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a child!



African saying, HE Cord Meier-Klodt, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Bucharest

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Cities of Tomorrow, already at its **7th edition**, has proven itself as Romania's **top forum** for business, architecture, urbanism and administration. Our experience and know-how, gathered during years of activity on and with relation to the Romanian and German markets, are the foundation of the event structure, the chosen topics and the promoted projects. Our common goal is to contribute to **Romania's competitiveness** and to set the stage for **sustainable development and smart solutions**. Hence, we encourage **cooperation** and **dialogue** between all involved actors as the means towards a more attractive and more modern country.

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Why Cities

Romania and its cities are in **transition**. We are looking to the future and taking significant steps for the improvement of our living, yet regions in Romania need help to grow and develop into modern, sustainable, strong 21st century communities. This year, we added a new layer to the event concept: the civil society. A dialogue between public authorities and the business environment is important, but the involvement of the **civil society** is as necessary.

The key element in shaping sustainable development is the TRIALOGUE.

Cities of Tomorrow is the embodiment of this hypothesis and offers a platform for **exchange of ideas, concepts and know-how** between the three entities. The way we understand to **engage** as a community, to have a **unitary voice** and to constantly get involved, defines our **future**.





THE ECHO OF CITIES

Invest in Jiu Valley

The need: better coordination between local public institutions in the **Jiu Valley** for the **unitary representation** of the region

The solution: establishment of public-private collaborative entity, **Invest in Jiu Valley** (<https://investinjiuvalley.com/>), joined by all mayors

The result: October 2018, first participation in the most important trade fair for real estate investments in Europe, Expo Real, to present the investment offer and the **immense potential of the site**

Delegation to the Ruhr Basin area

The need: intensive training, **experience exchange** and analysis of best-practice examples for local public authorities

The solution: September 2018, **delegation to the Ruhr Basin** area with interested mayors of Romania, organized by AHK Romania

The result: insights on urban revitalisation and reconversion, to be **transposed** in their hometowns

Working group Construction Law

The need: **common platform** and dialogue between stakeholders (architects, lawyers and experts) in the construction/construction law field

The solution: 2017, establishment of AHK Romania **working group Construction Law**

The result: regular discussions on current topics, invitation by relevant authorities to **consultations dedicated to legal changes**



7
editions

46
topics

149
speakers

1800
participants

49
exhibitors

34
round
tables

6300+
social media
interactions

550+
media
appearances

discussion panels
project competition
public administration, business
environment, civil society
marketplace of projects
networking
international best practice examples
round tables
B2B platform

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Arch. Reinhard Joecks
Partner
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Mayor of the City of Ulm (1992 - 2016)
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300
participants

