

Chemnitz, 07 November 2016



An extensive tour of the Spinnerei
Photo: Kristin Schmidt



Project partner Liverpool took part in the meeting
in Chemnitz via video stream
Photo: City



The "schönherr.fabrik" is a best practice example
for a large building that has been given a "2nd
Chance"
Photo: City

European project partners want to breathe new life into sleeping giant

As part of the EU's "2nd Chance: waking up the sleeping giants" project, representatives from Brussels, Caen, Dubrovnik, Genoa, Lublin, Maribor, Naples and Gijón visited the premises of Spinnwerk GmbH & Co.KG, a former spinning-machine factory on Altchemnitzer Strasse, to join the local supporters in exploring new ways to use the building. Börries Butenop, Head of the Chemnitz Town Planning Office, welcomed the attendees to the two-day network meeting. The European guests were said to have found the best practice examples presented in the city very useful for their own work. They particularly enjoyed the contrast of spending the first day at a "sleeping industrial giant" that still needs revitalisation, and their second in a former industrial area that has now been successfully brought back to life.

During the tour of the spinning-machine factory complex on 13/10/2016, its owner Klaus Hirsch explained how it had been used in the past and what is happening there today. The European project partners were very impressed with both his work with the local support group and his approach to revitalising the building. The representatives spent the first part of the meeting discussing the status of their current projects. This gave Chemnitz a chance to get opinions from the other partners about its own difficulties. Next, Thomas Rebsch talked about how the "Spinnerei" is now used as an open-air party location.

The meeting on 14/10/2016 at the "schönherr.fabrik" concluded with Managing Director Birgit Eckert hosting a tour through the various completed parts of the building and companies that have already moved in. The organisers of the "Begehungen" ["Site Visits"] festival held an exhibition in the foyer to show new options for using brownfield sites. The "Wolkenkuckucksheim" ["Cloud Cuckoo Land"] festival that developed out of this project was presented in the form of a video put together specially for the network meeting. Martin Neubert from "StadtWohnen Chemnitz" explained how his agency connects the owners of empty homes with new users. The meeting was completed with a visit to the Odradek reading café, where the "Kompott" alternative living and culture project was explored as another option for possible usage.

The members of the [network](#) will next meet at a conference in Porto in late March 2017.

Chemnitz named the “Most Active City” in Germany

Chemnitz impressed the organisers with its wide range of partners: the city was awarded their special prize for the “Most Active City” in recognition of the many different sporting activities the Sonnenberg district’s sport and dance clubs, children’s day-care centre, primary school, youth clubs, family centre and city sport association organised under the aegis of the Sonnenberg district social administration. From a sports taster day to a fun rally and a football tournament, the town had everything. Sonnenbergers young and old were even able to try out a low ropes course and Indian dancing. The activities were organised to encourage children and their parents in particular to exercise more. They were invited to a family fun sport festival and a family hike. The EU Office in Chemnitz supported the special week of activities which was held from 10 to 18/09/2016 to coincide with the European Commission’s “It’s time to #BeActive” week, a project that aims to get all Europeans exercising more and leading a more active lifestyle.

CELSIUS brings international alumni together in Chemnitz

This October, the Centre for International Postgraduate Studies of Environmental Management (CIPSEM) at Dresden University of Technology held a course on renewable energies and energy efficiency. 21 energy sector experts from developing and emerging nations attended the four week course, which was supported by UNESCO, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB). The graduates from Brazil, Cambodia, China, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, the Philippines, Tunisia and Ukraine came to Chemnitz for one part of their course on 19/10/2016. Here, Mr Zichner from the Environment Agency of Chemnitz explained some of the city’s approaches to the energy sector, climate change and adaptation. Mr Braumann from the city’s energy management department explained the innovative energy concept used in the Rüsselchen day-care centre. Mr Braumann is also Chemnitz’s coordinator for the EU CELSIUS project, which aims to increase energy efficiency. As part of the project, partners from London, Genoa, Gothenburg, Cologne, Rotterdam and Chemnitz are due to hold a webinar to discuss the district heating system in Lille on 23/11/2016.

