

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

Mobility type: Teaching

Field: 0731 – Architecture and town planning

Home university: Politehnica University Timișoara (RO TIMISOA04)

Host university: Reykjavik University (IS REYKJAV05)

Period: 21.09.2022 – 26.09.2022

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*On the first day, Mr. Thorhallsson presented us the spaces of the university: common spaces, administrative part, lecture halls and study spaces. Also, Mr. Thorhallsson, together with his colleague Viggo Magnusson, organized a meeting with the students during which I presented the ARChA project as an example of a restoration project of high importance for FAUT, UPT. This presentation ended with a Q&A session on the topic of the presented project, during which the students asked questions about the state of the project, the project implementation period, and the interventions needed to activate the space. At the end of the presentation, I had individual discussions with the students about the ongoing semester project that deals with the rehabilitation of typical apartment blocks by adding an elevator and the positioning options of the new vertical circulations, as well as the next steps to finalize the projects at the technical project level with financial details. Mr. Thorhallsson presented us with the research projects and the experimental laboratory space, where he detailed some of the experimental studies carried out on the possibilities of using basalt fibers as reinforcement material.*

*Mr. Thorhallsson accompanied us on a trip around Reykjavik and its surrounding urban developments to observe and analyze various ongoing construction sites relevant to local real estate developments, the types of constructive systems that are used and ways of integration into the local context. In addition, for 4 hours, we had the opportunity to observe elements of traditional architecture, buildings with innovative constructive systems, but also pieces of iconic architecture - the Nordic House, arch. Alvar Aalto which is located within the Campus of the University of Iceland.*

*In conclusion, I believe that the outcome of this mobility can be found at different levels: from a personal point of view, I consider that this mobility has increased my knowledge regarding technical aspects of the architecture profession and which I can use towards the improvement of the content of the technical disciplines specific to architectural design in which I teach. Furthermore, I feel that my English language communication skills at the academic level have improved. From the point of view of the relations between the partner institutions, this mobility facilitated the identification of the possibilities of future collaboration with the partner university.*

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