



Eco City, European Research Project

A Research Project:
Drawing on Europe's Sustainability Experts



Everywhere in Europe we need a greener way of living



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ECOCITY is a European Union funded research project that set out to develop a framework for sustainable urban development.

The aim of the multidisciplinary approach is to focus on urban structures that support sustainable movement patterns, with an emphasis on community participation.

JTP was invited to lead the community participation element, working with other European experts: Joachime Eble Architektur (Germany) - sustainable masterplanning; GEA2I (Spain) - environmental consultants, Hamburg University (Germany) - sustainable mobility experts; and EBOEK (Germany) - engineers specializing in energy and housing technology.

Project Delivery

- Development of seven case study masterplans, in seven European countries, each responding to the specific, local context (e.g. climate, culture, economy, politics and building standards) for the most sustainable solution.
- The project cities were: Tampere (Finland), Győr (Hungary), Barcelona (Spain), Bad Ischl (Austria), Umbertide (Italy), Tübingen (Germany), Trnava (Slovak Republic).
- A framework for sustainable design with JTP providing sustainable placemaking and collaborative planning advice.
- Publication of results: ECOCITY Handbook 1 'A Better Place to Live' and ECOCITY Handbook 2 "How to Make it Happen".
- Commission of a follow-up research project SNOWBALL - 'Energy Smart Urban Design'.

Client

European Commission, 5th Framework Programme "City of Tomorrow and Cultural Heritage"