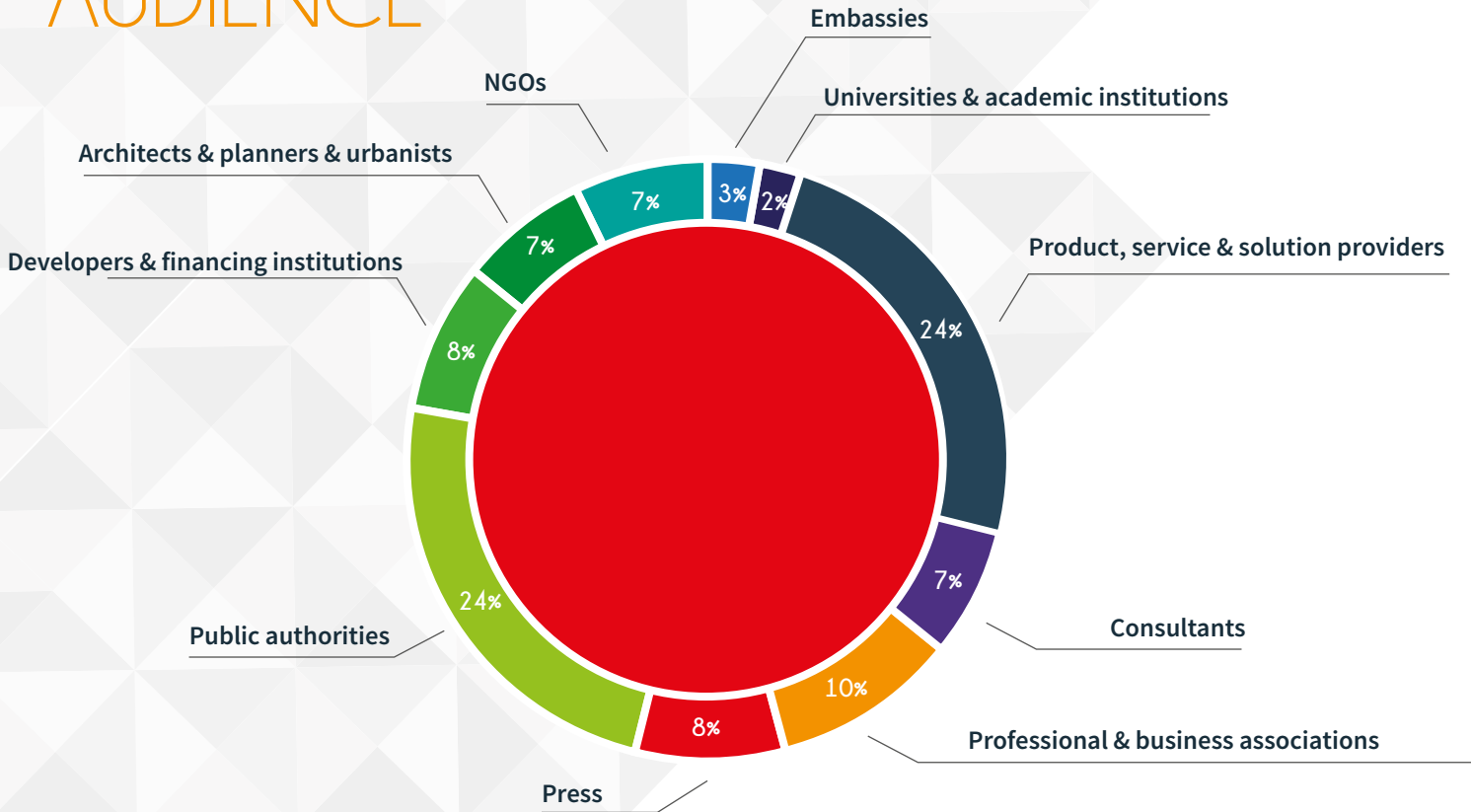
26
speakers &
moderators

8
round
tables

10
finalists of the project
competition & marketplace

83
submitted projects
from all over the country

AUDIENCE



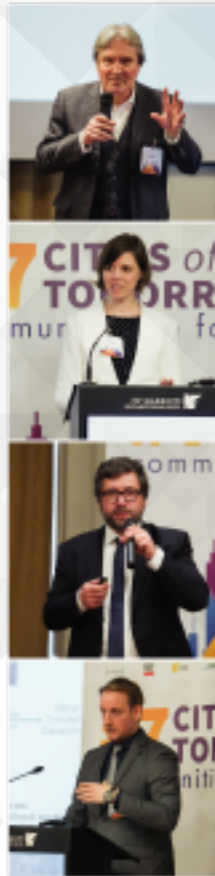


(Re)Thinking the city together and getting everybody involved

The central theme of the first part of the event was the importance of public consultation and community participation in urban development projects. Therefore, the first speakers presented the project **Raumwerk D of Düsseldorf** (one of the most complex projects in terms of public consultation and urban reconfiguration of an entire city). Afterwards, we welcomed **Arch. Eugen Pănescu** and **Dr. Arnold Voss**, renowned international urbanist, in a dialogue regarding the correct approach on big urban projects and the involvement of all relevant stakeholders.

