

## REURIS: EIGHT PARTNERS – ONE TEAM

### In short

REURIS focuses on urban rivers in six cities and their need for revitalisation initiatives (see newsletter 1/09). But who works on the project? Who develops tools for the particular revitalisation in the partner cities? On the following pages you will be introduced to the members of a team of eight partners in six cooperating cities. Each team member has a particular relation to the matter and gives his or her special expertise and energy to the multifaceted tasks of urban river revitalisation. Starting with the lead partner from Katowice you will find information on the REURIS experts in, Bydgoszcz, Brno, Pilsen, Stuttgart and Leipzig.



Marek Pieszczoach, Małgorzeata Kopernik, Agnieszka Polaczek, Paweł Łabaj and Leszek Trząski (from left to right) perform the tasks of the Lead Partner.



Dorota Steinmetz-Słowik, Sabina Denysenko, Agnieszka Wesołowska, Krystian Gryglaszewski, Adam Lipiński and Jan Blaz (REURIS Control Group member) work for the City of Katowice.

## REURIS Lead Partner Central Mining Institute in Katowice

*Małgorzeata Kopernik* is the youngest member of the GIG REURIS team at the Department of Water Protection of the Central Mining Institute (GIG). 2007 she graduated in geography in Katowice and followed postgraduate studies in management and marketing in 2008. Małgosia works with Leszek Trząski and Agnieszka Polaczek in the Department of Water Protection. For REURIS she is in charge of management and environmental protection support. *Paweł Łabaj* is a water engineer. He studied environmental engineering in Kraków and works in the field of hydrology and GIS at the Department of Water Protection. Paweł gives REURIS his technical support (website, board, extranet). *Marek Pieszczoach* works in the GIG Department of Finances and Dues Vindication and is the financial manager of the GIG's participation in REURIS. 1994 Mark graduated in economics and finished his postgraduate studies 2008 in accounting. *Agnieszka Polaczek* is an architect and urban planner. 2004 Agnieszka graduated in architecture in Gliwice. She works in the Department of Water Protection and is currently the "day-to-day" management support in the REURIS Project as well as coordinator for the development of implementation methods (work package 3) in GIG. *Leszek Trząski* is head of Laboratory of Environmental Studies and Water Protection Programming at the GIG Department of Water Protection. 1993 he received his Ph.D. in biology in Katowice. It was Leszek's idea to revitalise Ślepiotka river, he persuaded the city of Katowice of this idea and succeeded in finding partners. Leszek is not only the project manager of the GIG's participation in REURIS but also is the General Manager of REURIS Project.

## REURIS Partner City of Katowice

*Sabina Denysenko* studied geophysics in Kraków and gained a postgraduate degree in environmental protection, ibidem. She works in the Environment Department of the City of Katowice and is REURIS project manager in Katowice. *Krystian Gryglaszewski* studied languages in Katowice and Lodz and has a postgraduate university degree in economics from Katowice. He works in the Convention Bureau of the City of Katowice and is project officer for REURIS. *Adam Lipiński* studied political sciences in Katowice. He works in the European Funds Office in the City of Katowice and also as the REURIS co-ordinator. *Dorota Steinmetz-Słowik* studied economics in Katowice and now is REURIS financial manager. Dorota works for the City of Katowice in the city's Budget Department. Like Dorota *Agnieszka Wesołowska* studied economics and serve as REURIS financial manager. Her workplace is in the Accountancy Department of the City of Katowice.

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### REURIS Partner City of Bydgoszcz

In the City of Bydgoszcz the Department of Municipal Utilities and Environmental Protection, in particular the Section of Environmental Projects represents the REURIS project partner and works on the revitalisation of Bydgoszcz Old Canal. *Grzegorz Boroń*, a poviát geologist, started working in the City Council of Bydgoszcz 10 years ago. He fulfils the tasks of a deputy director for environmental protection and thus he has also been coordinating environmental or semi-environmental projects in his line of duty (PROMOTE, COBRAMAN, LAKS). Not only does he have a steering job but he is also an avid yachtsman steering his boat along the Mediterranean Sea every time he gets a chance to get off the job. *Bogna Rybacka*, the manager of the REURIS Project, a fountain of both, ideas and experience, was educated as a green area planner and designer, then specialized also in conservation of the cultural heritage objects. She co-runs a landscape business under the name of Art Shape which is a house & garden design studio which allowed her to develop, plan and design numerous dendrology inventories, inventories of green areas and historic parks landscape architecture. *Natalia Weckwert*, educated as an English philologist, has worked as a project translator and now has joined the REURIS team with a view of assisting the dissemination mission. Thus she targets to sustain the information about REURIS project to be nowhere near logorrhea but an on-the-spot and to-the-point reporting. Fairly new to the project and the City Council trusts that the communication train becomes a river of information.

### REURIS Partner City of Brno

The Statutory City of Brno is a public corporation, territorial self-governing community of citizens with dependent competence in the field of urban planning, economic, culture and social development, education, protection of the environment etc. *Hana Bernardová* is head of Environmental Conception Unit of Spatial Planning and Development Department in City of Brno and is currently the project manager of Brno's participation in REURIS. Hana graduated in landscape and garden architecture in 2001 at Mendel University of Agriculture and Sylviculture (MZLU) in Brno and in landscape architecture at the Polytechnic University of Catalunya in Barcelona. Together with Ivan Hana came up with the idea of revitalising Old Ponávka River which is behind the idea of the entire REURIS project. *Ivan Hloušek* holds a university degree in public economy from Masaryk University in Brno (2005). Ivan is working as head of the project implementation unit experienced with many European projects. He is supervising REURIS in frame of European fundings' and City of Brno administrations' rules. *Vendula Večeřová* studied agroecology at MZLU (2004). After managing a project aimed on water resources management in non-governmental organizations, Vendula started to work at the European Fund Implementation Department and joined the REURIS project as Brno's financial manager.



