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Letter from the Chair – Dr. Vicky Albert-Seifried, Fraunhofer ISE

I hope you have had a great start to 2023! PED-EU-NET has matured since its inception in late 2020, and we are midway to the target of 2025 to establish 100 PEDs in Europe! As our over 200 members from hundreds of organisations across 40 countries are well aware, this means it is important to retain momentum and to ensure that relevant insights inform action.

Looking back, some highlights of 2022 were a major PED Conference in Amsterdam last June, and the Action's first Training School in Dalarna last October. Both included hands-on components, cross-fertilisation of knowledge from PED planning and implementation, and intensive networking.

We facilitated and sponsored numerous small grants for short-term scientific missions and other collaborations. These took forward the work of our four Working Groups. There are more such opportunities – please utilise them well!

Looking forward, Action members have a rich array of events in store, which we highlight in this newsletter as arenas where you can engage and contribute. A notable output in progress is the PED Database, now accessible on our website and continuing to be populated with progress!

While some pandemic constraint dim in memory and it is good to meet in person and work intensively together, we retain best practices of online collaboration, including monthly and ad hoc meetings to steer the course. With initiatives such as Driving Urban Transitions, the vital societal transitions our members are contributing to are flourishing and in demand.



PED Conference, Amsterdam, June 2022



PED Training School, Dalarna, October 2022

Recent grant updates and an open call for applicants!

Oscar Seco Calvo, Tomáš Vácha, Beril Alpagut, and Melinda Orovo are among the beneficiaries of grants from PED-EU-NET. Check out our open calls for Short Term Scientific Missions, Virtual Mobility Grants and Inclusive Target Countries Conference Grants. You can apply to advance Action tasks, too! Access the calls here: <https://pedeu.net/category/grants/>

PED-EU-NET is on Twitter! Tag us: https://twitter.com/ped_eu



Children's center

Improving conditions for children and providing support and physical rehabilitation

Contribution to progress, development, better quality of life and increased self-confidence

Therapy and support programs

Provision of training program services

Upcoming Action Events in 2023

The Action works primarily through its four Working Groups, whose leads coordinate specific activities over time. Please contact these members to get involved in a hands-on way.

For those who wish to access the network as a broader forum of exchange and learning, and to feature their PED work with a highly relevant set of proactive and diverse stakeholders, these major Action events are worth keeping in mind for this year:

13 February 2023 – Action Grants Promo Workshop, online

June 2023 – Lisbon Conference 'Energy in Built Environment: Climate driven solutions for next generation EU cities' with LNEG, EMAC-Cascais, EERA JP Smart Cities + 6th MC Meet

13-15 September 2023 – CISBAT conference, Lausanne (non-Action event, but several members will be present)

18-21 September 2023 – 2nd Action Training School, Zurich

December 2023 – 7th MC Meeting, online

Those who have availed of the (funded) opportunity to be part of Action events remember these fondly for convivial learning! Follow updates online: <https://pedeu.net/category/events/>

Support an upcoming centre

PED-EU-NET is pleased to share the work of the Cerebral Palsy Association (www.cpossiblebl.com) who are raising funds to build a new 'Children's center' with key features shown adjacent. CPossible aims to reach 1,500+ children and families who live with cerebral palsy in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The protracted pandemic circumstances had a major adverse impact on these groups. As with PEDs in many contexts, the project of building a children's rehabilitation center is a completely new one of rehabilitation, specialist therapy and training programmes in this national context. CPossible is collecting funds to construct facilities in accordance with the needs of children and persons with disabilities, to offer rehabilitation and support. The association has a range of ongoing activities to support this group, which the planned building will help provide vital infrastructure for. Contact: Prof. dr Igor Todorović (Bosnia and Herzegovina MC member), University of Banja Luka, igor.todorovic@ef.unibl.org

PED Database: An interactive resource!

PED-EU-NET is proud to present the PED Database, an interactive database that is continuously updated to provide an overview of a range of PED projects. Using filters, it is possible to view details on some PEDs selectively. There are links to more detailed characteristics of each featured PED project, and a tool to compare characteristics across projects. We hope the tool is actively used, and welcome inputs to expand its coverage!

If you wish to get involved in this effort or simply add a single entry, please contact Michal Kuzmic: michal.kuzmic@cvut.cz

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Legend:

- PED Lab
- PED case study
- PED relevant case study
- Both PED Lab / PED/PED relevant case study

To learn more and use this interactive resource, click through in the top-right corner of our website!

PED-EU-NET Dissemination: A lot to read!

As the Action reaches its midway point, network members have contributed a wealth of resources to advance the state-of-the-art on Positive Energy Districts in Europe through a wide range of journal articles, training resources and reports. These are all accessible via the Dissemination section of our website. Do take a look: <https://pedeu.net/dissemination/>

Know your WGs! This can help identify the most meaningful activities to engage with in the Action based on your own interests. **WG1** is on PED Mapping, Characterisation and Learning. **WG2** deals with PED Guides and Tools. **WG3** concerns PED Laboratories, Monitoring and Replication. **WG4** addresses Dissemination, Outreach and Exploitation. Feel free to reach out to the WG leads for more details: <https://pedeu.net/working-groups/>

The COST Action Positive Energy Districts European Network (PED-EU-NET) aims to mobilise researchers and other relevant stakeholders across different domains and sectors to drive the deployment of Positive Energy Districts (PEDs) in Europe through open sharing of knowledge, exchange of ideas, pooling of resources, experimentation of new methods and co-creation of novel solutions.

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Join the Action:

The COST Action PED-EU-NET is open to everyone who is interested in PEDs. Membership is free. Members are expected to contribute to the work. If you would like to join us, please contact:

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