Mr. Marius Cristea, The World Bank Group, had the opportunity to present for the first time the results of the consultation process of the World Bank, “Prioritățile orașului tău”. This unique consultation process for cities in Romania and their development priorities involved 41 municipalities, 372 strategic projects and 72 billion euro for the development of Romanian cities. 100.000 Romanians participated in the survey, with the purpose of contouring an urban and metropolitan development strategy of the country. More details, here:

www.prioritatileorasuluiitau.ro



COMMUNITIES IN trialogue



PITCHING SESSION FINALISTS

Pitching session: Communities in trialogue

The 7th edition of Cities of Tomorrow hosted a project competition for **public administration, business environment and civil society**. We focused on initiatives regarding urban development, regional marketing, projects with an impact on the quality of life, best practice examples and solutions for smart cities in Romania, to be presented as convincingly as possible during a 5-minute pitch. The jury – Anamaria Vrabie (Urban Innovation Unit Cluj-Napoca), Eugen Pănescu (planwerk), Marius Sorin Hanja (E.ON), Marianne Schulze (journalist, Germany) and Sebastian Metz (AHK Romania) – chose **10 finalists out of all 83 submitted projects**. All 83 projects can be discovered here: www.citiesoftomorrow.ro/submitted-projects.html

Category Public Administration:

City of Reșița (local funding program “Încredere în Reșița”) www.primaria-resita.ro

City of Reghin (Reghin City App) www.primariareghin.ro; www.reghincity.ro

City of Oradea (transformation of the historical center of Oradea) www.oradea.ro

Invest in Jiu Valley (first joint initiative of local administrations in Valea Jiului for the promotion of the region) www.investinjiuvalley.com

Category Business Environment:

Ceetrus (Drumul Taberelor); www.ceetrus.ro; www.drumultabereilor.ro

Life is Hard (City Apps); www.lifeishard.ro

Speedwell (Record Park Cluj-Napoca); www.speedwell.be/ro; www.record-park.ro

Category Civil Society:

Association Over4 (pilot project: integrated rehabilitation of apartment buildings, solar house prototype) www.over4.org

Fundația Comunitară București (earthquakes & major disasters fund “Bucureștii Pregătit”) www.fundatiacomunitarabucuresti.ro

Ordinul Arhitecților din România (platform 30zile.ro) www.oar.archi; www.30zile.ro

AHK Romania offered 3 prizes for the encouragement of the projects development, as follows: category public administration: Reșița (“Încredere în Reșița”); category business environment: Ceetrus (Drumul Taberelor); category civil society: Association Over4 (rehabilitation of apartment buildings).

WINNERS

Project: Program „Încredere în Reșița” (“Trust in Resita”) - the first local grant program in Romania of non-reimbursable mini grants (total of 500.000 RON), for improving the common life in the city, by supporting initiatives started and developed by residents. Stage: first edition, 2 project competitions to be held during 2019

“Reșița participated and won the project competition for local administrations on the topic of civil engagement in the development of local communities, proving that they are able to go up against any competitor.”

- Ioan Popa, Mayor of Reșița



Public administration: Reșița – “Încredere în Reșița”

Încredere în
Reșița



WINNERS



Project: Transforming the shopping center Drumul Taberelor in Drumul Taberei neighborhood. The center has a Community Hub, first initiative of its type in Romania - the first community space in a shopping center that focuses on 2 dimensions, on the local community, but also on entrepreneurship, bringing together various social and cooperation groups to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood.

Stage: completed in 2018

"We are always happy to participate in Cities of Tomorrow and have an inspiring beginning of the year! We come for the relevant topics, which are of interest to us. The topic of this year, Communities in focus, matched perfectly our development strategy for cities by supporting local communities. We also had the chance to participate in the pitching session of the event, where the jury chose the community center Cartier Hub in Drumul Taberelor as the winner of the Business environment category. It was a reward that made us very happy and gave us faith that the path we took is the right one! Congratulations AHK for the event, the engagement and passion invested in the development of cities!!"

- Ramona Grozăvescu-Chirtoc, Communication & CSR Manager, Ceetrus



Business environment: Ceetrus – Drumul Taberelor



WINNERS

Project: Development and implementation of an integrated rehabilitation pilot project applicable to the P + 4 blocks built during the communist period, to reduce energy consumption and the impact on the environment. Development of a solar house prototype on wooden structure, modular and passive. Team: 30 young students, PhDs and professors. Stage: prototype (house OVER4) is to be tested and monitored during the Solar Decathlon Europe 2019 competition

"The event Cities of Tomorrow is meant for everyone who desires and is involved in smart and sustainable development of cities. The purpose of the competition was to highlight the best actions and projects, in terms of quality, promoting these development directions in Romania. The finale was an emotional moment, since all finalist projects had interesting content and were presented very well. We thank the jury for the decision to award team OVER4 the prize for the best NGO-project [...]."

