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1. Introduction

The EACI supports several projects that have to do with Passive Houses. In order to avoid double work, or to avoid missing relevant and valuable information, and to stimulate synergy effects, it was examined to which extend co-operation with other EIE-projects should be possible.

In order to find out which projects are running and relevant for CEPH, the EACI website was consulted. **It learnt that although many projects about Passive Houses have been executed or are under negotiation, there is only one ongoing project: Pass-net.** In a Pass-net meeting on 20 April 2009 where observers amongst others from the CEPH-project were invited to discuss the work of Pass-net, it was concluded that the possible synergy between the two projects is mainly in the seminars that are given by Pass-net and that may serve as an introduction to the CEPH-courses. Within Pass-net IVL Svenska Miljöinstitutet is responsible for the dissemination through the seminars. A telephone meeting to discuss the details and common strategy with IVL was organised on 17 June 2009.

2. Possible Synergy Effects

The seminars that are organised by Pass-net, are focused at professionals with little (elementary) knowledge about Passive Houses. The UK partner in Pas-net even suggests an introductory seminar to bring the audience to the level that is required for following the Pas-net seminars. The aim of the seminars is to introduce the Passive House concept to the broader professional community. The seminars are produced by the national partners of Pas-net. The seminars take two days. It deals with the theoretical background of the Passive House concept, construction principles, construction process, a brief introduction to the PHPP, etc. The CEPH-course is much more in depth, focusing on professionals who have already basic knowledge about passive houses. The students are mainly architects and consultants. Unlike the Pass-net seminars, an exam is included, leading to the certification of Certified European Passive House Designer.

The main synergy effect is to introduce the CEPH course to the audience of the seminars, and to introduce the seminars in CEPH partner countries that are not partners in Pass-net. Consequently, the range of the CEPH-course is larger than just the countries that are participating in the CEPH project, vice versa. However, a number of possible future actions related to expanding the range of the CEPH course should be discussed in the CEPH project team.

3. Future actions

- It should be discussed, how other countries than CEPH-partner countries could follow the CEPH-course after the pilot stage.
- It should be discussed, who will give the CEPH-course in the non-partner countries
- The problem of translation into other languages than the language of CEPH-partner countries should be discussed
- It should be examined, to which extend the CEPH-course fits into projects on very low energy buildings, like the North Pass project.
- The CEPH brochure should be made available to the Pass-net seminars
- Pass-net would like to be informed about the CEPH pilot courses

- In order to spread the CEPH-course, the CEPH partners may organise a Pass-net seminar in their countries after the pilot course
- A Passive House lexicon should be made for purpose of translations.

Once the CEPH course material is made available to the project partners, so that courses can be set up in all the countries participating in CEPH, the future actions will be further discussed with PASS-NET. As many, if not all, of the project partners of both the projects will visit the International Passivehouse Conference in Dresden in May 2010, a meeting to discuss the above items will be organised in addition to this conference.

The Services of the Commission have made the valuable suggestion to have the relevant information about the CEPH-project (such as courses and other events) put on the internet by linking to the BUILD UP portal <http://www.buildup.eu> The CEPH project will be linked to the BUILD UP portal during the next reporting period.