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Urban Development for Healthier Cities: A Cross-cutting Approach to Innovative Local Governance

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Introduction

Europe's cities are the engines of economic growth as well as generators of wealth, innovation and employment. Thus, they are the centres of social and cultural development, but also the hot spots of social and spatial segregation, social exclusion, mobility problems and environmental and health threats. As a result, the wellbeing of citizens depends to a high degree on how cities are managed and how governments tackle these complex and multi-dimensional challenges. In this context, innovative leadership, cross-cutting policies and working methods and shared governance fostering health and wellbeing of citizens are more relevant than ever. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that cities develop an integrated and sustainable approach towards urban development, focusing on citizens' and other stakeholders' needs.

A prime field for citizens' wellbeing is collective health, which is largely determined by policies outside the health sector. Some issues like socioeconomic factors, education and culture, the physical features of the cities and towns, environmental factors, etc., have a more important impact on people's health and quality of life than the health system itself. Consequently, it is important to create synergies between the different areas of political action to promote healthy urban environments and to contribute to improving the wellbeing of the population.

Many European cities already show commitment and innovation in how to solve these challenges and created novel solutions for providing healthy urban environments. This conference will concentrate on these best practices and showcase some of the leading-edge approaches that European cities of different sizes developed in order to enhance the quality of life of their citizens.

One of these outstanding examples is the EPSA 2015 winner of the cross-cutting award 'Urban Environment and Health' submitted by the Provincial Council of Barcelona. This project creates synergies between different areas of political action and across 13 administrative departments (involving 49 professionals from 15 different disciplines) to promote healthy urban environments in order to improve citizens' health. For instance, a comprehensive 'Urban Environment and Health Guide' was developed for public practitioners, which comprises 75 detailed files about designing and maintaining healthy public areas and to prevent them from becoming a risk for health. In addition, the knowledge and best practices of this guide are transferred and applied through various training sessions to the municipalities of the Province of Barcelona.

In short, this project is innovative as it truly breaks down institutional silos, crosses different sectors and engages in horizontal and vertical administrative cooperation. The topic of health is integrated into other policies not only by regulation, but mainly by 'leading by example'.

Therefore, this showcase provides inspiration and many lessons learnt to other public administrations across Europe.

The experience of this winner project will be combined with many other best practices tackling various dimensions of urban development and health. Many of these also stem from the European Public Sector Award (EPSA, www.epsa2015.eu), which is the only Europe-wide award scheme open to all public administrations from all levels across Europe. Having gathered more than 1000 cases from 39 countries and the EU institutions since 2009, the EPSA is the European Network of Public Sector Excellence, where innovative public administrations will find inspiring solutions ready to be replicated in their own contexts.

It is for these reasons that the Provincial Council of Barcelona is partnering with the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) to hold this International Knowledge-Transfer Conference in Barcelona on 'Urban Development for Healthier Cities – A Cross-cutting Approach to Innovative Local Governance' to present, share and exchange the many local good practices in the area of urban environment and health.

Objectives

- This conference provides a space for knowledge exchange, debate and reflection between various actors from academic and public sectors in the field of urban policies, planning and health. Sharing convincing results and vital best practices and engaging with the innovators behind the cases supports the extraction of lessons learnt and facilitates the replication of internationally recognised practices to specific contexts of administrations in Europe.
- The role of cities and towns in strengthening healthy living through novel public policies will be examined. Inspiring and innovative local experiences and proven solutions stemming from schemes such as the EPSA will be combined with the latest trends and forecasts in this field.
- Another essential element of this conference is networking. The event will provide a unique opportunity for participants and experts to meet peers and other decision-makers in this area, and will thus support and enhance the building of capacities within administrations.

Target groups

The event is not only open to the EPSA community, but also to all practitioners and public actors from all levels of government in Europe and beyond, as well as to both academic and private sector audiences who have an interest in the latest developments of integrated urban development and cross-disciplinary approaches to design healthy local environments and to develop holistic urban policies.

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Learning methodology

The activity will combine a mixture of panel discussions and presentations and exchanges of views. Above all, participants will have the opportunity to learn from leading-edge public best practices and their insights on how to reach outstanding results and implement awarded projects.

Working languages

The conference will be conducted in English, Spanish and Catalan, with simultaneous interpretation throughout the duration of the programme.

