

# B-Teamnews

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## Message

from the Project Manager



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Welcome to the 5th issue of our B-Teamnews. The partners had exciting and interesting events in Vilnius, Dublin and Hajdu-Bihar as the European Dissemination Event and Brownfield Days took place there. The project has also participated in activities organised by the INTERREG IVC Secretariat.

The preparations of the Brownfield Days in Belfast as well as the Final Conference in Sevilla, Spain are on their way. These will enhance the exchanges of experiences between partners in Brownfield regeneration.

Hoping you will enjoy the information provided in the B-Teamnews.

## European Dissemination Event in Vilnius

The B-Team Project has successfully organised the fourth European Dissemination Event in the city of Vilnius, Lithuania 26- 27 April 2012 and this was hosted by the municipal government of Vilnius.

The main objective of the event was to disseminate the results of the B-Team project to a broader public. The results and recommendations of the previously conducted Brownfield Days in Sevilla/ Spain and in Vilnius October 2011 were presented and discussed with the project stakeholders.

Presentations of case studies on successful regeneration projects from the region and across Eu-

rope were facilitated in the programme. A political forum was organised for the partner cities political representatives to discuss the results and lessons learned from the project and strengthen the political support of the project initiatives. Politicians from Belfast, Dublin, Sevilla, Ruda Slaska, Oulu and of the host city Vilnius exchanged their statements and views on the subject "Innovative solutions in difficult circumstances".

The second day of the event was focused on the B-Team exhibition, forum to exchange experiences and Political Café. Site visits for interested participants were also organised.



## Dublin Brownfield Days

The 7<sup>th</sup> Brownfield Days (BDs) were successfully conducted in Dublin, Ireland 21-24 May 2012. The activity was part of the overall strategy of the B-Team project in the exchange of experiences in Brownfield regeneration.

The focus of these particular Brownfield Days were on the theme; Can Urban Spaces Alone Regenerate Brownfield Places? The four main workshop sub-themes were; 1) Role of urban design, 2) Connectivity, 3) Diversity and vitality enliven Brownfield sites, 4) Heritage and the natural environment.

The first day of the activity included opening of the programme, introduction of the host city and the case study site, bus and walking tour. There was also a presentation on City planning and current issues for Dublin. The next days focused on the presentation of guest experts on the four (4) themes, continuation of workshop activities, and discussions on the main ideas for the final presentation.

On the final day, the B-Team project and workshops results were presented to the city officials, elected members and to all project stakeholders in City Hall.

## Brownfield Days successful in Debrecen

The 8<sup>th</sup> Brownfield Days (BDs) were successfully conducted in Debrecen, Hungary 3-6 July 2012. This was hosted by the new partner Institution Maintenance Centre of Hajdu-Bihar.

Participants were coming from different partner cities and institutions. Faculties and students from the University of Debrecen and officials and staff from the hosting partner also participated at the event.

The exchange of experiences focused on the themes; 1) Regeneration of residential area; 2) Regeneration of the territory of Debrecen international airport; and 3) Environmental and rehabilitation initiatives.

The 4-day activity included opening of the programme, introduction of the host city and the case study site, presentations of the City structure and the current regeneration issues, workshops and finally the presentation of results to the county officials and project stakeholders at the County Hall.



*Thank you to all for the active participation and contribution to the success of the Brownfield Days !*

## Seminar of the Exchange of Experience processes

The project has participated at the Seminar on Exchange of Experiences processes that took place 19 June 2012 in Barcelona. The activity was facilitated by the INTERREG IVC team with the aim to discuss and understand the way exchange of experiences among partners is being carried out, and how it can directly influence the policy framework of the participating regions.

Please visit the programme website under News to see all the details;  
<http://www.interreg4c.net/>



## B-TEAM Final Conference

7-8 November 2012

The preparation for the Final Conference is on its full swing. Officials from European bodies, the host city of Seville and Andalucía region, and speakers from across Europe and beyond have confirmed their participation.

There are 4 parallel sessions to be organised which participants may chose to attend. The focus of the sessions is to discuss Brownfield regeneration on the following areas; Management and Public Involvement, Environment, Economic and Innovation, and Cultural Heritage.

There is also a separate programme for the political representatives of city partners and officials from different institutions to be hosted by the City of Seville.

The Final Conference is scheduled 7-8 November 2012 in Sevilla, Spain. It will be hosted by the Spanish partner, Sevilla Global- Seville City Council.

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FINAL CONFERENCE

7, 8 NOVEMBER 2012  
SEVILLE - SPAIN



The online registration is on-going and please follows the link at

<http://bteaminitiative.eu/>

## AREC to organise local conference in Austria

To disseminate the results of the B-Team project and to present the situation in Austria, the Agricultural Research and Education Centre Raumberg-Gumpenstein, a partner in the B-Team Project, will organise a conference 25 September 2012 in Austria. The main aim of the conference is to get a glimpse on the European perspective and discuss in comparison the situation in Austria.

Among the speakers are Sabine Kalke, project manager of the B-Team project, Juliane Mathey from IOER in Dresden, also a partner in the B-Team and Gundula Prokop from the CirCuse Project (CENTRAL EUROPE Programme), who will present their work from the perspective of their EU project.

Other speakers are from different institutions and public administration bodies from Austria concerned with Brownfields. The conference language is in German.



Date: 25 September 2012

Location: Irdning, Austria

Info and registration (in German):  
<http://www.raumberg-gumpenstein.at>

### UPCOMING EVENTS

10-13 September  
Brownfield Days Belfast,  
Northern Ireland

7-8 November  
Final Conference  
Sevilla, Spain