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Experts

Pau Rausell-Köster (University of Valencia, Spain)

Pau Rausell Köster started his academic career in 1989, only a few months after graduating in Economics and Business, joining the University of Valencia as an assistant lecturer. In 1993, during a study stay at the prestigious Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung Empirische of the University of Zürich, he was introduced to the field of cultural economics by well-known economist Bruno Frey. Back in Spain, he approached the few researchers that were specializing in Cultural Economics at the time. One of them was Lluís Bonet, from the University of Barcelona. In 1996, after defending his PhD thesis, he created Econcult, the first Cultural Economics Research Unit in Spain, within the University of Valencia's Department of Applied Economics. Since the end of the 1990s, Rausell has contributed to the development of Cultural Economics in Spain. He made notable contributions to the fields of applied research and methodological development. In 2008, the research unit became part of the newly established Interuniversity Institute for Local Development (IIDL), adding tourism to its fields of study. Since 2009, Rausell has taken part in several European projects (SOSTENUTO, CANEPAL, CREATIVEMED, 3CINCUBATORS) as main researcher and has been commissioned by multinational organizations such as the Organization of Iberoamerican States (OEI) to undertake research projects, coordinating interdisciplinary teams from all over the world. Because of his profile and communicative skills, the researcher has been asked to participate in a great number of conferences and events and teach in postgraduate courses in Spain and abroad.

Role during the visit: Lead expert

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Nils Scheffler - Urban expert

Nils Scheffler, Graduate Engineer of Spatial Planning (Diplom-Ingenieur), registered town planner and DGNB Auditor for sustainable neighbourhoods, founded in 2003 the office "Urban Expert". Since then he has worked at both the local and international levels in the field of integrated, sustainable urban development and participatory planning and implementation processes.

A particular focus of Mr. Scheffler's work is the development and safeguarding of historic cities, quarters and world heritage sites. Thereby he links the safeguarding and development of the cultural heritage with the requirements of a sustainable city. The participation and involvement of relevant stakeholders is a key element in the realisation of such missions. Amongst others he has elaborated the integrated world heritage management plan for the Old Town of Regensburg, he was the lead expert for the EU URBACT network "HerO: Heritage as Opportunity: Sustainable Management Strategies for Vital Historic Urban Landscapes" (www.urbact.eu/hero) and wrote a study for the federal state of Berlin about the development of tools to safeguard and further develop the built heritage evolved through the "International Building Exhibition-IBA '87 in Berlin". Through his activities in Germany and abroad Mr. Scheffler has amassed a very high level of competence in interdisciplinary cooperation in international and multicultural environments. Through his various activities in the field of project management, as well as the organization and facilitation of participatory development processes, he has developed excellent moderation and communication expertise as well as organizational and coordination skills.

Role during the visit: External expert

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