Krystyna Wojtas (Bydgoszcz' financial manager for REURIS), Bogna Rybacka, Grzegorz Boroń, and Natalia Weckwert (from left to right) take care of the revitalisation of the Bydgoszcz Old Canal.



In front of Brno from left to right: Hana Bernardová, Ivan Hloušek and Vendula Večeřová.

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### REURIS Partner Urban Planning and Development Institute of the City of Pilsen



Eva Brejchová, Pavlína Červená and Kateřina Juríková (f.l.t.r.) are in charge of the revitalisation of Pilsen river valleys.

*Eva Brejchová* studied economics and regional development at the universities in Ústí nad Labem and Brno. Her responsibilities cover finance, administration and organisation of EU projects. She prepares and organises architectural competitions for the City of Pilsen. In the REURIS project she is the financial manager and together with *Pavlína Červená* co-chairs REURIS work package 4: Planning and investment. *Pavlína Červená* studied Landscape Engineering at the Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague. Her main research interest is in comprehensive landscape care, landscape planning, land improvement and reclamation, small water stream revitalisation, and water management. She is studying at the Faculty of Environmental Science, Department of Water Resources and Environmental Modelling in a PhD programme and works at the Urban Planning and Development Institute of the City of Pilsen. *Pavlína* is the regional REURIS project manager in Pilsen. *Kateřina Juríková* graduated from the Faculty of Economics at the University of West Bohemia in Pilsen. Her main job at the Urban Planning and Development Institute of the City of Pilsen is to manage the marketing of the organisation and various projects. She is responsible in particular for press releases, press conferences, a newsletter entitled Invest in the Pilsen Region, annual reports, catalogues, websites, presentations at trade fairs etc. Together with *Pavlína*, the City of Pilsen's project team and its UK counterpart she successfully managed the final of The LivCom Awards 2009, an international competition for liveable communities held in Pilsen in October this year, which hosted over 200 delegates from all over the world.

### REURIS Partner Municipality of Stuttgart, Office of Urban Planning and Urban Development



The Stuttgart team from left to right: Elisabeth Bender, Wolfgang Maier, Gisela Hillinger-Hesse, Rudolf Dürr, and Thomas Lampen.

How to convince decision-makers of the benefits of revitalisation projects? How to rise public interest? REURIS project manager Dipl. Ing. *Wolfgang Maier*, project assistant Dipl. Ing. *Elisabeth Bender* and the REURIS support team *Hermann Degen*, *Rudolf Dürr*, *Gisela Hillinger-Hesse* and *Thomas Lampen* are discussing these issues as well as the planning of the pilot project "Revitalisation of River Feuerbach" at their weekly REURIS meeting. The graduated landscape architects, landscape ecologists and landscape planners – with longtime experience both in the private and public sector – work for the Department for City Planning and Urban Renewal, Subdepartment Green Structure Planning and Landscape Planning at the Municipality of Stuttgart which is running the REURIS project.

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The planners in the subdepartment deal with landscape planning, green structure planning, environmental impact studies and impact regulation. In addition they are responsible for planning and initialisation of revitalisation projects. The planners focus on the protection and development of the natural resources such as ground and soil, water and groundwater, local climate, plants, animals and biodiversity as well as landscape scenery and recreation. Revitalisation projects along river Neckar and its tributaries and the creation of new green spaces to complete the system of green axes in the urban town planning and regional green-corridor system are prominent projects they plan to get initialised and realised in future.

### REURIS Partner Aufbauwerk Leipzig

Aufbauwerk Region Leipzig GmbH is a joint project agency of the City of Leipzig and the districts of Leipzig and Central Saxony that has been created specifically for the acquisition of European funding and for the support of the region's local public authorities' participation in European programs.

REURIS Project manager *Sandra Commichau* studied cultural pedagogy and media pedagogy at the University of Applied Sciences Merseburg. Between 2006 and 2007 she was project manager and responsible for marketing and public funding at the European Youth Camp Oschatz. From 2007 to 2008 Sandra studied European quality and project management at the Advanced Training Academy of the Economy Leipzig (Fortbildungsakademie der Wirtschaft FAW). Since April 2008 Sandra is project manager at the Aufbauwerk Region Leipzig GmbH and is the Aufbauwerk's REURIS representative.

### REURIS Partner Leipzig University

*Linda Kochmann* has been working as a researcher at the University's Institute for Infrastructure and Resources Management since November 2006. She studied economics in Halle and Dresden, and completed two terms at the University of Reunion Island (France). Her research focus concentrates on economic studies concerning the state of the environment and the assessment of potentials for regional economic concepts. For REURIS she examines financing tools for future revitalisation of urban river spaces. *Karin Lange* studied political sciences, sociology, and media in Marburg and Leipzig. Her main research interests are urban sociology and social policy. After Karin had graduated in political sciences she developed E-learning courses on urban sociology and local politics together with Sylke Nissen. Before she joined REURIS she had worked as a media monitoring consultant. Her main focus in REURIS lies on dissemination strategies, network analysis, best practices and cooperation models. *Sylke Nissen* is political scientist at the Institute of Sociology at the University of Leipzig. She received her degrees from the Free University in Berlin and the Goethe University in Frankfurt (Main). Her main research interests lie on urban studies and the sociology of the European Union. She teaches sociology and serves as REURIS' communication manager.



Two partners in Leipzig: Sandra Commichau (above) representing the Aufbauwerk frequently meets Sylke Nissen, Karin Lange and Linda Kochmann (bottom, l.t.r.) from Leipzig University.

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