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and its buildings!



BUILD UPON WORKSHOP

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CO-CREATING OUR NATIONAL RENOVATION STRATEGY
THROUGH “AN AMBITION STATEMENT IN 10 POINTS”
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SUMMARY OF THE BUILD UPON 4TH WORKSHOP IN ROMANIA – Iași, 22 April 2016

The fourth workshop in the “Change Romania with BUILD UPON” initiative was organized by Romania Green Building Council in partnership with the Iași City Hall on 22 April 2016. The event was hosted by Iași City Hall with 45 persons participating in the physical workshop and 12 persons participating via live video and webcast. The event generated significant interest and many categories of stakeholders were present. Local and Central Government represented 32,5% of the participants with the construction businesses, NGOs, energy sector and financial institutions represented as well.

The first part of the BUILD UPON workshop was opened with comments by Dr. Dorin Beu, President of Romania Green Building Council. Dr. Monica Ardeleanu, Executive Director of Romania Green Building Council, presented the BUILD UPON project, its objectives, and a call to get involved. Mr. Mihai Chirica, Interim Mayor of Iași Municipality, spoke about Romania's National Strategy as an instrument for raising the quality of life. He highlighted that Iași will develop a strategy which will support green buildings and this will stimulate investments while touching other important socio-economic aspects including sustainability.

Mr. Șerban Danciu, General Director of Building Performance Institute Europe in Romania, emphasized the fact that improving the energy efficiency of existing buildings is a major objective of the future energy strategy of Romania. He also outlined that the estimated potential reduction in energy consumptions is 41% for buildings. Romania is in the process of developing the National Energy Strategy for 2016-2030 in the perspective of the year 2050. He further explained the BUILD UPON project - by promoting the reduction of the of energy consumption and reducing CO2 consumption - with the help that the Romanian Government intends to provide to achieving long-term plans of energy renovation for the residential buildings, commercial buildings as well public or private, will be for a real help in drafting chapters dedicated to buildings for this Energy Strategy.

Mr. Cosmin Drăgoi, energy efficiency financial expert with the consultancy Finacon, presented “Structuring and Financing Energy Efficiency Projects”. He emphasized the Energy Efficiency Plan as one of the important tools that helps to prioritize the list of projects to streamline the consumer public, residential and businesses, proposed projects for a period of 3-5 years. The document is also essential for accessing energy efficiency funds from the European Union.

The questions addressed during the “World Café” (www.TheWorldCafe.com) participative section were:

- How can we raise awareness among the final beneficiaries vis-à-vis renovating energy-efficient and sustainably?
- What can be done for sustainable renovation of public buildings (including kindergartens, schools, hospitals, administrative buildings and historical monuments)?
- What can be done for energy efficient and sustainable renovation of residential buildings (including apartment buildings and individual houses)?
- What are the most effective green renovation solutions from the energy point of view?
- How can we overcome the current problems related to superficial/poor quality renovations and encourage people to support safer, better quality, deep green renovations?

CONCLUSIONS FROM PARTICIPANTS: The general feedback of the participants pointed to the conclusion that building renovation does not represent only a necessity but an important step in improving people’s life, a real benefit for the environment and an engine for investment. Other conclusions were concentrated around the most efficient renovations solutions. Participants considered that we should pay attention to green/ecological solutions as on long term these are more energy efficient and sustainable and focus on total replacement of heating systems, thermal rehabilitation without polystyrene, a national standard with general indications as well as specific indications, and the professional development of a sustainable urban plan. To overcome the current problems related to bad experiences with superficial / low quality renovations and encourage people to support safer, higher quality and greener solutions a committee of experts should be established who can determine whether the solutions and materials are compatible and maintain their benefits consistently over time. Renovation should also include renewable energy solutions.

View these recommendations integrated into the “[Declaration in 10 Points](#)” in sections 1, 3, and 9.

You can find reports on each of the BUILD UPON workshops [here!](#)



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