



The Erasmus+ Project “Confronting Wicked Problems: Adapting Architectural Education to the New Situation in Europe” started in September 2014 and will be running through August 2015. It is financed by a grant from the Erasmus+ Program, having been classified as a Key Action “Strategic Partnerships”.

The project addresses the challenges of modernization, relevance and impact, innovation and employability by defining and confronting several wicked problems in the nowadays European architectural education. One of the main objectives of the project is to strengthen the architectural graduate’s ability for facing these wicked problems, and thus improve his social impact and its employability. Three think-tanks have been working on issues related to these challenges, focusing on the themes: Teaching Architectural Design and Professional Knowledge (TADPK), Heritage and Sustainability.

During the first season of the project, which meant from September 2014 to August 2015 several activities were carried out in order to initiate the research process. TADPK Think-tank members attended a Staff Training Event held in Barcelona (Spain) in May 2015. Heritage Think-tank members attended a Staff Training Event as well held in Genoa (Italy) in May 2015. Finally, Sustainability Think-tank members attended a Charrette held in Delft (Netherlands) in May 2015 where some students were involved. The results of this first season were disseminated during the EAAE Academy day in Milano (Italy) on August 31, 2016. Programs and reports explained during that session can be found in this page under the heading of “Stage 01: First Dissemination”.

On the basis of the results of the first season, all three Think-tanks have pursued their research during the second season of the project from September 2015 to August 2016. TADPK Think-tank members, representing the Escola Superior d’Arquitectura de Barcelona, the Oslo School of Architecture and Design, the Architects’ Council of Europe (ACE), and the European Association for Architectural Education (EAAE), attended a Staff Training Event held in Oslo (Norway) in April 2016. Heritage Think-tank members, representing the Departments of Architecture of the Czech Technical University, Universiteit Hasselt, and the Università degli Studi di Genova, ACE and EAAE, attended a Staff Training Event held in Prague (Czech Republic) in June 2016. In the end, Sustainability Think-tank members, representing the Departments of Architecture of the Politecnico di Milano and the Delft University of Technology, the “Ion Mincu” University of Architecture and Urbanism (Bucharest), and once more ACE and EAAE, attended a Charrette held in Bucharest (Romania) on April 2016 where some students were involved once again.

The results of the aforementioned activities corresponding to the second season have been uploaded to the EAAE website: <http://www.eaae.be/activities/wicked-problems>. Their contents will be disseminated and discussed during the EAAE Annual Conference to be held in Delft shortly. The agenda of the event contemplates a specific moment for this task within the Academy day on September 2, 2016. As a result of this public discussion and the meetings scheduled for the participants in the project, a final and global report for this second season will be uploaded to the website prior to the beginning of the Transnational Project Meetings of the third season.

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