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in SEE cities
and towns

Challenges
to SEE
Universities

Regional
academic
collaboration

regional roundtable meeting

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REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE MEETING in Sofia

- OBJECTIVES -

Title: Academic Cooperation for Sustainable Urban and Housing Development in SEE

Organized and hosted by: University of Architecture, Civil Engineering & Geodesy, Sofia (UACG);

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Objectives:

- To **inform about** relevant programmes and participation criteria for the **upcoming FP7**
- To **identify constraints to FP7 participation** faced by SEE universities and research institutes
- To discuss possibilities for **joint SEE(/EU) research project proposal(s)** under FP7
- To formulate a **concept for a “Conference on Academic Co-operation in Land, Urban and Housing Research in SEE”** to be held in the second half of 2006

Expected outcome:

Outline of a **common vision** on the possibilities for **regional academic cooperation** in the field of research and education to promote sustainable urban and housing development in SEE;

Consensus on priority areas for academic co-operation in sustainable urban and housing development (specific fields of interest identified and agreed);

Enhanced **interest for formulating joint project proposal(s)** to be submitted by SEE (and EU partner) Universities under the upcoming **FP7**.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- **Urban research needed** in SEE cities and towns - challenges set by urban processes and transformations in (segmentation of the urban living environment, etc.) and changing planning theory and practice (paradigms, legislation, institutional frameworks, etc);
- **Challenges to SEE Universities** (capacity constraints, fields of activity, new responsibilities and new partners);
- **Regional academic collaboration** – traditions and opportunities; priorities in joining into European Research Area’ needed EU support.

AGENDA

Regional Roundtable Meeting on
Academic Cooperation for Sustainable Urban and Housing Development in SEE, Sofia

	<i>Theme Session</i>	<i>Presentations</i>
March 24, Friday		
9.00 – 9.30	Registration and Welcome Coffee	
9.30 – 10.00	Opening session	<p><i>Welcome and introductory remarks by representatives of:</i></p> <p>University of Architecture, Civil Engineering & Geodesy – <i>Prof. Dr. Penio Penev, Rector</i></p> <p>Faculty of Architecture – <i>Assoc Prof. Dr Nediako Bonchev</i></p> <p>Stability Pact for SEE, Housing & Urban Management Initiative (HUMI) – <i>Mr. Bjorn Gabriel</i></p> <p>ICLEI – <i>Mr Venelin Todorov, Executive Committee Member</i></p>
10.00 – 12.30	Session 1: European Research Area – opportunities and challenges to SEE universities	<p><i>Briefing on possibilities for SEE participation in upcoming FP7 by DG Research representative, presentations on experience from participation in FP5/6 projects</i></p> <p>EC/DG Research - <i>Mr Eric Ponthieu, Head of Section “Urban Sustainable Development and Urban Heritage”</i></p> <p>Bulgarian Ministry of Education and Science</p> <p><i>Questions and discussion</i></p> <p><i>Further contributions:</i></p> <p>UN-HABITAT Kosovo Programmes – <i>Ms Elisabeth Belpaire: European Research Area – Opportunities and Challenges to SEE Universities;</i></p> <p>UACG, Faculty of Architecture - Experience in international academic cooperation – <i>Prof. Y. Radev, Vice Dean, Research and International Relations;</i></p>
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 15.00	Session 2: The city of Sofia – urban development and current planning processes, challenges to sustainability	<p><i>Presentations by experts from:</i></p> <p>Sofia in transition and some issues of the living environment – <i>Assoc. Prof. Dr Alexander Alexandrov, Department of Urban Planning, UACG;</i></p> <p>The Master Plan of Sofia – <i>Yani Valkanov, Sofia Master plan;</i></p> <p>Sofia Comprehensive Development Plan and its Environmental Assessment - <i>Prof. Dr V. Troeva, Department of Urban Planning, UACG;</i></p>
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee	
15.30 – 18.00	Field trip around Sofia	
20.00	Dinner	

March 25, Saturday		
9.00 – 10.30	Session 3: Spatial transformations and current challenges to sustainable urban development in SEE Cities	<p><i>Presentations by participants</i></p> <p>Urban Transformations in Our Cities - Shift of the Paradigms - Prof. Dr. Jasmina Siljanoska and Divna Pencic, MA, Faculty of Architecture, University SS. Cyril and Methodius, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia</p> <p>The Role of Urban Green Spaces in the Quality of Life – Dr Veli Ortacesme, Akdeniz University, Turkey</p> <p>Present Urban Development Challenges in the City of Sarajevo - Zinaida Kadribegovic, Institute for Canton Planning, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>Balkans Ecological Atlas - Prof Dr Nicola Cekic, University of Nis, Serbia</p> <p>Urban and Housing Development in Ljubljana- Case study of Stanezice – Prof. Lucija Azman Momirski, Deputy Dean, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia</p> <p>Tirana et sa Region: Une Explosion Urbaine dans un Environnement Sensible – Prof. Enver Faja, Polytechnic University of Tirana, Albania</p> <p>House as a Cultural Object: Ankara 1900-2000 - Dr Ali Cengizkan, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey</p> <p>Sustainability and open spaces – Prof. Lilli Licka, University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria</p>
10 .30 – 11.00	Coffee	
11.00 – 12.30	Session 4: SEE Universities and academic research – research potential, institutional capacity, challenges and barriers;	<p><i>Presentations by participants</i></p> <p>The delay in defining Serbian housing strategy and policy: the lack of policy relevant research - Prof. Dr Nada Lazarevic Bajec, Marija Maruna, University of Belgrade, Serbia And Montenegro</p> <p>The Schools of Architecture in a Research Environment - Prof. Dr. Vlatko P. Korobar, Faculty of Architecture, University SS. Cyril and Methodius, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia</p> <p>Cross Cultural Studies / Migration and Architecture: Case Of Bulgaria →Turkey - Dr Ali Cengizkan, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey</p> <p>From present facts to future possibilities - Assoc. Prof Constantin Spiridonidis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece</p> <p>Urban sustainability in the regional context: research challenges and outcomes - Assoc. Prof. Dr E. Dimitrova, UACG, Sofia</p>
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 15.00	Session 5: Building partnerships –	<p><i>Presentations by participants:</i></p> <p>Networking for capacity building for sustainable development and efficient use of energy and water</p>

	needs, opportunities, institutional capacity and barriers	<p>resources on the local (municipal) level - Zdravko Genchev, Executive Director, Center for Energy Efficiency EnEffect, Sofia, Bulgaria</p> <p>Promotion of Architectural Heritage in South Eastern Europe – Prof. DSc T. Krastev, Dr Boyan Georgiev</p> <p>Regional Integration and Metropolitan Development in SEE - Dimitris Kallioras, Sotiris Pavleas, Panayiotis Artelaris, University of Thessaly, Volos, Greece</p> <p>The New Curricula for Master in Urban Planning and Management at the University of Prishtina - Ilir Gjinolli, Lecturer, University of Prishtina, Kosovo</p> <p>The SPARC Project – Spatial Planning and Regional Competitiveness: a Chance to Get Involved in Collaborative Learning - Marilyn Higgins, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, Scotland</p>
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee	
15.30 – 17.00	Workshop: Options for regional collaboration and networking in the area of urban sustainability and housing	<i>Discussions on areas of research interest, priorities and focus</i>
17.00 – 18.00	Closing session:	<i>Memorandum and agenda for future action</i>
19.00	Dinner	

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