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STSM Topic: Allotment and urban gardens in Vienna from the inner city to the urban fringe

Host Institute: Institute of Landscape Architecture (BOKU), Vienna (Austria)

Work Plan Summary

This STSM is a collaborative undertaking of Department of Architecture and Design at Aalborg University in Denmark and Institut für Landschaftsarchitektur Department für Raum, Landschaft und Infrastruktur Universität für Bodenkultur in Vienna Austria as a part of the Cost Action TU1201 Urban Allotment Gardens in European Cities - Future, Challenges and Lessons Learned, Working Group 4. It will take place between September and December 2013. It aims at establishing the relation between urban fabric on the one hand and location, functions and actors of Allotment and Urban Gardens on the other hand. For that, a section of Vienna will be analysed, encompassing the densely built up inner city areas, the space between old and new Danube¹ and the Aspern area, where agricultural landscape and urban fringe meet. Main research areas will focus on

1. Establishing a typology of different forms of allotment and urban gardens regarding their temporal, spatial and user characteristics as well as regulatory frameworks in the diverse parts of Vienna as mentioned above.
2. Explaining the overall functions and motives of the allotment and urban gardens in Vienna through a comparative analysis of several different types of gardens.
3. Exploring the “design” development of certain plots with regards to regulatory frameworks, societal processes, users and their interests.
4. Exploring the landscape through a phenomenological method, using the sketch with pen and pencil as a reflexive tool for communication and interpretation of the context, finding “Genius Loci” the spirit of the place.

This STSM will result in a comprehensive overview of types of allotment and urban gardening in Vienna, their functions, location in the urban fabric as well as their users by way of maps, tables, foto documentation and document analyses. These products will tie in with work on the contents of WG 4.

The applicant is a master student from Department of Architecture and Design in Aalborg Denmark and is supervised by Architect and Assistant professor in Urban Design Ole Pihl, who is a member of the Urban Design group under the COST Action TU1201 (WG4). In Vienna the contact supervisors are Eva Schwab and Anja Seliger from Institut für Landschaftsarchitektur, also members of the Urban Design group under the COST Action TU1201 (WG4) as well as Lilli Licka, Head of Institute. The applicant Mikkel Møltoft will benefit from this STSM as a young researcher to visit this institution in another COST Country that on the one hand has a similar history regards to planning culture and societal processes, but on the other hand is different in the way allotment and urban gardens are established and used. Work will take place in close collaboration with an Austrian master student at BOKU and so foster collaboration and the acquisition of not only new techniques

¹ The island-like area, by water enclosed area is a place of extremes and a kind of buffer zone between West and East Vienna. The areas contain a set of very different economical social and cultural interests co-existing unlike in the rest of Vienna.

and methods, but also of different modes of planning culture and design understanding. It is planned to apply for a STSM in the coming year for the Austrian student to go to Denmark and so establish a comparative work relation for the benefit of both countries and the further development of the COST Action program.

The Institute for Landscape Architecture at BOKU Vienna understands Landscape Architecture is a field of cultural production, which consists of the analysis, design and qualitative enhancement of designed landscape both within and outside settlements, throughout processes of social transformation. The provision, quality and safeguarding of open space and landscape are essential to the quality of life and therefore of relevance to society as a whole and the education of young landscape architects at this institution.