Venue

Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site
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Organisation and registration at EIPA

Registration is **free of charge**, therefore places will be allocated on a strictly first-come-first-served basis.

Kindly complete the online registration form at <http://seminars.eipa.eu>

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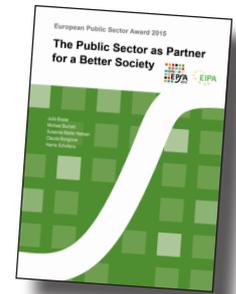
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Social activities during the conference in Barcelona

The conference will take place in the Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site, UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most iconic Art Nouveau buildings of the City of Barcelona. A guided tour of the site will be offered to participants after the first day.

In addition, walking lunches and networking coffees will provide for lively interaction in between the panel sessions. Exact details will be communicated upon registration for the event.

Read the EPSA 2015 Publication online at: <http://publications.eipa.eu>



Programme

SUNDAY, 12 JUNE 2016

Arrival of participants

MONDAY, 13 JUNE 2016

Venue: Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site

08.45 **Registration and delivery of the seminar kit**

09.15 **Official opening panel and key messages of the EPSA 2015**

Mercè Conesa, President, Provincial Council of Barcelona

Marga Pröhl, Director-General, European Institute of Public Administration, EIPA

10.00 **Keynote address: Designing cities with a focus on wellbeing and health**

Marcus Grant, Expert Advisor to the WHO European Healthy Cities Network and Built Environment Expert for the Design Council Caba, Bristol (UK)

10.45 **Urban environment and health: An interdisciplinary perspective. Presentation of the EPSA 2015 cross-cutting award winner**

Introduced and chaired by *Alexander Heichlinger*, Expert and Manager, EIPA Barcelona

Cati Chamorro, Head of the Department of Public Health, Provincial Council of Barcelona

Eloi Juvillà, Section Chief of Facilities and Public Space, Provincial Council of Barcelona

11.30 Networking coffee

12.00 **City Panel: Innovation, leadership and participatory governance for health and wellbeing – Three cities, three models**

Introduced and chaired by *Furio Honsell*, Mayor of Udine (IT) and Vice-President of the Italian WHO Healthy Cities Network

Sandro Petruzzi, Director of Planning and Management of Infrastructure, Metropolitan City of Turin (IT)

Bas Akkers, Programme Manager, Economic Department, City of Utrecht (NL)

Erlijn Mulder, Communication Strategist, City of Utrecht (NL), EPSA Best Practice

Ramazan Korkmaz, Policy Officer for Energy and General Affairs, Department of Nature Conservation, Green Spaces and Energy, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg (DE)

14.00 Joint walking lunch

15.30 **The European vision for urban environment and health**

Video message by *Karmenu Vella*, European Commissioner for the Environment, Brussels

15.45 **Panel: Learning from European Green Capitals**

Introduced and chaired by *Josep Mompin*, Head of the Department of Urban Landscape and Environmental Development, City of Mollet del Vallès (ES), European Green Leaf (EGL) City 2015

Green Vitoria-Gasteiz: A lively city-nature network

Luis Andrés Orive, Director of the Environmental Studies Centre, City of Vitoria-Gasteiz (ES)

ESSENTIALS - changing the way we act

Matthias Sinn, Head of the Environmental Agency, City of Essen (DE)

European Green Capital 2016: towards a green, clean, safe and friendly city

Simona Berden, Senior Adviser, Development Projects and Investments Office, City of Ljubljana (SI), EPSA Best Practice

17.30 **End of the first day**

18.00 Guided Tour of the Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site



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TUESDAY, 14 JUNE 2016

09.00 **Working in partnership for healthier cities: The cross-cutting model of the Barcelona Provincial Council**

Laura Martínez, Deputy Councillor of Public Health and Consumer Affairs, Provincial Council of Barcelona

Josep Ramon Mut, Deputy Councillor for Town Planning and Housing, Provincial Council of Barcelona

09.30 **Panel: Designing healthy cities by facilitating active mobility**

Introduced and chaired by *David Donaire*, Researcher of the Centre for Research in Environmental Epidemiology (CREAL)

Cycling as sustainable and healthy urban mobility experience

Simona Arletti, President of the Italian Healthy Cities Network WHO and City Councillor of the City of Modena

