



Final Conference - Programme

Realising the Potential of Abandoned military sites as an Integral Part of sustainable urban community Regeneration

Avrig and Sibiu Romania
15 and 16 June 2011



Wednesday, 15 June 2011 – Conference Day 1 – Site Visit

Meeting Room:	Town Hall, Avrig, Romania
09:00 – 09:30	Registration (coffee and pastries)
09:30 – 10:00	Welcome to Avrig Mr. Arnold Klingeis, Mayor of Avrig (record comments for Web broadcast)
	Response from Lead Partner Councillor Mrs Jane Chitty, Medway Council (record comments for Web broadcast)
10:00 – 10:30	Depart for Marsa Military Site Welcome and short overview of the Statistics of the Military Site Mr. Arnold Klingeis, Mayor of Avrig (record arrival for Web broadcast)
10:30 – 11:00	Project REPAIR Network Our goals and ambitions! Mr. Clem Smith, Medway Council (comments for Web broadcast)
11:00 – 11:30	Refreshment Break
11:30 – 13:00	Visit three locations on site – obtain reactions from Partners and experts (comment for Web broadcast) Led by Mr Arnold Klingeis, Mayor of Avrig
13:00 – 14:15	Buffet Lunch Break at Marsa Military Site Networking
14:15 – 15:15	Local Action Plan Showcase and Workshop Led by Hen Gerritse, Lead Expert A presentation of summarized Local Action Plans and group discussion to find out how partners benefited from the experience. Determine how partners used what they learned from the exchange of experience. (comment for Web broadcast)
15:15 – 16:00	10 Top Tips from Project REPAIR partners perspective - Moderated by Liz Mills, Thematic Expert Partners will discuss and agree 10 key practical tips from working the REPAIR project for publication on the REPAIR website. (comment for Web broadcast)
16:00 – 16:15	Summary of Day One Vincent Jasper or Arnold Klingeis, Mayor of Avrig (comment for Web broadcast)
	Meeting close
16:15 – 17:15	Avrig Tour
17:15 – 19:30	Return to Hotel Continental to prepare for evening
19:30 – 23:59	Dinner - Restaurant Hermania - Sibiu

Thursday, 16 June 2011 – Conference Day 2

- Meeting Room:** Hera Room, Ramada Hotel, Sibiu, Romania
- 1030 – 11:15 Registration (coffee and pastries)
- 11:10 **Call to order – and welcome partners at home**
Moderators: Vincent Jasper, Lead Partner REPAIR Project and Hen Gerritse, Lead Expert, URBACT II Programme
- 11:15 – 11:30 **Welcome to Sibiu**
Mr. Martin Bottesch, President of Sibiu County Council
- 11:30 – 11:45 **Response**
Councillor Jane Chitty, Medway Council
Portfolio Holder for Strategic Growth and Economic Development
- 11:45 – 12:00 **The European urban agenda - an update and a perspective from Romania!**
European Reference Framework for Sustainable Cities, future funding for sustainable urban development from 2014, the importance of the new EU2020 strategy.
Mr. Liviu Băileşteanu
Ministry of Regional Development and Tourism
- 12:00 – 12:15 **Why did we join the URBACT Programme? Our Goal:**
How can we develop alternative site uses and techniques, to secure the long-term preservation of the military heritage and contribute to broader sustainable development of surrounding urban areas?
Mr. Clem Smith, Medway Council
- 12:15 – 13:30 **REPAIR Principles – The Four Pillars**
Moderated by Dr. Malcolm Borg, Consultant with Paola Local Council
- I – Energy Efficiency and renewable energy – Avrig Local Energy Plan
II – Preservation – Zejtun, Malta – Preservation Plan

Refreshments

III – Accessibility, Mobility and transport – Utrecht – Master plan
IV – Local Jobs for Local People – Karlskrona – The Triple Helix
- 13:30 - 14:30 **Lunch break (web cast review of comments from Day One, 15 June)**
- 14:30 - 15:00 **Local Action Plans and Pilot Regeneration Actions – An Integrated Strategy**
Hen Gerritse, Lead Expert, URBACT II Programme
- 15:00 – 15:15 **REPAIR European Policy Recommendations**
Liz Mills, URBACT Thematic Expert
- 15:15 – 15:30 **10 Top Tips - Lessons learned by REPAIR Partners – Summary**
Hen Gerritse, Project REPAIR Lead Expert
Vincent Jasper, Project REPAIR Lead Partner representative
- 15:30 – 15:45 **EU URBAN policy and funding for sustainable regeneration post 2014. Response to REPAIR Policy Recommendations and 10 Top Tips**
Jean-Loup Drubigny, Director URBACT Programme
- 15:45 – 16:10 **Rehabilitation of abandoned military sites and their integration into urban development**
Mr. Benoni Sfarog
External expertise and development opportunities for Mirsa military site
Mr. Vasile Tabara
- 16:00 – 16:30 **Questions and closing comments.**
Vincent Jasper, REPAIR Project Network Coordinator, Medway Council

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Project REPAIR is an exchange of experience project funded by the EU URBACT II programme. It focuses on the regeneration of former military sites, exploring different approaches for effective re-use of these sites so as to maximise their contribution to broader sustainable development objectives.

The project brings together 10 partners from both old and new EU Member States. Between them the partners manage a wide variety of former military sites, ranging from disused bases in Eastern Europe (some heavily contaminated) to protected cultural heritage buildings in historic city centres.

The challenge is to transform these sites into thriving sources of economic activity, employment and social cohesion, working in an integrated and sustainable manner so as to address priority issues such as energy efficiency, use of renewable energy sources and sustainable transport. The REPAIR project activities have been organised around four policy themes or 'pillars':

- Pillar I Energy & waste management
- Pillar II Heritage conservation
- Pillar III Transport & accessibility
- Pillar IV Local jobs for local people.

REPAIR partners demonstrate a broad range of re-uses for their military sites and buildings, ranging from nature protection and green infrastructure to housing, retailing and large scale enterprise and employment creation schemes.

They also demonstrate different approaches for achieving these outcomes, including the use of a variable mix of local, regional, national and EU policy instruments and funding sources.

The URBACT Programme

URBACT is a European exchange and learning programme promoting sustainable urban development. It enables cities to work together to develop solutions to major urban challenges, reaffirming the key role they play in facing increasingly complex societal changes. URBACT helps cities to develop pragmatic solutions that are new and sustainable, and that integrate economic, social and environmental dimensions. It enables cities to share good practices and lessons learned with all professionals involved in urban policy throughout Europe. URBACT is 290 cities and their Local Support Groups, 37 Projects in 29 countries and 5,000 active stakeholders coming equally from Convergence and Competitiveness areas. ERDF and the Member States jointly finance URBACT.

The REPAIR Partners are:

