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# Recent events

## Trnava (Slovakia) and Katowice (Poland)

*Workshop with Teachers from the Region*

*May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (Katowice)*

*June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (Trnava)*

### Engagement with Teachers

Partners in both cities held workshops to engage with teachers of the respective area. Items about the CircUse school training course were handed out and explained to the participants. Dissemination of the materials helps implement the CircUse developed course on land consumption for students.



Figure 1: Participants listen to a presentation from Mrs. Gorgon from the IETU in Katowice (PL)

## Asti and Turin (Italy)

*Pilot Applications Workshop and Project Management Group Meeting*

*June 20-22, 2012*

### Project Management

To discuss the progress of the CircUse project, partners met in late June of 2012 to talk about the Land Management Data Tool, management structures in Piekary and Voitsberg, as well as a soil map developed for Voitsberg.

### Lessons Learnt

Partners described the progress made so far on the pilot projects. This included a discussion on the various aspects of the bottlenecks, innovative solutions, most successful instruments and the instruments still lacking in the six pilot projects.

### InViTo Tool

The Higher Institute on Territorial Systems for Innovation (SiTI) and students from the Polytechnic University of Turin are developing a spatial tool to show the desirability of projects. The program could be helpful in determining the desirability of CircUse projects.



Figure 2: CircUse partner members discuss project results at the meeting in Italy.

## Ankara (Turkey)

*Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP) 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference*

*July 11-15, 2012*

### CircUse as a New Strategy

The CircUse project was presented at the AESOP 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress as a strategy to address the future challenges of cities. The innovative character of CircUse was presented to the participants as a viable solution to many of the problems expected for cities.



Figure 3: Assoc. Prof. Dagmar Petříková presents the CircUse project at the AESOP Conference.

# To spotlight

## Action Plans

### Properties and Actions Addressed by Action Plans



Figure 4: Property involved in the Trnava (SK) Action Plan



Figure 5: Unused brownfield in the City of Piekary (PL) considered for new uses.



Figure 6: Abandoned porcelain factory considered for re-use in Middle Saxony (DE)



Figure 7: Way-Assauto factory brownfield in Asti (IT)

### Action Plans for Pilot Projects

Action Plans created within the CircUse project for the six international pilot projects have been finished. These plans detail out the goals, aims, objectives and responsibilities for the implementation of the circular flow land use management strategy within the six sites.

### Structure

All of the Action Plans are similarly structured by covering the aspects of a vision, analysis, aims and goals. A defining feature of the Action Plans is the chart of responsibilities included in the plans. This chart details each specific objective and defines the timeframe, responsible party, cost, method of monitoring progress, as well as identifying possible risks that might hinder successful implementation. The Action Plans are an integral part of implementing the circular flow land use management concept in practice.

### Informal Plans

The plans do not replace the current planning practices done in the regions. Instead, they provide an informal planning approach to accomplishing the CircUse principle of a circular flow of land management. The plans were created with the input of important stakeholders throughout the process. This was done with consideration of the delegation of responsibilities given in the plan.

### International Scope

The goals and priorities of the Action Plans differ by region.

Plans were created for the areas of:

- ▶ The City of Piekary (PL),
- ▶ The Voitsberg Region (AT),
- ▶ The City of Asti (IT),
- ▶ The Trnava Micro-region (SK),
- ▶ The Middle Saxony Region (DE)
- ▶ The City of Usti nad Labem (CZ).

### Available Online

The Action Plans are one of the core outputs of the CircUse project and will be available on the CircUse webpage [www.circuse.eu](http://www.circuse.eu) under "Project Results", subsection "Action Plans".

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# To spotlight

## In Detail: Usti Region Action Plan



Figure 8: A rusted tractor sits idle in an abandoned industrial area of Usti nad Labem.



Figure 9: Computer generated image as part of the Usti Peninsula Feasibility study as to what the area could potentially look like in the future.



Figure 10: Stakeholders meet to discuss the current trends and Action Plan details.



Figure 11: Abandoned industrial land to be addressed by the Action Plan

### Ústí Region Action Plan

The Usti Region and IURS (Czech Republic) have created an action plan to implement circular flow land use management in the Usti Region. This Action Plan considers the land use in the unique region with a large presence of open-cast mining. The area is also the second most urbanised region in the Czech Republic.

### Current Situation

The Action Plan, prepared in cooperation with regional stakeholders and based on analytical work, notes the current situation of the region as being one of needing improvement. Currently there are no regional requirements for improving local land use sustainability because land use is mainly assumed as the local government's responsibility to regulate. Also, the required data on land take and brownfield inventories is unavailable. However, only an integrated local and regional approach can be effective because this level of action provides the detailed type of data required. The Action Plan looks to achieve this eventually for the entire region.

### Priorities and Actions

With this in mind, the Action Plan sets priorities to establish a sustainable land management approach within the region. This includes the organisation and promotion for sustainable land management, monitoring land take, directing development onto previously built lands and developing compensation measures. These priorities are further divided into actions to help achieve the desired results.

### Next Steps

The Action Plan foresees actions taking place until 2017 to help set up the required organisational and structural changes. After this, the stakeholders in the Usti Region will take on long term responsibilities to carry out CircUse. These include:

- ▶ creating policies that encourage sustainable land use,
- ▶ redirecting land consumption onto previously built areas, and
- ▶ gathering of required data by regional and local authorities.

Also, after 2017 a compensation program aimed at reducing the effects of brownfields which are superfluous to the market should be developed in the area.

### Available Online

The Usti Region Action Plan will be available on the CircUse webpage [www.circuse.eu](http://www.circuse.eu) under "Project Results", "Action Plans".

### Pilot Project in Ústí nad Labem

Parallel to the production of the regional Action Plan a feasibility study for a new waterfront area on previously unused land was taking place in the City of Usti nad Labem. This new waterfront area lies on a peninsula of the Elbe River and was previously a site for industry. The feasibility study considered the aspects of reusing this site for public use and thus promoting circular flow land use.

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# Upcoming events

## CABERNET 2012 Conference

*3rd International Conference on Managing Urban Land in conjunction with the 6th International Conference on Innovative Solutions for Revitalisation of Degraded Areas, Ustroń (Poland)*

October 2-4, 2012

## EUREGIA

*Conference for local and regional development in Europe, Leipzig (Germany)*

October 22-24, 2012

## Land Management Agency Foundation

*"Neue Chancen auf alten Flächen" (New Chances on Old Sites), Koeflach (Austria)*

8<sup>th</sup> November, 2012

The main conference theme is "Innovative Solutions towards Circular Land Use" and combines aspects of urban land management and degraded land revitalisation. A special session for Circular Flow Land Use Management (CircUse) will be held on the first day (October 2<sup>nd</sup>).

The Euregia Conference 2012 will focus on the topics of mobility, climate and energy as well as European cooperation. CircUse will present at the conference through posters created for the event.

The meeting will focus on presenting the new land management agency being set up for the Voitsberg Region of Austria to implement sustainable land management. For the draft program of the event please see [www.circuse.eu](http://www.circuse.eu).

### CircUse in a nutshell

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