- Arch. Anca Bodale & Prof. Dr. Arch. Adrian Moleavin, founding members and representatives of the Architecture Department Over4



Civil society: Association Over4 – rehabilitation of apartment buildings, solar house prototype





**ENERGY EFFICIENCY
& ENERGY MANAGEMENT**
BMS benefits



FINANCING & EU FUNDS



**CITY GOVERNANCE/DIGITALIZATION/
CITY INFORMATION PLATFORM**
Best practice examples for the implementation
of smart city projects



MOBILITY
Optimised urban mobility through
e-mobility solutions



CONSTRUCTION LAW
Investments on state land and optimisation of
the building permit process



RECONVERSION & REVITALIZATION



CIRCULAR ECONOMY



TOURISM
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Round tables

The 8 round tables were a good opportunity to discuss practical and applied different topics & projects. Moderators came both from the private and public sectors, depending on the chosen project or theme. Afterwards, the conclusions and identified solutions were briefly presented in a final wrap-up panel.

World Café

Debate

There is an increasing focus on energy efficiency in urban areas, as this is a key factor in improving people's quality of life. However, Romanian cities still have a lot to do to achieve energy efficiency. The energy efficiency of cities should be improved by urban energy management, focusing, among other things, on the energy management of buildings as primary energy users (40% of the total energy consumption). The implementation of building energy management systems would result in improving the efficient use of resources and, consequently, to a higher efficiency of related costs. These objectives can be achieved only by securing the involvement of both public and private stakeholders in the implementation of energy efficiency.

Conclusion

One of the topics discussed was the fact that the highest costs in urban areas are generated by the energy loss of buildings. The priority in this respect is the implementation of a building management system based on an integrated energy management monitoring and control platform to provide energy consumption data. This would minimize the operating costs of buildings, while improving the efficiency of the resources used. Cities lack proper energy management and a possible solution is to have the urban energy managed by a certified energy manager. Some possible objectives in this respect include the thermal insulation of buildings, replacement of incandescent with LED lighting fixtures, implementation of HVAC management systems to improve energy efficiency, managing the systems through a BMS application, taking as a model the DESIGO CC platform. Nevertheless, all these measures require better awareness of the importance of energy efficiency of buildings and cities. The proposed solution consists in investments based on ESCO models in public buildings, while promoting energy audits, which also lead to cost savings, as well as in improving the cooperation between public and private actors.

Solutions

Implementation of building management systems | Energy management of cities by a certified energy manager | Understanding the importance of energy audits | Securing the involvement of both public and private actors in approaching the energy efficiency issues



ENERGY EFFICIENCY & ENERGY MANAGEMENT

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FUNDING & EU FUNDS

Debate

The moderators of this round table were supported by experts from the International Finance Corporation and the European Climate Initiative who presented interesting funding solutions. Romania is notorious for its low rate of accessing EU funds. One of the reasons is that the exact program launching date is often unknown and the assessment of applications takes a longer time than anticipated, which results in difficulties in estimating the project commencement date for recipients. Moreover, the funds allocated to certain priority axes are insufficient – in particular, those allocated to programs accessible to companies in the private sector – while other programs, which benefit from substantial funding and are mainly available to public recipients, are not sufficiently attractive. Generally, the rate of absorption of EU funds is very low and the complex implementation procedures are another obstacle.

Conclusion

The availability of multiple funding programs as alternatives to the EU funds was discussed, as well as the identification of specific needs to justify the use of such financial support. On the other hand, there are programs aimed at companies, which require cooperation among entities from several countries in joint projects. The main issues related to the EU finding identified by the round table participants included: The launching calendar of EU funding programs is not clear and the applicants are unable to properly prepare their projects | Applications involve complex documentation, which is difficult to timely obtain and submit | Current co-financing problems encountered by municipalities and companies.

