**Bremerhaven is participating in the EU project "AQUA ADD": Water in the City**

AQUA ADD is a European project which aims at realizing the potential of "water" in the city and at using it more effectively. It examines the economic, social and environmental value of water in the urban and regional development. Frank van Swol explains why the City of Eindhoven is committed as Lead Partner in the project.... (0000)

AQUA ADD is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund through the INTERREG Four C program. Interreg Four C is a European funding program that focuses at the exchange of knowledge and best practice. (0008)

AQUA-ADD is a partnership of 11 partners from 8 european countries. From Bremerhaven, five departments of the City administration are engaged in the project: the planning department, the parks department, the environmental protection department, the land surveying office and the department of economic affairs. (0024)

The project wants to create a greater awareness of the added value of water in urban spaces and develop strategies for the integration of "water issues" in local and regional planning and policies.

Planners, residents, businesses and universities are involved in the project. Zoltan Karácsonyi of the University of Debrecen states: (0004)

In Bremerhaven, the area in Geestemünde near the water is examined. new Models of civic participation and various financing models are tested.

All eleven partner regions meet regularly to share experiences and best practice", as Elizabeth Sibeud says (0017).

These 'Aqua' - forums offer the project partners the opportunity to get to know partner projects, learn from each other and discuss different solutions and approaches. Claudia Boeri from Imperia (Italy) hopes to get (0015).

Also experts from the field of planning are consulted regularly. Peter Jeppe Tolstrup from the City of Copenhagen explains, why AQAU-ADD is a good idea: (0013)

As a tool for decision making for urban planning processes a geodata-based tool is developed by the partners. It shows alternative scenarios for the assessment of urban planning impacts on water and green spaces on online maps. Carla Teotónio from the university of Aveiro hopes that...

Since the project is all about how to create a value added to the project regions, Jikke Balkema from the City of Eindhoven sums up the lessons learned within the project.

In a nutshell, Frank van Swol points out the main points on how to make interregional collaboration and its project results sustainable and valuable for all participating regions.

All project results will be presented in a joint best-practice manual which particularly refers to local stakeholders like politicians, citizens and SMEs (gesprochen: “esemiiies”), aiming to create a greater awareness for sustainable green- and blue space planning in urban areas. (*bitte insbesondere den letzten Satz mit etwas freundlich-optimistischerer Betonung sprechen!*)

Next to the Lead Partner Eindhoven (Netherlands) the following cities and regions are taking part: Bremerhaven, Copenhagen (Denmark), Grand Lyon (France), Sofia (Bulgaria), Imperia (Italy), Trans-Theiß (Hungary), Aveiro (Portugal) and the Universities of Genoa (Italy), Aveiro (Portugal) and Debrecen (Hungary).