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UP-TO-DATE NATIONAL EVENT IN SLOVENIA IN THE FIELD OF BIOCONSTRUCTION AND BIOHOUSING

On Friday, 30th March 2012 **Local Energy Agency Pomurje** organized a seminar entitled “Biohousing and sociological perspective of bioconstruction in the **ENGRA International Fair** in Gornja Radgona.” The seminar was aimed at the interested public, especially those who are engaged or will be engaged in bio-construction, architecture, as well as students, energy managers...

After the introductory speech, a seminar was held under the expert guidance of Mr. Stojan Habjanič, a recognized expert in the field of bioconstruction and biohousing, who defined the purpose and objective of the seminar: *“Undeniably, there is a time when it is necessary to restore a respectful attitude towards nature and people. Concepts such as profit, consumer, competition and eternal growth are slowly giving way to the contents, which are described by the words sustainable development, cooperation, self-sufficiency and prosperity for all. The nature once again offer us a hand, by the way shows us how the most simple form to use its features. This applies, of course, also to the space planning, housing, gardens and Gardening, the use of renewable energy sources, also applies to community relations. Bioconstruction, building in harmony with nature, eco-village... are some common denominators, where the before mentioned knowledge meet.”*

The seminar covered the following topics
Eco-villages and aspects of sustainability:

- people, nature and a fair share,
- ecological communities; simple and effective

solutions that are accessible to everyone.

Arhieco ® Concept:

- A comprehensive concept of small but spacious, accessible, coherent, life-cycle of individuals, families and communities customizable natural habitats,
- UTILITAS-FIRMITAS-VENUSTAS; aspects of usability, durability and beauty.

Workshop prepared the house from straw bales:

- natural materials, straw, wood, cane, lime, clay,
- from the preparation of elements to building houses.

Balanced regulation of the croft (the permaculture way):

- the garden, a central element of the croft ecosystem,
- the orchard as a protection of the garden and improvement of the microclimate,
- berries and shrubs as a support of the orchard and garden,
- water element to enhance biodiversity, regulation of microclimate and shelter for beneficial animals,
- the introduction of animals such as co-workers,
- low-tech irrigation systems.

Over 90 participants at the seminar watched the documentary film by Vadim Jendreyko called **“Prima Materia – Bauen mit lehm”** (“Age old, but modern material”).

The seminar provoked animated discussion and many questions illustrating the wide interest in the topic.

PRIMA MATERIA – BAUEN MIT LEHM

Documentary, 44 min.
by Vadim Jendreyko
Switzerland, October 1996



The history of mankind is inseparably tied up with clay. In most cultures, the creation is linked to this “first matter”. As for man’s cultural history, it has literally been built on the foundations of this material, despite a long eclipse during the period of industrialisation. Fascinating and so close to hand, clay – also known as mud and “wattle and daub” – is today enjoying a renaissance.

Credits

Directed by: Vadim Jendreyko
Written by: Vadim Jendreyko
World Premiere: October 1996
Original Version: German/French (German subtitles), colour, Beta SP, 44 min.
Production: Nordfilm Produktion
Cinematography: Vadim Jendreyko, Nicola Bellucci
Editing: Vadim Jendreyko, Nicola Bellucci
Sound: Hercli Bundi
Music: Olaf Järmann, Patricia Dreager

Source:

http://www.swissfilms.ch/en/information_publications/festival_search/festivaldetails/-/id_film/123

● HIGHLIGHTS

“I NODI DEL LEGNO” TO PROMOTE THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF FORESTS AND SUPPORT LOCAL CRAFTS



“Villaggio del ragazzo”, the Vocational Training Centre in San Salvatore di Cogorno (province of Genoa) held the first edition of the fair “I Nodi del Legno” (“The Knots in the Wood”).

The event, entirely dedicated to the wood, was conceived to stimulate discussion on the wood and relaunch the sector. As the organizers say: *“At the same time we want to renew the message of the unique value of the craft, reducing the stereotypes that link it to work from the past and allowing it to be rediscovered as a traditional profession, and for this reason always charming, and also a profession that reflects ongoing technological evolution and developments.”*

The event brought together different key actors and operators in the wood sector and cultural associations, agencies and bodies committed to promoting the economic and sustainable use of forestry products, the cultivation of timber and supporting local artisans, highlighting the quality and completeness of the supply chain and the territorial, cultural and artistic aspects.