Solutions

The focus should not be exclusively on the use of structural funds allocated to Romania, but also on programs for which applications are submitted directly to the EC, particularly territorial cooperation programs involving multiple countries | Putting more pressure on authorities to facilitate the process of application submission and implementation for applicants | Prompt reallocation of funds from certain priority axes that were unsuccessful during the current programming period to other priority axes whose budgets have been fully spent and for which there is a significant demand | Accessing other funding sources available to Romania

Debate

Romanian cities and whether they are smart cities or not are controversial issues. Several measures contributing to the development of smart cities have been implemented nationally. In terms of digitalization and city governance, several applications are available ensuring visibility in the administrative process, e.g. in Bucharest (Sectors 1 and 4), Sibiu or Satu Mare (implementation in progress). Other smart initiatives include: smart public lighting, integrated software solutions, electric transportation, etc. The private sector is willing to offer to public authorities goods, services and know-how for implementation of smart projects, while the public sector is willing to improve its knowledge related to smart urbanization and to receive suggestions and support for the implementation of such projects; the public authorities are aware that they still have a lot to learn in this respect.

Conclusion

One of the obstacles that obstruct the implementation of these projects is the lack of a holistic approach and a sole definition to the concept; moreover, project data are not complete and interoperable, which prevents clear standardization and the defining of a clear purpose. One of the needs identified in connection with the development of smart city projects is the creation of an ecosystem by the private, public and academic sectors, which, in the long run, would provide the necessary specialized human resources (whose shortage currently affects public authorities). Finally, communication with citizens and a focus on their needs are required. Such communication would help better identify the individual needs of communities and find solutions for each region.

Solutions

Improving the level of competence of public authorities and defining the duties of each part of governance | Solutions adapted to the specific needs of each area by creating ecosystems, polling the opinions of all decision makers | Data access as a service offered by municipalities | Public-private cooperation with the academia, NGO-s and clusters | Standardization of information in digitalization, providing entity and adaptation, resulting in the development of procedures and standards applied and validated by citizens and the private sector



CITY GOVERNANCE/ DIGITALIZATION/ URBAN INFORMATION PLATFORM

Best practice examples
for the implementation
of smart city projects



MOBILITY

Optimised urban mobility
through e-mobility solutions

Debate

The moderators of the round table on mobility decided to go beyond simple presentations. Two teams were formed and played the game "Electric Cities of Tomorrow", created by E.ON Drive, which required them to reduce pollution and traffic in an imaginary city. That city was affected by all the typical issues of any large city in Romania. The teams had a predefined budget, several e-mobility and other solutions and were challenged to: list the solutions chosen to address the issues affecting the city | allocate the available budget to mobility solutions | present a strategy to encourage the use of environmentally-friendly transport

Conclusion

The current situation in metropolitan areas is characterized by the intensive use of vehicles that cause chemical and noise pollution and excessive congestion in public areas. The main obstacles that prevent the development of urban mobility are the lack of effective management and poor cooperation between local and county authorities. The government does not have information on proper urban planning and mobility. These issues can be overcome by: shifting the approach to urban mobility from the use of private cars to that of alternative transports and educating the public in this respect | encouraging electric transportation | prioritizing the mobility issues depending on their impact on people | the government should take the first steps towards changing the urban mobility strategy by adapting the innovative solutions that are already available both abroad and in Romania

Solutions

Encouraging dialog among institutions, organizations and the people who live in urban/metropolitan areas in order to test mobility improvement solutions | Stimulating public transportation, taking into account the peak hours in the city traffic, and providing bike sharing and car sharing services to reduce traffic and emissions | Vertical parking to avoid the full use of spaces and parking facilities equipped with charging stations | Stimulating electric transport by increasing the number of electric charging stations and eliminating legal obstacles | Fleet management and traffic management solutions allocated to different parts of the city to contribute to reducing traffic and optimizing the use of vehicles in the city | Policies to discourage parking in areas that are not specifically intended for this purpose (sidewalks, residential areas etc.)

