



## KICK OFF MEETING – PDC-AS \* July 5th – 7th 2013

Neusiedl am see

EACEA – Lifelong Learning Programme  
ERASMUS INTENSIVE PROGRAM  
“PERMACULTURE DESIGN COURSE – THE CITY OF THE FUTURE”



The lakeside `Neusiedler See` at Mole West in Neusiedl am See. Feb.21st 2013

*When we started the IPSOIL Projects some years ago, Rosa Strasser was writing:  
“Traditional forms of academic exchange follow different patterns than those required by the learning system intended here. Most helpful is to create together the context for the learning endeavour in a conscious way and to agree on carefully designed procedures of action and reflection giving enough safety to permit the next steps into unknown spaces. Having experienced this form of learning together fosters relationships and generates a unique kind of social capital that cannot be created in another way.”<sup>1</sup>*

<sup>1</sup> Rosa Strasser was writing an article about ‘COMMON GROUND’: „The social culture of the Intensive Programme IP-Soil.“ Published in A.D. 1/2005, Responsible Use of Soil and land and Regional Development“. Socrates-Erasmus IP Soil 2005. P5-7 <http://academia-danubiana.net/projects/IPSOIL/IPSOIL%20I/IP1.pdf>

## PREAMBLE

The Institute of Soil Science at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences in Vienna is preparing an Erasmus **Intensive program** in Neusiedl am See this year. We intend to work in a **permaculture design course – the city of the future – PDC-NEU** with students from Danube and Western European countries on facts and trends about social, ecological, technical, and economic structures for developing sustainable multi- functional land-use within Neusiedl am See and its environment. Finally we will elaborate several proposals for representatives of the universities and the city council. We will sustain the experiences of the former IP in Aspern Seestadt, to follow best practices of permaculture design principles, in addition to architecture design and spatial planning and requirements of solidarity economy. In close cooperation with representatives from the City municipality of Neusiedl am See and local representatives and students from the Danube region will work on new models for the city of the future.

The **output of the project** will be a publication “Permaculture Design Course-The City of the Future –PDC-NEU”. We will translate from the source language English into other language versions of Slovak, Slovenian, Hungarian, Croatian and Serbian. The electronic storage of material (audiovisual texts, books, working papers). It will be a summary of the IP in the Neusiedl am See.

An **Intensive Programme** (IP) is a short programme of study (10 continuous full days to 6 weeks of subject related work) which brings together students and teaching staff from higher education institutions of at least three participating countries in order to:

- Encourage efficient and multinational teaching of specialist topics which might otherwise not be taught at all, or only in a very restricted number of HEIs;
- Enable students and teachers to work together in multinational groups and so benefit from special learning and teaching conditions not available in a single institution, and to gain new perspectives on the topic being studied;
- Allow members of the teaching staff to exchange views on teaching content and new curricula approaches and to test teaching methods in an international classroom environment.

*Intensive program: File Nr.22: [http://www.tpf.hu/document.php?doc\\_name=LLP/Erasmus2012/IP/era10\\_en.pdf](http://www.tpf.hu/document.php?doc_name=LLP/Erasmus2012/IP/era10_en.pdf)*

## Program Kick-off Meeting about the PDC-NEU Project

### Goals of the negotiation meeting:

- Clarify about the condition of partnership within the PDC-NEU project
- Tasks and deliverables of the work-packages
- Resources required to complete the work-packages
- Discussion about criteria of success
- Information about internal and external contracts - Exit of participation
- Architecture of social contacts (motivation) and knowledge integration
- Subject of rights and performance of duties within the project

### Aims of the negotiation meeting

- Negotiation and Discussion about the PDC-NEU project to find ‘common ground’ for collaboration
- Defining the tasks to carry out and produce the products, who is doing what and when – action plan
- Distributing tasks for finalising the publication up till end of Dec. 2013, translation up till April 2014

### Program

**Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> 2013** Arrival of the participants <sup>2</sup> Accommodation: will be provided

**Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 2013** Workshop

9:00 – 9:15	Introduction: Goals, Aims of the negotiation meeting
9.15 – 10.00	Plenum: First performance of the participants. Presentation and discussion
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break
10:30 – 12:00	Work-packages: Tasks and deliverables: Case studies, papers, Publication, Budget-requested funding per subsistence, Essays, Project week, Duties within the project
12.00 – 14.00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30	The four topics: + ecology, + architecture and spatial planning, + solidarity economy, + culture and identity
15:30 – 16:00	Discussion – criteria of success
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 18:00	Resumée – Action plan (Who is doing what and when)

