Workshop Bratislava

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Bratislava workshop (14-20th of October 2009) implies the experiences from previous Oikodomos workshops in Ghent (Lifelong dwelling) and Grenoble (Housing for diversity). It formulates the Effective urban and housing development in the suburban part of Bratislava corresponding to: site specifics; connections to the city context; life styles and situations; constructions and materials; low energy and eco friendly design; appropriate density; public spaces and amenities, etc. Moreover the site is situated in the impressive natural environment, which supports the principles of garden city design and the diffusion of natural and residential structures.
Preparatory stage of the workshop (June – October 2009) is fixed to develop joint learning activities of the partners based on the „Workspace“ virtual learning space.
The aim of the workshop is to develop conceptual proposals for the Bratislava site on the international and interdisciplinar platform and looking for general models of effective housing design on urban and architectural levels.

Site specification: Garden City – Dúbravka Big Camp

The site (cca 50 hectares) is situated on the north-western outskirt of Bratislava in the cadastral area of city district Dúbravka. It is formed by the hollow basin surrounded from three sides by the forests and the massive of the highest mountain in Bratislava – Devínska Kobyla (514m). It offers the panoramatic views on the west suburb settlements of the city, Malé Karpaty massive and castle Pajštún. Due to its north-west orientation it is open to prevailing winds. The main part of the area is framed by the idle agricultural land and gardens. On the west edge of the site is the former glass factory – „Technické sklo“, built in 70- ties, which caused environmental pollution and induces the sharp visual contrast with the surroundings. Nowadays it is out of work and can be transformed for new functions. The site has as well the interesting historical footprint – the archaeologic excavation of the roman residential and bath building (*villa rustica*) from 3rd Century A.C. The favourable living conditions of the area have been proved here by the settlements of Celts, Romans, Germans and Slavs.
The site will be affected by the large development in the neighbourhood, especially by Bory – Lamač Port and Centrop. These, already approved placements, will create the new attraction zone of this part of the city with the shopping and working/ administrative areas together with dwellings and amenities. The design includes the traffic solution with the connection to Highway D2 and with the prolongation of tram line from Saratovská street (Dúbravka).