

EEA Grants Mobility Project in Higher Education: 19-MOB-0025

Mobility type: Teaching

Field: 0788 – Interdisciplinary programmes and qualifications involving engineering, manufacturing, construction

Home university: Politehnica University Timișoara (RO TIMISOA04)

Host university: Reykjavik University (IS REYKJAV05)

Period: 21.09.2022 – 26.09.2022

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*One of the main purposes of the mobility was to strengthen the good relationship between the two Universities. The possibility to develop common future activities (studies, workshops, longer mobilities) were discussed at the University and during a half a day trip around the capital of Iceland, together with the main staff member from the host University.*

*I met two teachers from the Applied Engineering Department, and I held a lecture on one of their proposed subjects: houses with mixt structure. The students received quite well the given information and after that a debate started about their current project-based learning subject, similar with my PdD theme - Rehabilitation of collective housing with concrete structure and a new level of apartments on top. Before and after meeting with the students, prof. Thorhallsson was very kind and showed us the main building facilities and research laboratories, along with their current tests and simulations.*

*Prof. Thorhallsson drove us for more than 3 hours showing building sites, new blocks of flats, - traditional and new constructions, small neighborhoods with one story houses and large developments for collective houses. It was impressive and we ended the trip with an inside visit to one of the most well-known architect buildings, The Nordic House from Alvar Aalto from the campus of University of Iceland.*

*This mobility is, in my opinion, a very good way to exchange through this collaboration specific expertise from both sides involved. It was an opportunity to understand better how we can continue in the future. At the same time, it was an occasion to see and learn from a different country their ways to built and to preserve the nature, with great consideration for sustainable resources and environmental issues.*

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