

Dr.-Ing. Uwe Ferber provides relevant experience on the content and skills on the management of international working groups on brownfields e.g.

- 1990 – 1993 : ERDF, Article 16 : Co-Operation of the Association of traditional industrial regions in Europe (RETI)
- Recite II : Long term RECITE II / LOTUS 2000+ : Working Group Moderation for the European co-operation project : Long Term Sustainable Development of Suburban Areas (London, Leipzig, Athens, Palermo); European Union ; 1999 - 2001
- CABERNET - Concerted Action for Brown-field Economic Regeneration Network, EU-Concerted Action - V Framework Program, Scientific Director ; European Commission, DG Research ; 2002 - 2005 (www.cabernet.org.uk)
- European Union/DG-Research : Regeneration of European Sites in Cities and Urban Environments (RESCUE), V-EU-Framework program, (2002-2005), (www.rescue-europe.com)



Dr. Ferber is technical co-ordinator for the Management authority in the EU-ERDF Objective I Brownfield program in Saxony providing 58 Mio. Euro in 2007 - 2013 for local projects. The target of the program is to reduce land consumption, to support inner urban brownfield redevelopment and to reduce infrastructure cost. Dr. Ferber assists the State Ministry in inter-ministerial coordination and policy development. STADT + organises also a stakeholder network for the exchange of experiences

Mr. Ferber is member of the scientific coordination of the CABERNET network. This is an expert group in the EU Concerted Action on Brownfield and Economic Regeneration Network (CABERNET) (EVK4 CT 2001 20004) that brings together perspectives from a number of stakeholders.

The objectives of CABERNET are (www.cabernet.org.uk) :

- European policy support in brownfield regeneration strategies
- Better awareness and shared understanding across stakeholder groups
- A conceptual model for brownfield issues
- Coordinated research activities across different sectors and countries
- Identification of best practice approaches and other tools

The network of 52 organisations has been set up and members have met in a series of stakeholder groups and conferences. CABERNET is coordinated by the University of Nottingham, UK and supported by the Umweltbundesamt in Germany (UBA).

Dr. Ferber is member of the US-German Bilateral Working Group on Sustainable Brownfield redevelopment in the context of the national environmental and spatial policies. Workshops and publication targets on the exchange of experience on land use, sealing and sprawl and policies in both countries (www.bilateral.org.com).

As part of the ExWoSt (Experimental Housing and Urban Development) research programme sponsored by the German Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs (BMVBS) research in the field "Flache im Kreis - Kreislaufwirtschaft in der städtischen / stadtreionalen Flächennutzung" (Land in a cycle – Circular land use management in cities and urban regions) was conducted from 2003 to 2007. The works were, on behalf of the Federal German government, Circular Land Use Management is an integrative policy and steering approach. Its central idea is a changed philosophy of land use. This changed philosophy of use can be synoptically described by the formula "avoidance - reuse - balancing". The prior, systematic objective of Circular Land Use Management is to fully utilise all potentially available, previously used sites.