Debate

The participants in this round table debated issues concerning the development of projects on public lands and the elimination of bureaucracy from the procedure for obtaining building permits, as well as other topics related to the legal framework. The lack of databases of utility providers and the draft bill amending Law no. 50/1991 were also discussed.

Conclusion

The procedures for issuing the urbanism certificate and building permit need to be simplified and relieved of bureaucracy. Proposals in this respect include: issuing the urbanism certificate (CU) and building permit (BP) only with electronic signatures (eliminating paper CUs and BPs signed by hand in the near future), reintroducing municipality one-stop shops, and certification of electronic signatures by notary publics where the electronically signed CU is not accepted by the authorities involved in the BP procedure. Other issues identified included the absence of a consistent/ comprehensive legal framework for the concession/ sale/ lease of land and buildings that are private properties of local administrative units generating hindrances in this field, the lack of experience of local administrative units in organizing tender procedures, as well as the absence of adequate tender document templates. The complete reforming of Law no. 50/1991 was also discussed, considering the current difficulties in approving a detailed/ area/ general urban plan and issuing a BP, and the possible elimination of bureaucracy from this processes through digitalization, as well as the certification of technical and professional qualification of designers, constructors and construction consultants under Law no. 10/1995.

Solutions

Simplifying and eliminating bureaucracy from the process of issuing building permits, by introducing one-stop shops and electronic signatures, diversifying the BP types and even eliminating BPs for less complex projects, as well as placing responsibility on investors. | A best practice platform – standard bidding documents prepared in practice until the necessary legal framework for the concession/ lease/ sale of land privately owned by local administrative units is enacted. | Predictable amendments to the legal framework – no amendments without impact studies, without consultations with the stakeholders or without a minimum implementation period.



CONSTRUCTION LAW

**Investments on state land
and optimisation of the
building permit process**



RECONVERSION & REVITALIZATION

Debate

The difference between reconversion and revitalization, on the one hand, and urban regeneration, on the other hand, was discussed. While reconversion and revitalization are seen as projects, urban regeneration should be understood as a long-term process, in which all actors are involved. Moreover, both urban regeneration and urban revitalization are integrated economic and social efforts and effects aimed at building and strengthening communities based on local or national urban policies. On the other hand, the participants discussed the relationship between projects and ownership or, more specifically, the manner in which the social needs require measures by which the authorities "force" owners to cooperate in projects that have an economic purpose. Romania is confronted with a simple, but undesirable situation in which all reconversion initiatives are exclusively commercial and intended to create commercial, office or residential spaces of different quality levels, without considering essential needs as education, sports and leisure, health care, culture and community spaces. A key question in this context is: What are the quality elements that a reconversion/revitalization project should deliver? More comprehensive projects propose the creation of green areas, pedestrian areas, parking lots, educational and cultural areas, connections to the neighboring areas, and community centers that manage to preserve part of the memory of the place.

Conclusion

Crucial for the success of an initiative of this kind is the dialog with public authorities, which can strengthen the defining and pursuing of the public interest and of quality through various tools, e.g. Quality Assurance Procedures or Urban Design Management Processes. Support and involvement of public authorities, in particular by ensuring smooth transition between terms in office, would increase the number and improve the quality of projects. Local authorities should participate more actively in the process of identifying the needs, desires and ideas of the general public. Finally the social return on investment should be a common goal pursued by authorities and private investors.

Solutions

Cooperation between experts/the private sectors and public authorities on a common platform | Analyzing the examples of best practice that address the current needs of cities and using them as foundation for the development of own practices | Sharing experiences and good practices in working groups | Updating and supplementing the legal framework of urban quality and regeneration local policies | The quality elements proposed by the reconversion projects should result in improving the quality of life of the impacted population | Authorities should be ready to support private initiatives | People should identify and state their needs through recurring workshops involving the general public, government representatives and experts, facilitated by specialist, before defining the project parameters for urban reconversion or regeneration areas.

Debate

This round table debated the issues encountered by Romania in recycling, waste management and environment protection. One of the topics discussed referred to the implementation of campaigns in Bucharest schools to raise awareness on preventing waste generation. Another issue is separate waste collection on public events organized by the Municipality of Bucharest (e.g. the absence of specific collection schemes) and, finally, the implementation and promotion of specific measures to reduce consumption and raise awareness on prevention of waste generation among companies and population in the tourist interest area. On the other hand, circular economy should not boil down to waste management, but act as an integrated system that takes into account the life cycle of goods.

