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Recent events

Piber (Austria)

48th Regional Industrial Trade Fair

April 26th-29th, 2013

CircUse in Piber

CircUse was present with an information stand. Objective was to disseminate information concerning the new founded land management agency to different stakeholders in the region e.g. business people.



Figure 1: CircUse information stand in Piber.

Asti (Italy)

Open Day AstiSS at Polo Universitario di Asti - CircUse Training

April 19th, 2013

CircUse at University of Asti

The municipality of Asti and the Higher Institute on Territorial Systems for Innovation (SiTI) have organised a CircUse training. Target group of the training where pupils from secondary schools. The event was organised during the open day of Asti University.



Figure 2: Pupils present results of the CircUse Training.

Weimar (Germany)

Changing Urban Images - XIII. International Model Project Forum for European Urban Studies at Bauhaus University

February 21st-22nd, 2013

International Students learn about CircUse

"Changing Urban Images" was the title of the forum at the Bauhaus University where the project CircUse was present with two speeches: "EU Spatial Strategies: Integrating Central Europe" by Karl Eckert and "Implementing Circular Flow

Land Use Management in Central Europe" by Thomas Preuß.



Figure 3: Flyer of to the forum at Bauhaus University.

Leipzig (Germany)

Sustainable Solutions for the Environment - Terra Tec International Fir for Environmental Technologies and Services

January 31st, 2013

Forum at Terra Tec

The project was presented with the specific CircUse Forum: „Circular flow land use management and activities to reduce land consumption“. Experiences from four different partner countries were presented e.g. the implementation of the CircUse data tool, the foundation of a land management agency and the project pilot areas. The discussions

focused on the project results and the new EU funding framework.



Figure 4: Discussion at the CircUse Forum at Terra Tec.

To spotlight

CircUse approach popularly illustrated

Austrian designer Stella Caraman has illustrated the CircUse approach in a different as popular way. In 7 steps a short story of use, abandonment and reuse is told - comparable to the well-known Circular Flow Land Use Cycle (see front page). The illustration is free available on the CircUse webpage www.circuse.eu.



To spotlight

Pilot site of the “City of Piekary” (Poland)



Figure 8: Total view on the brownfield site in Piekary.



Figure 9: Before the investments.



Figure 10: Shaping the site – preparation work for planting.



Figure 11: Development of infrastructure.



Figure 12: “Regreening” of the site.

City of Piekary

The Piekary Śląskie borough borders the cities of Bytom and Katowice. The municipality Piekary Śląskie has 60.000 and the Brzeziny district 4.700 inhabitants. The liquidation of industrial enterprises in the district has caused a loss of functions and a change of the relation of the area to the social, natural and technical environment.

The pilot project

The pilot project focuses on a highly visible and exponents brownfield site in the Brzeziny district of the city of Piekary. One of the activities of the CircUse project is the realization of an investment at this area former used by heavy industries. The pilot project in Piekary Śląskie is closely connected with the implementation of the action plan toward circular land use management.

A formal and legal analyses as well as the initial analysis of the present way of its usage and significant conditions that may influence this pilot project execution were done in the beginning. It was established that the pilot project should be executed on a total area of approximately 14 ha including the real estate properties belonging to the State Treasury. The State Treasury will be the perpetual usufruct (long term lease) of the municipality Piekary Śląskie.

Investment for “regreening”

The investment focuses on a systematic “regreening” of the post-industrial site and upgrading of the overall image of the local landscape. The pilot investment is consisting of planting trees and

shrubs on the site located in-between an industrial area and a residential area.

Objectives for Piekary

The Municipality’s objective concerning the areas of Brzeziny district includes transformation of the degraded terrains and developing them partly into a city park fulfilling the following functions:

- as buffer vegetation separating the areas intended for industrial use – i.e. the terrains intended in the local spatial development plan for industrial and warehouse operations.
- as park and landscaping for recreational purposes, for the public use, consisting a supplement and extension of an existing city park in the close neighbourhood.

Thus the pilot project fulfils two functions in an integrated way.

Transferability

The approach of “regreening” in conjunction with the innovative way of financing with regard to a sustainable maintenance of the pilot area can be transferred to other regions in other countries. The strategy of land management and the exercised investment approach has is demonstrating an innovative and long term thinking of circular flow land use management, the core idea of CircUse.

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Upcoming events

CircUse Final Conference

*Sustainable Urban Land Use
– CircUse Final Conference in
Katowice (Poland)*

May 27th-28th, 2013

Towards sustainable land use in Europe! The CircUse final conference will present practical technical and organizational solutions for economic and environmental redevelopment of brownfields applied on the pilot areas will be presented. Find more information on the CircUse webpage - participation is free of charge.

3rd ENSA Conference

*3rd Meeting of the European
Network on Soil Awareness
(ENSA) in Aberdeen
(Scotland)*

September 18th-20th, 2013

The goal of the network is to bring soil scientists together with other experts working on soil in Europe to enlarge the group of people interested in soil awareness in one or the other way. ENSA, supported by ELSA and the European Commission, helps the public to become more familiar with soil and soil protection.

7th Conference to Revitalisation

*7th International Conference
Innovative Solutions for
Revitalisation of Degraded
Areas in Ustroń (Poland)*

October 2nd-4th, 2013

The thematic scope of the conference covers all aspects of revitalisation of degraded areas. This year the Conference will focus on protection and revitalisation of surface waters and groundwater, including innovative methods, technologies and tools to support aquatic ecosystem rehabilitation.

CircUse in a nutshell

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