Inclusive and healthy mobility: The case of free public transport in Tallinn

Allan Alaküla, Head of Tallinn's EU Office, City of Tallinn (EE), EPSA Best Practice

Promoting walkability in the Barcelona region

Jordi Cervera, Manager of the Department of Sports, Barcelona Provincial Council (ES)

11.00 Networking coffee

11.30 **Panel: Housing vulnerability**

Introduced and chaired by *Coque Claret*, Researcher, Vallès School of Architecture, and of the EU-funded Project RELS (*Rénovation Énergétique des Logements*)

Energy Poverty in the UK: Liverpool's experience

Neil Johnson, ECO Framework Project Manager, City of Liverpool (UK)

From theory to practice: The example of St. Cugat del Vallès' housing and energy policies

Daniel Calatayud, Architect Professor ETSAV – UPC, on behalf of Sant Cugat del Vallès (ES), EPSA Winner

Local housing policies to reduce energy poverty and homelessness in Ghent

Joris Beaumon, Manager OCMW Ghent, City of Ghent (BE), EPSA Best Practice

13.00 Walking Networking Lunch

14.30 **Panel: Buildings and spaces contributing to healthy living**

Introduced and chaired by *Felipe Pich-Aguilera*, Architect and President of the Green Building Council (GBC, Spain)

Integration of architecture into the natural and urban space at the designated development area (ZAC) "La Courrouze" in Rennes

Charles Dard, Landscape Architect, Professor at the Brittany National College of Architecture, Rennes (FR)

Creation of "leisure-time space" by multiple use of urban space

Marlies Fellingner, Project Coordination for Multiple Usage, City of Vienna (AT), EPSA Winner and Best Practice

16.00 **Keynote address: Transforming cities into healthier places through urban planning**

Isabela Velazquez, Urbanist Architect, Gea21, Madrid (ES)

16.45 **Concluding remarks and summary of the results of the conference**

Harrie Scholtens, Seconded National Expert and EPSA Category Leader, EIPA Maastricht (NL)

17.00 **Official Closure**

Meritxell Budó, Vice-President for the Area of Citizen Affairs, Provincial Council of Barcelona and Mayor of La Garriga

Dionís Guiteras, Vice-President for the Area of Territorial Affairs and Sustainability, Provincial Council of Barcelona and Mayor of Mojà

Alexander Heichlinger, Expert and Manager, EIPA Barcelona



Expert CVs (in alphabetical order)

Bas Akkers

Bas Akkers is Senior Advisor at the Economic Department of the Municipality of Utrecht. He is active in the field of start-ups, expatriates and international economic affairs. He is also the link between the triple helix in Utrecht (the Economic Board Utrecht) and the Municipality of Utrecht. This triple helix has healthy urban living as the leading principle in their policy. As an economist by training he is always looking for the appropriate role a government has to play in today's society.

Allan Alaküla

Allan Alaküla has been Head of the Tallinn European Office in Brussels since 2007 and since July 2012 Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Tallinn Television.

After graduation from the History Department of Tartu University, he was Editorial Writer in the Estonian daily Postimees, Head of the Opinion Department in the daily Sõnumileht and Editor in Chief in the weekly Kesknädal. He entered Tallinn Municipal Administration in the position of Public Relations Director.

His favourite topics in presenting Tallinn as world class innovation destination are free public transport and paperless administration.

Simona Arletti

Simona Arletti was Deputy Mayor for Health and Environmental Policies for 10 years (2004 – 2014) and since 2010 she is the Chair of Italian Healthy Cities Network, the network of cities working on health issues according to the indications of World Health Organisation. She is City Councillor of the Municipality of Modena. She has long-standing experience as a speaker in several international meetings and workshops all around Europe.

Joris Beaumon

Joris Beaumon has 15 years of experience in the Public Centre for Social Welfare (a local government) in Ghent, Belgium. He started as individual social worker in one of the welfare offices in Ghent. After a few years of working on policy topics such as 'local social policy' and 'poverty reduction' he is now responsible for a team of 10 members of staff who give support to a department of 700 employees that work on a wide range of topics, including housing and poverty reduction. Joris is also responsible for the development and implementation of the 'poverty reduction plan' of Ghent.

Simona Berden

Simona Berden earned her Master of Sciences (American and Global studies) at the Faculty of Social Studies at the University of Ljubljana and her diploma in Political Science - International Relations at the same Faculty.