Conclusion

Romania should align to the requirements of the European Union in point of environment protection policies, as the deadline for achieving the targets set out by the Accession Treaty is closing in. One of the identified issues is the lack of transparency of regulations, as the legal framework is intricate and unharmonized. Moreover, there is some degree of overregulation and many provisions are contradictory, while clear technical standards are lacking. The waste status data published by the Ministry are either up to date nor (in some cases) transparent, which makes it difficult to statistically evaluate the actual situation. The presentation generated a debate on the meaning of circular economy in Romania. When speaking about circular economy, one should consider the life cycle of goods and the recycling of useless objects in order to reintroduce them in the cycle, either by repairing them or by recovering secondary materials.

Solutions

A national standard; creating a working group of stakeholders to come up with specific proposals and obtaining the support of specialized laboratories | Updating the public statistics and maintaining their transparency | Measures to change people's attitude, improving the rate of reuse of objects/goods, recover secondary materials and recycle.



**CIRCULAR
ECONOMY**



TOURISM

**Wellness & SPA resorts/
locations;**

case study: Băile Herculane

Debate

The debates of this round table focused on solutions to revitalize tourism in Băile Herculane. The recent years have brought an increase in the property tax (up to 500%), while there is a potential for 5,000 accommodation places and most declared inhabitants obtain revenue from tourism. Located in the old town center, the Neptune Imperial Baths are currently owned by the municipality and have been seized by the Directorate for Investigating Organized Crime and Terrorism, while the thermal waters belong to the former company Hercules (currently undergoing insolvency proceedings) whose license will expire in 2022. Until then, the company will only lose its license only if it goes bankrupt. Two hotels and twice as many guest houses have opened over the last year, but the health care services in the area are insufficient, as the nearest hospital is in Orșova.

Conclusion

Although Băile Herculane has rich sulfur water and thermal water resources, they are insufficiently explored and there is no flow of scientific data on them. The sources of saline thermal water are in a similar situation, as the network is not operational. Legally, the ownership of the buildings is uncertain and some major buildings have been seized. The lack of local regulations has also been discussed during the presentation, but the central issue identified was the absence of a Destination Management Organization (DMO). The participants in the round table debate decided to establish a Destination Management Organization (DMO) to include all local stakeholders (and, possibly, AHK on a national level). The local project manager will be Mr. Marius Bazavan from Bacolux.

Solutions

Public-private partnerships | Initiative of the municipality for 10 development projects (6 with EU funding, one funded by the Norwegian government and three by the Romanian government) | Establishing a Destination Management Organization (DMO): to bring together all stakeholders and appoint a project manager | Drafting a master plan (and an impact study)



*We are partners for 7 years now and we will continue to be. Cities of Tomorrow [...] developed excellently from a conference into a dialogue and now into a triologue. - **Mihai Boldijar, General Manager Robert Bosch Romania***

*Every time, we left Cities of Tomorrow smarter than when we came and we found new solutions to the problems a developing city like Iasi faces. - **Radu Botez, Deputy Mayor of Iași***

*Romania is facing a dramatic context: the highest migration during peacetime. [...] We have to create poles of attractiveness and competitiveness to invest in. - **Constantin Toma, Mayor of Buzău***

*Cities of Tomorrow is a launching platform for any city in Romania [...] I look and hunt for best practice examples, in Oradea, Cluj, wherever they happen. At the same time, I think that others should do the same, copy and implement other best practice examples in their communities. - **Ioan Popa, Mayor of Reșița***

*I'm very happy to see the participation rate, the active involvement in the discussions and the number of mayors of the regions. Bringing the regions together with different companies contributes further to the development of the country. - **Titus Löw, CFO Siemens Romania***

*It's a top 3 event in this field, in Romania. Seldom do administration, private and associative environments come together. The people who come here know what they are talking about, they are all professionals. - **Dragoș Buhociu, Chief Architect Galați***



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