the results, and a detailed presentation and discussion on the national indicators, benchmarks, weights and priorities, data collection process, opportunities, challenges and priorities from the citizens' perspective. The participatory process of the event provided valuable insight and comments that will be considered to formulate the scenarios for the Hellenic pilot. Other thematic areas of discussion addressed the role of local communities in sustainable development, energy communities, and energy performance certificates.



News from Energy Institute Hrvoje Pozar

From October 2nd-5th of October training was held on the topic of Sustainable Integral Urban Planning in the City of Split. As a part of the



News from Government of Catalonia

The Catalan edition of the Co-Creation workshop took place in Sant Cugat del Vallès on November 21st 2018. The event was co-organised by the Government of Catalonia and the Municipality of Sant Cugat del Vallès. 38 people attended the education, examples of good practices and case studies that improve the quality of life of the inhabitants within the spatial unit of a settlement were presented. The impetus for this kind of education is the lack of public and social infrastructure in the cities, lack of quality housing and efficient buildings. The unclear connectivity of all the necessary participants in the development of projects, property and legal relations and the available budget often slows down a number of quality projects in the phase of implementation. The education was carried out by experts from Energy Institute Hrvoje Pozar as well as partner experts from the Agency for Legal Affairs and Real Estate Brokerage and the Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Geodesy -University of Split. In the practical part of the education, a sustainability analysis for the pilot site of Mravince was presented.

event, mainly public authorities, architects, technicians from the Catalan Energy Agency, civil society members, University professors, engineers and project managers, and managers from companies related to sustainable energies. The session started with an introduction to the CESBA MED project, followed by a presentation of the results in the Catalan pilot areas, i.e. Monestir and Sant Francesc Neighbourhoods in Sant Cugat del Vallès and Illa Eficient in Barcelona. Further two participative workshops took place: the first one dealing with the systems of deliberation and voting for the decision-making process and the second one centered on the implementation of the CESBA-tool in future retrofitting projects of urban areas. The session ended with a presentation of the CESBA MED Co-Creation Lab.





News from Udine

The development of the CESBA MED project in the city of Udine has foreseen in recent months an in-depth phase of verification and comparison with the citizens aimed at making the environmental quality indicators known, but at the same time verifying their correspondence and awareness with respect to the perception of the inhabitants. This activity has been integrated, among other things, with the project called "Udine sta bene in strada", which has the aim of improving the livability of public spaces.

The intervention, which was organized with the support of the Centro Antartide of Bologna, was structured with the aim of involving residents of the Aurora District (object of the CESBA MED experimentation) of different ages: seniors, children and parents. The deepening of the perception of the inhabitants is fundamental for building a path of improvement of the urban quality through actions, infrastructures and services that better respond to the needs of citizens. The questionnaire created, aimed to collect data on the perception of inhabitants compared to some of the areas analysed by the CEASBA MED project through the indicators.

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News from Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Energie-Environnement

AURA-EE, the regional energy and environment agency in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, and SCOPEs, consultant in social psychology, finalized a study carried out to determine the qualitative indicators of environmental performance and satisfaction of residents in the Bon Lait district in Lyon. 120 residents were interviewed, described routes and mental maps to capture their experiences of the neighborhood and their perceptions of sustainable amenities. The neighborhood, of which most of the dwellings were delivered in 2013, was designed and built in support of the "Sustainable Neighborhood recommendations" of Lyon Metropole, having since been enriched and modified. The study was established on the basis of a twofold objective: to grasp the impacts of sustainable development on the lived experience of the inhabitants and their uses of their housing, and neighborhood, and to identify qualitative indicators to be used in future projects. A webinar will be organised on December 13th, from 10:30 to 12:00 am: presentation of the CESBA MED project; results of the study and question and discussion. Register for webinar here.



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