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Equity: lessons learned by in-between countries

Context

Urban INC was selected by the UN-Habitat to organize a workshop on the process of urbanization for Romania in the most important international interdisciplinary conference devoted to cities within the World Urban Forum in Medellin, Columbia.

The forum is organized by UN-Habitat, every two years, and is one of the most open and famous international platform in which processes of urbanization and their impact on cities, economies, the environment and public policy are discussed. The seventh edition took place from 5 to 11 April 2014 in the city of Medellin (Colombia), designated in 2013 as the most innovative city in the world.

Results:

An international workshop focused on sharing experiences about the processes of urbanization and land-planning tools currently used in Romania and Colombia.

Panel discussion with six international guests about the various transfers of equity principles in new ways of action. The results contributed to the "Medellin Declaration - World Urban Forum 7 - Equity as the foundation for sustainable urban development", developed within the Forum.

Interactive working session with 75 international participants at the Forum on the themes of (1) informal practices, (2) ownership of land and housing, and (3) equity transposed into planning processes.

Study visit in informal housing areas (communa 13) and areas of intervention of "micro-urbanism" in Medellin (Colombia).

The only entity representing Romania at the Forum.

Three dissemination events organized in Bucharest between April and November 2014.

The study visit regarding Medellin's transformation from a city of crime to the most innovative city in the world was hosted by **Arch. Gustavo Restrepo**. Gustavo is director of Laboratory of Studies and Technical Experimentation in Architecture (Leet) at Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana (UPB) in Medellín, consultant for design, planning and construction management in the private and public sector (Director Biennale Medellin MDE 11 and evaluator for Medellín city development plan).

Gustavo Restrepo won the Holcim Awards Gold 2011 Latin America for the "integration of urban an area of informal / Urban integration Of An informal area, Medellín, Colombia" and Holcim Awards Encouragement Prize 2005 Latin America for "From temporary shelters to permanent housing, Medellín, Colombia".



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