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(Networking Events, Side Events, Training Events, City Changer Room, One UN Room, Urban Library, and Agora Room)

Name of Reporter:	Roman Buil
Event title/number:	***Casual simulation model approaches to foster e-participation in the design of urban policies***
Date:	08/04/2014
Venue:	Yellow Pavilion - Room 13
Time:	From 02:00 pm to 04:00pm
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	Universitat Autònoma De Barcelona - Dpt. of Telecommunications and System Engineering - Unit of Logistics and Aeronautics
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	Spain/ Bellaterra (Barcelona)
Approximate number of participants:	20

Summary of the Event (max: 300 words):
Digital Simulation techniques have been enhanced in the European e-participation project (FUPOL - www.fupol.eu) to encourage citizens to participate in the decision making process of the municipalities for the design of urban policies. The huge risk inherent in urban planning design, due mainly to poor understanding of the real needs of citizens in the short and long term, can be mitigated by transforming citizen opinions into valuable knowledge through a trial-and-error approach supported by simulation.

Initial short presentations introduced the FUPOL platform and how simulation tools could be used as serious games in order to let citizens transform present opinions to valuable knowledge for urban planners. The trial and error methodology that characterises the user simulation platforms helps citizens to learn and move from present emotional discussions through social networks to rational discussions that could contribute to minimising the risk in the decision making process.

After these presentations we started a discussion about e-participation, e-governance and the use of the FUPOL platform and simulation tools to help the decision making process in local and national governments.

The key objectives of the presented work are:
1.- to move one step forward to foster the e-participation process of citizens in the urban policy planning.
2.- to develop a shared approach through the use of information and

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communication technologies to deal with a collaborative decision making in the urban planning process between the different stakeholders together with the citizens.
3.- to generate a holistic knowledge of the urban planning problem in which citizens could understand the interdependencies between city infrastructure and resources, city processes, and citizens needs.

The thematic relevance of the workshop to the habitat iii is based on one of its main objectives: the development of mechanisms to allow citizens participation in the decision making, which is also one of the key areas, specified in habitat iii, that impact on housing and on achieving sustainable development goals in urban areas.

Summary of the Discussion (max: total 500 words):
1. Outline of the discussion/debates
The audience were very interested in the entire FUPOL platform and also with the simulation models already developed for it. There was one claim from several people, which was the impossibility to see the results during the session. The FUPOL platform is still under development and the simulation models are developed; however, the final software is also under development yet, and the results we could show were graphics and conclusions.

2. Major emerging issues and position documents/declarations towards:

- *Habitat III*

- *POST2015*

- *A New Urban Agenda*

3. Recommendations made during the discussion
(e.g. policy direction, good/best practices, resource mobilization, innovative funding mechanism, etc.)

The main recommendation were, as mentioned before, to show the platform and the simulators for a better understanding of our product.

4. Building partnerships, network and synergies with UN-Habitat
(e.g. agreements or Memorandum of Understanding committed/signed, amounts and number of pledged contributions and partnerships/networks, etc.)

Several cities and organizations asked for further collaborations to be discussed and decided later, once the final product will be ready.

Detail Information of Speakers/Presenters/Moderators:

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If there were more speakers/presenters/moderators in your events, please feel free to add the above tables.

UN-Habitat Thematic areas
All events are identified by UN-Habitat priority substantive areas as below.

URBAN LAND, LEGISLATION & GOVERNANCE
*Land & GLTN, Urban Legislation, Urban and Community Management
& Governance, Safety*

URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN
*Regional & Metropolitan Planning, City Extensions & Enlargements, Market
Town & Intermediate City Planning*

URBAN ECONOMY
Urban & Municipal Finance, Urban Productivity, Youth and Job Creation

URBAN BASIC SERVICES
*Water & Sanitation, Urban Energy, Urban Mobility, Urban Waste
Management*

HOUSING & SLUM UPGRADING
Housing, Slum Upgrading, Shelter Rehabilitation

RISK REDUCTION & REHABILITATION
*Urban Risk Reduction, Infrastructure Rehabilitation, Climate Change
Mitigation & Adaptation, Resilience*

RESEARCH & CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT
Global Urban Observatory, Flagship Reports, Capacity Development

Cross-cutting issues:

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