Many local operators were present in the fair and the exhibition area: carpenters, furniture makers, restorers, decorators, joiners and manufacturers of excellence. Suffice it to mention the manufacturers of precious “Chiavari” chair known worldwide and the subject of interpretation by contemporary architects and designers (“Leggera” by Gio Ponti) and exhibited in many elegant showrooms (“Segno Italiano” in New York).

The workshops and debates that took place during the three-day event allowed participants to focus on emerging issues and the linkages needed to maintain and strengthen this quality chain, making



communication between students of carpentry, professionals, artisans, vendors and artists an added value of the event.

During the three days it was possible to follow the different stages of processing wooden objects and elements for furniture and buildings and innovative tools have been experimented to improve processes and the efficiency of the system.

Overall, the fair organizers have worked to enhance the wood industry by promoting a specific event that has collected the interest of the public and allowed the circulation of information and ideas. Among the projects displayed, the technical team of SCORE project presented some best practices to support the sustainable use of wood.



Among the cultural associations and sector the following participated:

the Genoa section of the Institute of National Green Building, Federlegno, the Association Culturalelegno of Udine and the Magazine Legnolab.

Sponsored by:

Liguria Region, Province of Genoa, Municipality of Cogorno, Confap, Economic Society of Chiavari, Development Agency (GAL) of Genoa, Diocese of Chiavari.

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THE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF SOUTH AEGEAN REGION "READ S.A." - Local Information Seminar focuses on the new development model "Green rural and island communities"

In the framework of the implementation of the transnational project "SCORE - Sustainable Construction in Rural and Fragile Areas for Energy Efficiency", an information seminar was organized on 4th April 2012 in the Hall of the Regional Council in Rhodes by the Development Agency of South Aegean Region "READ S.A."

In the first part of the seminar, Mr. Dimitris Papastefanakis, Director of the Development Programmes Division at the Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving (www.cres.gr) presented the main outlines of the new development model "Green rural and island communities" within the Operational Programme "Environment and Sustainable Development 2007-2013" as follows:

- Contribution to tackling climate change and achieving national and EU targets for environmental protection
- Saving energy in public buildings and in residences
- Improvement of thermal, visual and environmental conditions in public buildings and in residences
- Improvement of the microclimate in the area where the buildings of interventions are located
- Enhancement of the capacity for energy production from RES
- Updating facilities for solid waste management and energy recovery from waste
- Implementation of water desalination plants using RES

According to Mr. Papastefanakis, the "Green rural and island communities" development model allows for integrated energy interventions to take place in communities or islands with a population of less than 1000 inhabitants.

A discussion ensued among stakeholders and representatives of local authorities and institutions, regarding mainly which communities in the Region of South Aegean are eligible to apply under this programme and how and until when they can submit their proposals.

Programme Overview

The operational programme "Environment and Sustainable Development" involves Community support through the ERDF for eight Greek regions under the "Convergence" objective and through the Cohesion Fund, which intervenes all over the country including the "phasing out" and "phasing in" areas. The total budget of the programme is EUR 2.250 million. The Community investment through the ERDF amounts to EUR 220 million and EUR 1.580 million through the Cohesion Fund.

The principal environmental interventions in Greece for the period 2007-2013 relate to integrated solid waste management, a rational use of water resources, modern waste water facilities, protection of natural resources and the efficient tackling of environmental risks (e.g. desertification, droughts, fires and floods, marine pollution). The programme supports interventions which, in addition to the investments in the sectors of energy and transport to be covered by other national programmes, will contribute to combating climate change.

Eleven priorities are defined in this programme. The first five (5) of those fall under the Cohesion Fund and the other six (6) fall under the ERDF.

In particular, "Green rural and island communities" fall under the following three priorities funded by the Cohesion Fund:

- Priority 1:** Protection of the Atmospheric Environment-Tackling of Climate Change-Renewable Resources of Energy
- Priority 2:** Protection and management of water resources
- Priority 4:** Protection of Soil Systems and Waste Management

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