

URGENT PROJECT

Urban Resilience and Adaptation for India and Mongolia: curricula, capacity, ICT and stakeholder collaboration to support green & blue infrastructure and nature-based solutions

Inception Seminar – India

Date and Time: 20 July 2021, and 2:00 – 6:00 P.M.

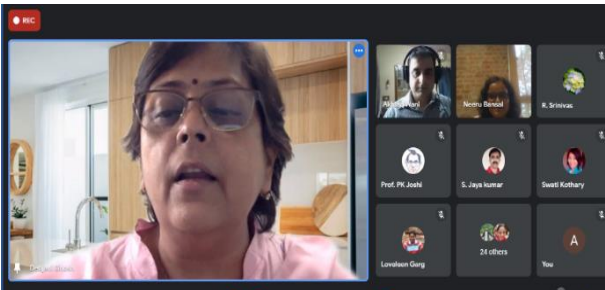
PROJECT BRIEF:

The URGENT project funded by Erasmus+ aims at International Capacity Building in Higher Education, to promote green & blue infrastructure and nature-based solutions (GBI&NBS) for resilient, climate-friendly and liveable cities in partner countries (India & Mongolia). The project duration is three years starting January 2021. It is a multi-country, multi-institution project. In all, there are 16 partner institutions with University of Bremen, Germany as the project coordinator. [Read more](#)

INTRODUCTION: Inception seminar has been organized by Indian partner institutions to discuss the roles and responsibilities of each partner, proposed activities and scope for collaborations. During Inception seminar, seven presentations were presented, including two invited expert presentations and five presentations by partner institutions.



Hitesh Vaidya, Director, NIUA delivering the keynote address



Dr. Debjani Ghosh, presenting the NIUA's action points

Director NIUA Shri Hitesh Vaidya, stressed in his introductory remarks that the URGENT project should not be considered only as a research initiative, but rather as one that influences ground-level action. Thereafter, Mr. R. Srinivas, T & C Planner, TCPO given a presentation on the National Mission on Sustainable Habitat. Partner institution coordinators elaborated on proposed work plan and scope for collaboration on various activities

Prof. Utpal Sharma Director from NIRMA university, gave an insightful talk on the issues and challenges of planning in mega cities and how to deal with them. During discussion the India partners stressed on joint activities and the importance of collaborative work; the monthly lecture series was also discussed whereby the partners were asked to provide eminent speakers names both from their Institutes who are working in the same domain as well as domestic and international speakers from their wider network.



Dr. Utpal Sharma, Director, NIRMA University Institute of Architecture and Planning, delivering the invited lecture on challenges of planning in mega-cities

CONCLUSION: The meeting came to a close with a promise of continued engagement among partners in order to ensure maximum value addition to the project.