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Welcome to the July 2010 Edition of EDUCATE News!

Between the 7th and 9th of July, the EDUCATE partners, members of the Advisory Board and representatives from European Chambers of Architects, gathered in London at the Architectural Association School of Architecture to present and examine the results obtained by the activities of the project to date and plan future developments.

Among the results discussed were the outcomes of the benchmarking of professional needs in European and extra-European countries. Basing on the surveys conducted with building professionals, demands and expectations of the market - as well as major barriers and opportunities - were presented and evaluated in terms of knowledge required to meet existing energy regulations and environmental targets. This lead to define the priorities and pedagogical objectives with respect to the technical competence on sustainable environmental design which should be expected of students of architecture at each level of their educational progression towards professional practice. A synthesis of such analysis is available for download on the EDUCATE website on [http://www.educate-sustainability.eu/benchmarking-professional-needs.php](http://www.educate-sustainability.eu/benchmarking-professional-needs.php)

It was also suggested by representatives of Chambers of Architects to open a public forum so as to collect further views and opinions from professionals concerning the integration of sustainability in the practice of architecture. Feedback can now be given by filling in a survey available on [http://www.educate-sustainability.eu/feedback.php](http://www.educate-sustainability.eu/feedback.php)

On the 8th of July, EDUCATE partners and staff, students and recent graduates of the Architectural Association School of Architecture were involved in a technical workshop (picture) aimed at sharing exempla of generic and specific teaching & learning methodologies and resources in the pedagogy of sustainable environmental design, and at examining the use of various support tools and software in educational, design and research tasks.

A summary of the workshop, together with pictures and slides from selected presentations are available for download on [http://www.educate-sustainability.eu/workshop-july-2010.php](http://www.educate-sustainability.eu/workshop-july-2010.php)

In terms of future developments, over the next few months EDUCATE partners will continue their work on the creation of an extensive Knowledge Base of sustainable environmental design that will be publicly available as an on-line resource on the EDUCATE website. The Knowledge base will constitute one of the core components of the EDUCATE Portal, an interactive platform that aims to facilitate the integration of environmental knowledge in higher education and disseminate principles of sustainable design to professionals and the public.

**EDUCATE News** will be back in September.

A very nice summer break to all from the EDUCATE project!

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