She worked in the Department of International Relations and Protocol within the City Administration of Ljubljana, at the European Parliament in Brussels (Constitutional Affairs and Petitions Section) and at the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia (field of cultural diversity and human rights).

For the last seven years, she has been working as Senior Adviser at the Development Projects and Investment Office in the City Administration of Ljubljana.

Since 2010, she has been actively participating in the project Ljubljana - European Green Capital. Presently, she is a member of the working group which is responsible for the preparation and organisation of the Green Capital programme for 2016. Her main tasks and responsibilities are international relations.

Meritxell Budó

Meritxell Budó has a degree in Pharmacy and a Master in Pharmaceutical Industry. Her career is related to the veterinary pharmaceutical industry, with technical management responsibilities. Currently, Meritxell Budó is Vice-President for the Area of Citizen Affairs of the Barcelona Provincial Council. She is Mayor of the municipality of La Garriga.

Daniel Calatayud

Daniel Calatayud Souweine is Architect and Professor at the Vallès School of Architecture. He is an expert in carbon footprint of cities, private households and construction systems, energy efficiency in buildings, carbon footprint of transport and energy poverty. Moreover, he is part of the project team of the EU-funded research project RELS ("Rénovation Energétique des Logements"). Daniel Calatayud received the Environmental Award 2009 by the Catalan Government for Initiatives related to environmental protection in the category "Sustainability in Buildings". He published various books and articles in his field of expertise.

Jordi Caveró

Jordi Caveró is an Architect at from the Polytechnic University of Catalonia and holds a Master in Management from the University of Barcelona and a Postgraduate Degree in Local Governance. He was responsible for the sporting equipment

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as Architect in the Organising Committee of the Barcelona Olympic Games in 1992. He has been working at the Provincial Council of Barcelona since 1988. Since 2008, he has been holding the position of Manager of the Department of Sports and cooperates with the local entities of the Province of Barcelona in order to improve the quality of life of citizens through sports by launching sports activities and consolidating the network of sporting equipment. He led the project "Euro Sport Health", which was co-financed by the European Commission in 2010. He was member of several organising committees of sports events at national and international level, and contributed as speaker to various congresses and seminars in relation to the design of sports equipment and the invigoration of sports activities for all.

Catalina Chamorro

Catalina Chamorro is Biologist and experienced in the field of public health and local administration. For 25 years, she had been responsible for public health services at the Municipality of El Prat de Llobregat. Since 2007, she is Head of the Department of Public Health at the Provincial Council of Barcelona. She participated as representative of the Catalan Federation of Municipalities (FMC) in the re-organisation of the Catalan public health system. Furthermore, she represented the FMC as well as the Catalan Association of Municipalities in several commissions and working groups in relation to different fields of public health that were set up by the Catalan Government. In addition, she was Coordinator of the Catalan Network of Healthy Cities from 1998- 2000. She is member of the promotion group of the project "Urban Environment and Health" of the Provincial Council of Barcelona, which won the EPSA 2015 cross-cutting Prize. Since March 2015, she is also President of the Society for Public Health of Catalonia and the Balearic Islands.

Coque Claret

Coque Claret is Architect and Professor at the Vallès School of Architecture of Sant Cugat del Vallès. He is Founding Member of the working group AUS at the Official College of Architects of Catalonia (COAC). He is an enthusiast and great expert in constructive solutions and "alternative" professional practices in architecture. He loves putting ideas into practice and theoretic/scientific debate about themes related to architecture and sustainability, architecture, health and energy poverty, etc. He is Founder of the investigation lab PAUS at the Vallès School of Architecture. He participated as Faculty Advisor in the 2010-2012-2014 editions of the Solar Decathlon Europe Competition with the Team of the Vallès School of Architecture. He has been Researcher of the European project RELS (Rénovation Energétiques des Logements) for social housing in the Mediterranean from 2011-2015. He uses to work in collaboration with Daniel Calatayud in the Centre for Research and Technological Transfer CRITT of the Vallès School of Architecture.

