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2. REPORT - PROJECT – “BRIDGE LIFELINE DANUBE”

1 INTRODUCTION

The Project “**BRIDGE Lifeline Danube**” runs under the Community Initiative INTER-REG IIC within the Operational Programme Central, Adriatic, Danubian and South-Eastern Europe Space (CADSES). The Project “**BRIDGE Lifeline Danube**” understands itself as the initial project at the beginning of a process for persistent development along the Danube. Creating a partnership between the participating cities, the administrative units (city councils) and the universities is an essential part of the project.

The INTERREG IIC Community Initiative aims to foster transnational co-operation in the area of spatial planning. The Community Initiative within the Operational Programme CADSES encourages the participation of neighbouring states to the EU, by the PHARE-CBC program.¹

The main objective of the European Spatial Development Perspective (ESDP) is, to initiate co-operation in the field of spatial development to enhance sustainable development and to take first steps to develop elements for the purpose of

- Creating networks of cities
- Promoting the development of environmentally compatible information
- Encouraging sustainable development and
- Promoting research and maximizing the dissemination and utilization of their results.²

The creation of a city network of universities and municipalities shall describe problems of the boundary between two systems. From this time onwards the question is, which strategies shall be developed to improve cooperation. The overall goal is to implement the matter of sustainability within all issues.

2 RESULTS OF THE “FUTURE SEARCH CONFERENCE”

The first result of the future search conference, which took place from the 4th to the 7th October 99 in Krems is, that attractive project ideas were chosen by different groups. The participants decided on seven different projects which were elaborated by representatives of the universities and municipalities in the bygone month.³

It appears that the original goals of the project, promoting a common language for planning and transdisciplinary cooperation of the participants was treated with great consideration.⁴ The intended aim of the project to introduce the ecologisation of the Danube Region⁵, was presented several times at international conferences.^{6 7}

¹ SCHINDEGGER, F. (1999): RAUM.PLANUNG.POLITIK. Wien: Böhlau. p. 104f.

² Application for Provision of EFRE funds in the Operational Programme for the Central, Adriatic, Danubian and South- Eastern European Space (CADSES INTERREG IIC) BRIDGE – LIFELINE DANUBE. PART I (1999). INSTITUTE of Open Space Design and Landscape Management. University of Agricultural Sciences. Vienna: BOKU p. 5

³ BRIDGE LIFELINE DANUBE. Kick off Meeting. 4.10.-6.10. 1999 in Krems. Schriftenreihe Freiraum. Institut für Freiraumgestaltung und Landschaftspflege. Universität für Bodenkultur. Band 19. Wien: BOKU-IFL

⁴ Zwischenbericht Projekt „BRIDGE LIFELINE DANUBE“. 9.11.99. Manuskript. Wien: BOKU-IFL

⁵ KVARDA, Werner (1999): Ecologisation of the Danube Region. 2nd Annual Conference on the Danube Region. Business Perspectives and Cooperation between Research, Development and Industry. Vienna, Austria Center. International Economic Conference Dec. 8-10 1999.

The future search conference can already be seen as an initiative and start up for concrete projects.

3 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

During the winter semester several meetings took place, like the “hot spot” initiative and a design project for a bike path bridge across river Morava. The landscape planning departments from TU Bratislava, BOKU Vienna and FH Deggendorf were initiating this project to reconstruct the old connection between Devinska Nova Ves and Schloßhof. First results of this university project were presented to the city council and the public in the town hall of Bratislava, April 2000.

The hot spot group was meeting several times for coordinating and planning concrete actions to improve open space issues along the Danube river shores.

During the winter semester also further exchange between the city councils and universities was done by the coordination team. The main task was to organize and prepare the seminar in Bratislava in close contact with the House of Europe and the Austrian embassy.

Because of a long lasting case of sickness of the project coordinator, it is necessary now, to submit supplementary bills and accounts for finishing the first period of the project.

4 “SEMINAR” IN BRATISLAVA

In it's second phase after the “Future Search Conference”, the project “BRIDGE Lifeline Danube” has shown high motivation of all participants. At the seminar in Bratislava from 12th -14th April 2000, more then 40 participants from all cities (without Győr) were proving the state of the art of their projects.

- exchange and feed back of project work
- continuation and realisation of the projects in detail
- visualisation of the BRIDGE network as a meta project and making secure the carrying capacity of the further project inclusive the continuity of the project.
- Analysis within a case study showing activities of planning cooperation and how inter- and transdisciplinary activities will promote new qualities within the planning process

The Seminar was organized by the Dom Europy Bratislava and Institute of Landscape Architecture (BOKU) and arranged at the Austrian Embassy. Mr. Roman Lauko und Mrs. Petra Schwaiger were preparing the seminar, which was moderated by Mrs. Barbara Rennert-Buchegger und Mr. Dietmar Osinger.

5 RESULTS OF THE SEMINAR

Participants from eight cities (without Győr) came again. There were some new project themes because of further questions promoted by new participants. Additionally new members were joining the seminar. Prof. Onody, a regional planner from Gödöllő with three of his students, will elaborate new ideas in cooperation with the

⁶ KVARDA, Werner (2000a): New Bridges to learn – Models of Good Practice: The Bridge Lifeline Danube Project. in: Proceedings of the International Transdisciplinarity 2000 Conference, TRANS-DISCIPLINARITY: Joint Problem –Solving among Science, Technology and Society. Workbook II. Zurich: Swiss Federal Institute of Technology p.211-215

⁷ KVARDA, Werner (2000b): Entwicklungschancen im Grossraum Wien-Bratislava. in: Medzinárodný Seminár. Susedstvo '21 – Nachbarschaft '21 – Szomszédság '21. Seminar, 4.-6. Mai 2000. Bratislava: STU, Fakultät für Bauwesen. S.29-34

city planning institute from Budapest regional case studies along the Danube. Another group from the city of Ottensheim is preparing a project presentation about the hot spot idea end of September 2000.

5.1 DEVELOPING A COMMON LANGUAGE FOR SPATIAL PLANNING

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We will start our homepage July 2000.

5.2 COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS OF THE CITIES AND UNIVERSITIES

- + **Hot spots.** Open space planning along the Danube.
contact: Ernst Kallmünzer: ernst.kallmuenzer@deggendorf.de.
The city planning departments of Linz, Wien and Krems are preparing concrete initiatives for improving recreation activities and open space design projects along their riversides.

5.3 IMPLEMENTING CURRENT PROJECTS

- + **Donauraum.** Case study of regional aspects along the Danube.
contact: Gabor Onodi onodi@svr-sun.ktg.gau.hu
- + **Ökokorridor.** Creating a methodology for bio corridors.
contact: Milan Ruzicka mrukruri@savbe.sk
- + **“Bridge”** across river Morava.
contact: Konrad Deffner deffner.voitlaender@t-online.de
The design process has been finished. A public presentation took place in the city hall of Bratislava April 2000.
- + **Bike path** along the Danube and in the Trilateral region of A,H,SK.
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- + **Mobilität.** Traffic and city development.
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- + **Kulturschiff** (Cultural activities) Ottensheim.
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6 CONTINUITY OF THE PROJECT

The final conference will take place in Szentendre near Budapest from 16th-18th November 2000. The preparation of continual work for the BRIDGE project as a metaprogram for the Danube region will be carried out within the next time.

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