**INTERNAL DOCUMENT: WP3 STUDY VISIT ASSIGMENT REPORT**

**Study visit dates: 29th to 31st October, 2019**

**Study visit location: Berlin, Germany**

**HEI responsible:** South-Westphalia University of Applied Sciences, Department of Agriculture

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**Introduction**

Study visits and trainings (Deliverable 3.2.) are three days events organized at program HEIs according to the proposed modules, specific typology of Urban Agriculture as well as results/guidelines/experience from Project. Six study visits with training for five participants from five HEIs will deliver 150 trainings. Study visits and training aims to equip teaching staff from partner HEIs with first-hand experience in Urban Agriculture (UA). During study visits teaching staff will visit UA sites and project at program HEIs. During that time they will practically implement UA skills and knowledge in real work surroundings, or otherwise gain first-hand experience needed for BUGI Project curriculum implementation. Partner HEIs teaching staff will work closely with program HEIs teaching staff to facilitate knowledge transfer and good practice. The emphasis will be placed on teachers training that foster interactive, problem-based learning and entrepreneurial skills through new and creative ways of teaching and learning. New methodological approaches exercised by the teachers will enable them to work independently in implementation of new curriculum and LLL programs.

**Study visit assignment**

**The aim** of the study visit and training was to equip teaching staff from partner HEIs (University Dzemal Bijedic of Mostar, University of Donja Gorica, University of Haxhi Zeka, University of Prishtina, and University Sarajevo) with first-hand experience in UA in Berlin, Germany, with the purpose to facilitate knowledge transfer and good practice of UA to support BUGI Project curriculum implementation.

**The objectives** of the study visit and training were to:

* Provide state-of-the art review of UA in Germany with a geographical focus on the capital and vibrant city of Berlin including aquaponics, microalgae, short value chains, Alternative Food Networks, the food council concept, and urban gardens, like famous Prinzessinnengarten;
* To motivate and facilitate HEIs from University Dzemal Bijedic of Mostar, University of Donja Gorica, University of Haxhi Zeka, University of Prishtina, and University Sarajevo to share their innovative examples of UA;
* To engage in first-hand field visit of selected UA practices (study visit programme);
* To facilitate first-hand experience and knowledge exchange between the present HEI and between the HEI and the UA producers;
* To discuss experiences and lessons learned based on the Erasmus+ URBAN GREEN TRAIN curriculum; and
* To provide teambuilding services for a more connected BUGI project group.

**Study visit outcomes**

During the study visit and training the participants:

* Were provided with the state-of-the-art overview of UA practices in Berlin, Germany, focusing on economic/business model related, but also environmental, social, planning, and political aspects of UA;
* Were provided with insights into Erasmus+ URBAN GREEN TRAIN curriculum in line with experiences from the Western Balkan partners; and
* Visited 6+ UA practices. The participants were presented in depth. At every example we discussed business plans of UA and opportunities for engaging with the wider society.

**Study visit program**

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| When | What | Where | | |
| Oct 28th | **Arrival** |  | | |
| All day | Individual arrivals to Berlin | From … to Berlin | | |
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| Oct 29th | **Aquaponics & Microalgae** |  | | |
| 09:00 | Welcome, get to know each other, and general organization (*Bernd Pölling*) | ECF Farm Systems  Bessemerstraße 20, Berlin | | |
| 10:30 | **ECF Farm Systems** Aquaponics  (*Christian Echternacht, ECF Farm Systems*) |
|  | Individual lunch break &  Public transportation to MINT Engineering |  | | |
| 13:30 | **MINT Engineering** Microalgae (*Gunnar Mühlstädt*) | MINT Engineering, Torgauer Straße 12-15, Berlin | | |
| 18:00 | Closure |  | | |
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| Oct 30th | **Food Council Berlin & Prinzessinnengarten** |  | | |
| 10:00 | **Food Council Berlin** “Ernährungsrat Berlin”  (*Beatrice Walthall*) | Baumhaus Berlin, Gerichtstraße 23, Berlin | | |
|  | Individual lunch break &  Public transportation to Prinzessinnengarten |  |  |  |
| 15:00 | **Prinzessinnengarten** The new garden in Neukölln (*Hanna Burckhardt; guide: Adrian*) | Hermannstraße 103-105, Berlin |  |  |
| 18:00 | Closure |  | | |
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| Oct 31st | **Community gardening** |  | | |
| 09:30 | **Himmelbeet** (*Jonathan Kuhlburger*) | Ruheplatzstraße 12, Berlin | | |
|  | Individual lunch break |  | | |
| 14:00 | **Visit of Urban Agriculture sites in Berlin** depending on individual preferences (food market, organic farmers’ market, urban garden, rooftop farm, …) & wrap-up round, feedback, and closure | Berlin | | |
| 18:00 | Closure of the 3-day study visit to Berlin |  | | |
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| Nov 1st | **Departure** |  | | |
| All day | Individual departure home  Steering Committee (SC) and Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) meeting in Berlin | From Berlin to … | | |

**Annexes**

**1. Attendance lists (day by day)**

**2. Evaluation report**