Mercè Conesa

President of Diputació de Barcelona (Barcelona Provincial Council). For the past fourteen years, Mercè Conesa has been Councillor of the Municipality of Sant Cugat del Vallès, first as Deputy Mayor for Equality and Social Policies (1999 – 2003) and then as Deputy Mayor for Urbanism (2003 – 2010). Since 2010 she is also Mayor of her hometown. Besides this, she has been County Councillor at the Council of Vallès Occidental County. Prior to her public responsibilities, she taught administrative law at the Autonomous University of Barcelona and worked at the General Directorate of Local Administration of the Government of Catalonia. Moreover, she has been the head of the legal service of the Catalan Association of Municipalities and Counties. She holds a degree in law from the Autonomous University of Barcelona and different master degrees in public management, leadership and innovation in public policies from the Pompeu Fabra University, ESADE and IESE.

Charles Dard

Charles Dard is Landscape Architect and Professor at the Brittany National College of Architecture. After having graduated from the National School of Landscape Architecture in Versailles, he worked in the landscape agency of Alexandre Chemetoff until he founded his own landscape agency in 1993. Together with Sébastien Marot he founded the journal "Le visiteur", where he published the ten issues for the Société Française des Architectes (the French Architects' Association) between 1995 and 2003.

From 1999 to 2003, he contributed to the show "Tribune du paysage" of François Chaslin's broadcast "Métropolitain", which ran on the French public radio channel France-Culture. Furthermore, he used to be guest lecturer at renowned French Schools of Landscape and Architecture (Marne-la Vallée, National School of Landscape Architecture of Versailles, Brittany National College of Architecture). He worked in major landscape projects in the Cities of Arcueil, Gentilly, Allonnes and Rennes in France, for which he won several prizes such as the "Prix Art Urbain 2003" and the "Prix d'Aménagement Urbain 2013".

David Donaire

Dr. David Donaire is Physiotherapist, Psychologist and PhD on Physical Activity and Health Sciences. Since 2007 he has been working as an Epidemiologist in the Respiratory and Environmental Health research unit at the Centre for Research in Environmental Epidemiology (CREAL). His work on the effects of physical activity in course of Chronic

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Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) was awarded by the European Respiratory Society in 2007, by the College of Physiotherapists of Catalonia in 2009 and by the Scientific Committee of the XIV COPD Symposium in 2014. His expertise in continuous personal exposure measurement, using novel technologies, has been applied in several International projects like TAPAS (<http://www.tapas-program.org>), PHENOTYPE (www.phenotype.eu), HELIX (<http://www.projecthelix.eu>), EXPOsOMICs (<http://www.exposomicsproject.eu>), and PASTA (<http://www.pastaproject.eu/home/>) to examine the effect of objective measures of exposure and behaviour upon individuals' health and travel behaviour.

Marlies Fellingner

Marlies Fellingner is Urban Planner, focusing on topics such as sustainable urban development, participation, empowerment and bottom-up processes. She studied spatial planning at the Vienna Technical University and at the Technical University of Madrid.

She is an employee at the City of Vienna, Department for Urban Development and Planning. Currently she is working on the project "simply multiple", promoting the creation of additional leisure-time space for children and adolescents by shared and intermediate use.

Marcus Grant

As a practicing trans-disciplinarian, Marcus Grant is an Ecologist who works as an Urban Designer and Landscape Architect in urban public health. Former Associate Professor and Deputy Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Healthy Urban Environments, Marcus worked with the WHO European Healthy Cities Network for over 15 years. He examines issues of sustainable development and health through consultancy, governmental organisations and academia. He is a fellow by distinction of the Faculty of Public Health in the UK. Through his consultancy, Environmental Stewardship for Health, Marcus focuses on the reconciliation of human health and biosphere health, in the urban realm. He is co-author of "Shaping Neighbourhoods for Local Health and Global Sustainability" (2010) and "The Routledge Handbook of Planning for Health and Well-Being" (2015). He is leading the launch of a new journal "Cities and Health" expressly developed to fill the gap between 'what we know' and 'what we do' in cities.

Dionís Guiteras

Guiteras Dionís studied Political Science at the Open University of Catalunya. He was Deputy of the Parliament of Catalonia during the 10th legislature. Currently, Dionís Guiteras is the Vice-President for the Area of Territorial Affairs and Sustainability, Provincial Council of Barcelona, and Mayor of the municipality of Moià. He is Member of the Executive Secretary of ERC Supra-municipal Affairs and Chairman of the Regional Council.