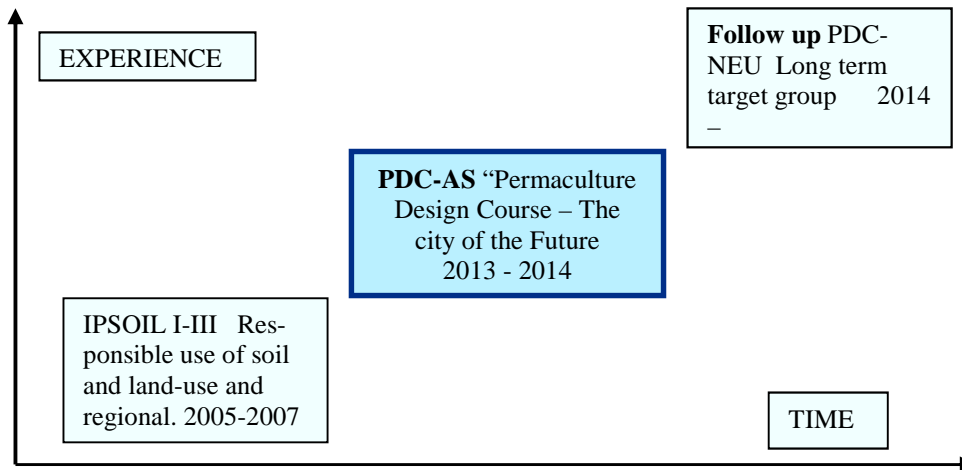
**Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> 2013** Departure

<sup>2</sup> Participants who cannot come this time, can follow the discussion on a **Skype conference**.

**Map of our Idea**

**The Culture of the PDC-NEU project embedded into a vision**

- + Ecological awareness and sustainable development
- + Visions about the 'City of the future'. Create carbon-neutral, zero-waste, liveable communities
- + Building a community of experts with shared knowledge and experience



**Every enterprise and every project has a SPIRIT and a CULTURE, generating the visible results.**

**The Culture of the project 'PDC-NEU'**

<p><b>ARTIFACTS</b></p> <p>visible and tangible e.g.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Everything that becomes concrete and tangible during this project: papers, relationships, results, the web-site <a href="http://academia-danubiana.net">academia-danubiana.net</a></li> <li>➤ Now already visible: projects IPSOIL I-III, VITA NOVA, PERMACULTURE ZERTIFICATE COURSE, PDC-AS, preparation of the meeting, participants at the meeting, this hand-out.<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>
<p><b>DECLARED VALUES AND OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>that the staff-team stands for e.g.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>EU Soil communication</b> COM (2002,179 Brussels) - 'Towards a thematic strategy for soil protection'</li> <li>➤ <b>'EU Strategy for the Danube Region'</b> (COM (2010) 715 final)<sup>4</sup> <u>protecting the Environment in the Danube Region</u>. Within the priority area B6 and the Action "<u>To raise awareness about soil protection</u>" the <b>Academia Danubiana</b> is mentioned as an example of a <b>project</b>.</li> <li>➤ Offer a <b>social architecture</b> that allows to deal with social complexity in order to improve capacity building and fosters a communication network (among the participants of the project and between them and other stakeholders), thus promoting and preparing "<b>learning regions</b>"</li> <li>➤ The <b>objectives</b> of this project are to prepare some measures and proposals for explaining the kind of living in relation to CO2 reduction and appropriate footprints.</li> </ul>
<p><b>BASIC ASSUMPTIONS</b></p> <p>Some of the conscious basic assumptions of the staff team e.g.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ It is high time to start talking about the danger of the damage of soil and land and to develop alternatives for the city of the future</li> <li>➤ The EU strategy for the Danube region is supporting these activities of multifunctional use of land and inter-linkages to the regional development, as well as new governance tools and the 'learning region' concept</li> <li>➤ To manage these demands we have to concentrate all our social and didactical abilities in social fields of innovation</li> </ul>

**To find COMMON GROUND in our understanding of the subject and to know about different approaches and even dissent**

<sup>3</sup> Publication: IPSOIL, VITA NOVA, Permakultur Zertifikatskurs. [http://academia-danubiana.net/?page\\_id=29](http://academia-danubiana.net/?page_id=29)

<sup>4</sup> European Union **Strategy for the Danube Region**. {COM(2010) 715 final} [http://www.oerok.gv.at/fileadmin/Bilder/2.Reiter-Raum\\_u\\_Region/4.Europ-Raumentwicklung/Makroregionen/EUSDR/Docs/2010-12\\_EUSDR\\_ActionPlan\\_EN.pdf](http://www.oerok.gv.at/fileadmin/Bilder/2.Reiter-Raum_u_Region/4.Europ-Raumentwicklung/Makroregionen/EUSDR/Docs/2010-12_EUSDR_ActionPlan_EN.pdf) p.51