"Social Inclusion and Energy Management for Informal Urban Settlements (SES)"

SES Launch Seminar

Introduction

As a starting point of the Social inclusion and Energy management for informal urban Settlements (SES) Project, a Launch seminar was conducted at the University of Danube Krems from 03 to 11 March, 2017. The launch was organized by DUK (Danube University Krems), Austria, for the SES and BiNuCom members. The list of the seminar participants is indicated below:

SES

Ethiopia

- EiABC, Addis Ababa
- UoG (University of Gondar), Gondar
- UoM (University of Mekelle), Mekelle

Europe

- DUK (Danube University Krems), Austria, Coordinator
- TWENTE (University of Twente), Netherlands
- KASSEL (Universität Kassel), Germany

Building Inclusive Urban Communties (BInNUCom)

India

- CEPT (Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology), Ahmedabad
- KAHE (Karpagam Academy of Higher Education), Coimbatore
- KRVIA (Kamla Raheja Vidyanidhi Institute for Architecture and Environmental Studies), Mumbai
- SPAV (School of Planning and Architecture), Vijayawada

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- LUND (Lund University), Schweden

Participants of the SES launch seminar

BiNuCom meets SES

The launch seminar aimed to get the SES and BInUCom members on board and create a platform for exchange of ideas/ experiences and to officially launch the SES project.

Day, one commenced with an introduction session among participants and members of the host university. Welcoming speeches by the Rector of the university, by the Dean of the Education, Arts and Architecture faculty and by the Head of Migration and Globalization department were held respectively.

Team members from both projects and the European partners presented on a range of topics. The first presentation was conducted by Darshini Mahadevia from CEPT on the specific situation in India. In this presentation, the slum free city planning contexts approaches and methodologies were explained.

Presentations on 'housing Ethiopia' by Mr. Yonas Alemayehu Sorressa and on 'Survey report on Architecture curricula in Ethiopia' by Dawit Benti Erena were also conducted. Both presenters were from EiABC. The first presenter provided a general overview on

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housing issues in Ethiopia and explained urbanization history, housing condition, housing demand and supply and the key considerations for future housing strategies.

The second presenter provided an overview of architectural education history in Ethiopia, its regional distribution, duration of completion, harmonized curriculum and descriptions of the architecture undergraduate and postgraduate programs. Gerald Steiner, Dean of faulty of Business and Globalization (DUK) likewise welcomed team members at DUK.

City profiles from both projects were also presented followed by heated discussions.

World cafe ''city meets city'' was another approach used to present city profiles during the seminar. City profiles were presented in round tables among different groups followed by interesting discussions.

World cafe ''city meets city''

On the second day, architect Valerie Seitz, presented on Pomali Co-Housing project under the title ''Crazy ideas'' followed by a

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presentation on Otelo – Open Technology Laboratory by Martin Hollinetz, a social entrepreneur.

E-Mobility was also presented by Oliver Danninger, from a business agency of Lower Austria. The presentation was spiced up by a test drive on the e-cars guided by Plip Kalomiris in the ground plaza.

E-cars discussion and guided drive by Plip Kalomiris

Natural light simulation was also demonstrated to participants in the campus laboratory.

Natural light simulation lab

Site visit in Vienna

The seminar participants were provided with guided tours in Vienna on the 7th and 8th of March. The aim of the guided tours was to introduce the approach of social housing projects in Vienna. The tours were guided by local experts, architects, social workers providing information on the development process, the current situations of the buildings and communities. A first

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visit was made to Schöopfwerk Vienna.

Discussion at the community center Schöopfwerk

Schöpfwerk is a municipal residential area which is home to many migrants from other continents. Discussion was conducted at the community center on the civic engagement and residential conflict resolutions practice of the area. The Second tour was conducted at Sonnwendt quarter Vienna; a Co-housing and cooperative housing project. This project was initiated by developers with the support of the city government. They promoted their ideas/proposal to the public and interested individuals became share owners of the housing project.

Tour to a housing project, Vienna

On the second day of the tour, participants were provided with a presentation on a new smart grid city development approach and the implementation of the approach on the development of the new site in Aspern, Vienna. ''Seestadt Aspern'' is one of Europe's largest urban development projects. Participants were also given a tour inside the development.

In those site visits the partners from Ethiopia got a grip of the current housing

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and urban development schemes in Vienna.

Office, Urban Development Scheme, Vienna

SES project management discussions

Discussions were conducted on the SES project management during the last three days of the launch seminar. The discussions focused on case studies, curricula and Thematic Training. MIT Open Course Ware access was presented by Tomas Pfeffer from Department of Migration and Globalization.

Martina Friedrich, the National Erasmus Contact point, briefed the Ethiopian partners on the financial management of the grant. Relevant sections of the partnership agreement were explained. She also responded to all the questions raised by the organizers and participants of the seminar on the financial management of the grant.

Finally, the Indian participants from the organizational and administration of BInUCom project management entertained questions raised by the SES project partners. From this discussion, the SES partners got a good introduction on the project scale, output and the extent of their engagement on the project. In addition, preparation discussions were conducted on the national consultation meetings and local dissemination workshops.

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