Alexander Heichlinger

Alexander Heichlinger is Senior Faculty Member at EIPA Barcelona, and was Manager and Accelerator of the European Public Sector Award (EPSA) (2009-2014). With over 20 years of training and advisory experiences, he has led and delivered numerous assignments for public sector organisations from all levels from across Europe and beyond, as well as for the European institutions and other international organisations. He led the 'City excellence network/cloud' in 2012-2013 with seven "front-runner" cities and co-authored the result of this work in the publication *In Search of Local Public Management Excellence - Seven Journeys to Success*. He is co-founder and chair of the *European City Economic & Financial Governance (CEFG) Group*, a high-level strategic partnership between Amsterdam (NL), Barcelona (ES), Bordeaux (F), Dublin (IRL), Hamburg (DE), the City of London (UK), Milan (IT) and Vilnius (LT). He has published twelve books in his fields of expertise and received the Dubai Public Excellence Award in 2012 for his merits.

Furio Honsell

Furio Honsell is full Professor of Informatics at the University of Udine, where he was first appointed Head of the Department of Mathematics and Computing, then Dean of the Faculty of Natural Physical and Mathematical Sciences and where he served as Vice-Rector from 2001 to 2008. He was President of the Science and Technology Park of Udine and Vice-President of the National Association for the Promotion of European Research from 2001 to 2010. In 2008 he was elected Mayor of the Municipality of Udine, for the centre-left party and in May 2013 he was re-elected for another five-year term. He joined the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy and is Vice-President of the Italian WHO "Healthy Cities" Network, which promotes the health and well-being of citizens at national level. He has been strongly committed to implementing policies for health and promoting co-operation and networking at European and international level. In 2015 he was elected President of the EU Covenant on Demographic Change.

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Neil Johnson

Neil Johnson is Project Manager, Environmental Scientist (AMIEEnvSc) and Researcher, with degrees in BSc (Hons) Environmental Science, MSc, Energy and Environment (EPSRC) with a Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council scholarship and PhD, Environmental Impacts of Micro Hydropower (acoustics and cities) (EPSRC) scholarship. He is the current interim Programme Lead of the Liverpool Healthy Homes Programme and ECO Framework Project Management, developing an energy efficiency area-based strategy for the City working with several energy companies. His previous employment includes environmental consultancy as a project planner on Environmental Impact Assessments for energy from waste projects and retail management. He is also associate Member of the Institution of Environmental Sciences.

Eloi Juvillà

Eloi Juvillà is Architect at the Department of Facilities and Public Space of the Provincial Council of Barcelona, which offers assistance to the municipalities of the Province so that they are able to offer high-level facilities and public spaces as well as a high service standard to them.

He was Coordinator of the seminar series *Urbanism and Gender. A necessary vision for all*, which took place in Barcelona in 2005. He is a Member of the working group "Urban Environment and Health" of the Provincial Council of Barcelona and Coordinator of the guide and online search engine for the selection of species of the urban green (2016). Since 2000 he has coordinated studies and projects about public space and facilities in the Province of Barcelona. For the last years, he has been managing a series of actions targeting the promotion of quality public space by incorporating new social demands. These actions are based on knowledge transfer and innovation with the objective of developing methodologies and novel municipal management and support products.

Ramazan Korkmaz

Ramazan Korkmaz is a Policy Officer for Energy and General Affairs in the Department of Nature Conservation, Green Spaces and Energy of the Ministry of Environment and Energy of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg. He is an industrial business manager and lawyer by training. During his career, he worked in different positions and for different private companies of the service and energy sectors. In the beginning of 2000, he experienced as Director of a small municipal utility the liberalisation of energy markets in Germany and organised in this context the transposition of new regulatory requirements. Since 2009, he has been responsible for general affairs in the area of energy policy and the energy sector within the Ministry of Environment and Energy of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg and has been accompanying the re-municipalisation activities of the City of Hamburg. In addition, he contributes to the strategic development of the municipal energy-distributing companies. Furthermore, he is an expert in regulatory topics regarding the energy sector and deals with energy-law-related questions and general affairs regarding the energy transition for Hamburg. Moreover, he manages and supervises the conceptualisation and implementation of several political projects, the last one being the set-up of an advisory council for the energy network of the City of Hamburg.