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Field trip with a tour of the FASA AG solar houses
Photo: BA Freiberg



The participants were very impressed with what they saw during their trip
Photo: TU Dresden



Study visit to the Hämppi car park, winner of the 2013 European Parking Award Photo: City



Mobility and knowledge society forum in Tampere, 17 to 19 October

“Transformative city – the impact of smart cities strategies on local governance” was the topic in focus when the mobility and knowledge society forums held their first joint meeting in Tampere this October. The forum members discussed the role information technology should play in urban development going forward, what standards it will have to meet, and to what extent it can help to improve quality of life in cities. Eva-Maria Gräfer, Project Coordinator for the City of Chemnitz, tells us that the discussions focussed over and over again on the great responsibility cities have towards their citizens, and the associated need to verify the added value for society of commercial offers and proposals. One example of positive digital transformation presented at the event was the [“OPTICITIES”](#) project, which is developing and testing fully compatible intelligent transport systems in six European cities. The meeting took place as part of the “Mind-trek 2016” conference in Tampere, which this year was focused on the “Smart City” concept. During the conference, Tampere launched its own “Smart City” ecosystem, whereby the administration acts as the manager of the “city” platform and brings in specialists who can use their digital skills and services to benefit the residents.



The economic development forum brought together representatives from over 100 member states Photo: Solna

CWE attends Economic Development Forum in Stockholm and Nacka, 26 and 27 October

Sören Uhle, Managing Director of Chemnitzer Wirtschaftsförderungs- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH (CWE) [City of Chemnitz Economic Development Corporation] attended the economic development forum to learn more about how local economic activities can support migrant integration. The conference shed light on how cities can help people with migrant backgrounds to find work, develop the skills they need for the job market and even found their own businesses. The head of Stockholm’s innovation department held an interactive session to discuss how cities can create an attractive and innovative ecosystem to draw specialists in from abroad. On the second day, representatives from the EURO CITIES member cities took part in a plenary meeting to discuss long-term integration opportunities for migrants. This was followed by a speed networking session with best practice examples from companies, NGOs and cities. A round table meeting then covered the current challenges, innovative solutions and future opportunities on a local level. The “Entrepreneurship and SME” working group held an interactive session to discuss entrepreneurship amongst city-dwelling migrants.



CWE Managing Director Sören Uhle attended the events in Stockholm and Nacka Photo: Solna

Applications open for the IPZ European prize for projects promoting exchange

The Institute for European Partnerships and International Collaboration, Cologne (IPZ) has awarded its European prize every year since 1993. This year, the award will be presented to communities, schools and partnership committees that set themselves apart with unique, innovative ideas. The trophy and certificate will be awarded to the top concepts in a number of categories covering partnership, school and European projects. Applications are open now and submissions must not exceed one A4 page. The winners will be announced by a jury of selected international specialists from the Institute in January 2017.



Applications must be submitted to the IPZ by 30/11/2016:

<http://www.ipz-europa.de/45.html>

Events: November 2016 to January 2017

17/11/2016 18:00, Chemnitz Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Brexit and business – What does the future look like for Great Britain and the EU ([Register in advance](#))

18/11/2016 10:00, Chemnitz Town Hall
Chemnitz Chamber of Commerce and Industry Europe Club (Register in advance)

23/11/2016 11:00, Chemnitz Chamber of Commerce and Industry
EU Investment Offensive – Action day for communities and regions, informational event on EFSI ([Register in advance](#))

07/12/2016 19:00, Chemnitz University of Technology
Lecture: “Arriving in the German environment. Migrant enculturation and regional resilience in a single world” with Prof. Dr. Matthias T. Vogt*

January 2017 TBD, Chemnitz University of Technology
Lecture: “The Fuggers – a European merchant dynasty” with Prof. Dr. Michael Hinz*



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***Two lectures will be held as a final part of the “Europe is everywhere” year organised by the Chemnitz University of Technology Faculty of Philosophical Sciences. The project aims to highlight the relevance of Europe in teaching and research, the university, the city and the region.**

For more information, please see:

https://www.tu-chemnitz.de/phil/europastudien/Europa_ueberall/

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