Laura Martínez

Laura Martínez graduated in Law at the Universitat de Lleida (UdL). She holds a Master's Degree in Management of Human Resources from the "Centro de Estudios Financieros" and a Postgraduate on Legal Practice, as well as courses of specialisation on Minor Jurisdiction and Violence against Women. She worked as a lawyer at De Iure Advocats and she was Coordinator of Environment Affairs at the Consell Comarcal del Maresme (local administration). She is Deputy Councillor of Public Health and Consumer Affairs in the Provincial Council of Barcelona and Councillor in the City Council of Vilassar de Mar.

Josep M. Mompín

Josep M. Mompín is a Landscape Architect, Agricultural Engineer and Environmentalist. He has worked for more than 25 years in the field of management of green areas and environmental services of the City of Mollet del Vallès, where since 2010 he has held several positions in the field of urban and environmental quality. He also participated in many studies and urban development projects both in the field of administration and for the landscape consultancy M-F, while accumulating extensive experience in management and maintenance of public space and comprehensive management of environmental affairs. He contributed to several courses and postgraduate and master's degrees in the field of environment, green spaces and urban landscape of the Polytechnic University of Catalonia and the University of Girona. Since 2010, he is Head of Urban Landscape, Environmental Development and Environment of the City of Mollet del Vallès covering the areas of environmental quality, urban quality, energy management and sustainability. In 2015, the City of Mollet del Vallès was the first city to be awarded by the European Commission with the recognition "European Green Leaf 2015", which is a prize given to European cities with 20,000 to 100,000 inhabitants.

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Erlijn Mulder

Erlijn Mulder is a Strategist at the Municipality of Utrecht (www.utrecht.nl). She works for the Political and Directory Board regarding the future strategy of the Utrecht region and the urban agenda. In this function, she contributes to developing an international proposition for the city of Utrecht on healthy urban living as a fundament for future city development. Over the last years she worked as a Communications Specialist for the Mayor and was also in constant dialogue with the citizens of Utrecht with new concepts for democracy.

Josep Ramon Mut

Josep Ramon Mut has a bachelor's degree in Law by the University of Barcelona, a Master's degree in Public Law and Advanced Studies, Politics and Public Management granted by IDEC-UPF. He holds a Master's Degree in Professional Legal Practice by ICAB. He worked in the juridical section of the Collserola's Natural Park Consortium. He is Deputy Councillor for Town Planning and Housing, Provincial Council of Barcelona. Moreover, Josep Ramon Mut is the President of ERC at Barcelona Provincial Council.

Luis Andrés Orive

Luis Andrés Orive is an engineer and a doctorate "cum laude" in territorial analysis of landscape. From 1989 to 2008, he was director of the CEA (Center of environmental studies in Vitoria-Gasteiz). In 2007, he was invited as an expert of the Council of Europe for the development of the Pan-European Ecological Network ". In 2008 he was appointed as a jury member for the evaluation of good practices on urban sustainability of the Committee UN-Habitat in Spain. He is a member of the collaborative master's program in landscape architecture at the University of NY to Syracuse, in addition to urban forum manager of the landscape of Vitoria-Gasteiz since 2005. During the years 2010 and 2011 he coordinated the cycles of landscape and designed the International master of planning and landscape architecture at the University of the Basque country. From 2011 to 2015 he was the general coordinator of the environment and director of the project "European Green Capital 2012" for the Vitoria-Gasteiz City Council. At present, he is the head of the Department of studies and research of CEA (Center of environmental studies in Vitoria-Gasteiz).

Felipe Pich-Aguilera

Felipe Pich-Aguilera, PhD Architect, graduated in 1986 from the Polytechnic University of Catalonia. He is Founding Member of the Architecture School of the International University of Catalonia (ESARQ/UIC), Tutor of the architecture studio and Director of Architecture and Sustainability for fourth year students. He is also Director of the Environment and Industrialisation Research Area (www.ceimuic.es). Since 2000, he has hold the position of GBCE President (Spanish president of the International Initiative for a Sustainable Built Environment and World Green Building Council, www.gbce.es). Furthermore, he was President of the Coordination Committee of the "World Sustainable Building Conference" of Barcelona in 2014 (WSB14Barcelona). He has his own architecture practice (Pich-Aguilera-Picharchitects), which has won numerous awards for its work and its efforts in sustainable building and environmental research in conjunction with European projects.

Sandro Petruzzi

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Karmenu Vella

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