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### Eurbanlab newsletter vol. 7

#### December 2014

Dear reader,

The Eurbanlab Community Conference, Accelerate 2014, was held in Paris last week. The conference was well attended and covered a broad range of topics and had a variety of interesting speakers. This newsletter provides a summary of the conference discussions.

Also provided is an update on the Eurbanlab Library and a section on one

our interns working on Eurbanlab.

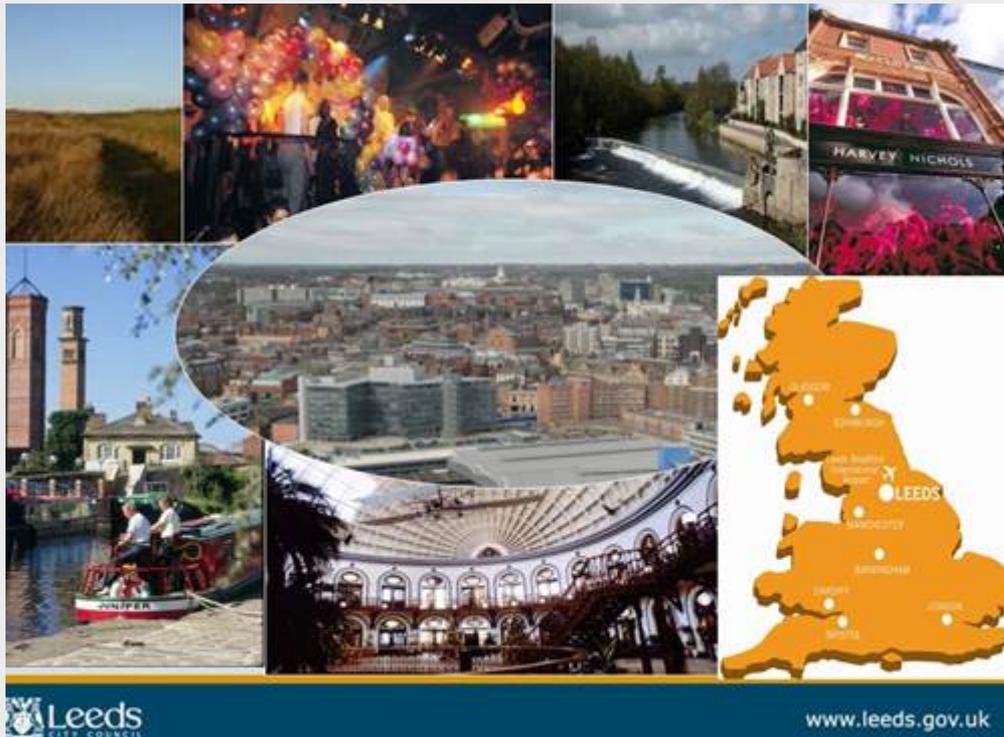
Best regards,  
Anne-Marie Spierings (ARCADIS)

## First impressions of our ECC: Accelerate 2014 conference in Paris

Interesting panel discussions were held on Smart and Open Approaches on enabling citizens and driving change with Josep Pique (City of Barcelona), Francesco Zingales (Greenapes), Morgane Colombert (EIVP) and Minna Maartola (City of Helsinki)



In the Zero Carbon Communities session, adaptive government was a central theme, with among others a presentation of Tom Knowland (City of Leeds).



The first day ended with a focus on possible tools to help catalogue, model and disseminate the best ideas.



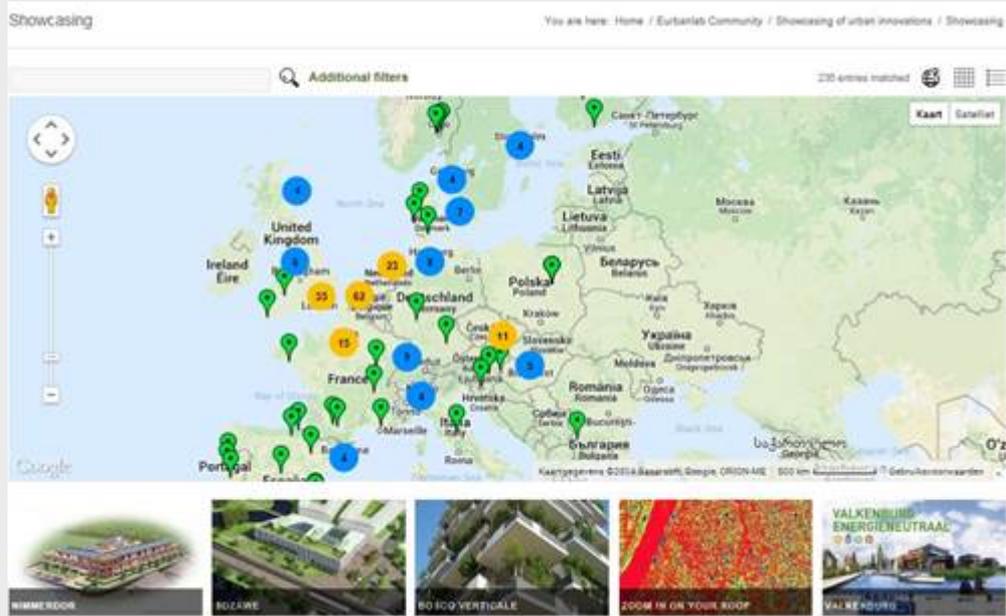
On the second day, a visit to StreetLab took place, where the design of streets is tested for how poor sighted and blind people can cope with street noises, ambulances and bikes. More information can be found [here](#).



The presentations and a more detailed report of the Accelerate Conference will be published on our website: [www.eurbanlab.eu](http://www.eurbanlab.eu) within a few weeks. If you would like to receive the presentations before, please email [info@eurbanlab.eu](mailto:info@eurbanlab.eu)

### [Launch of the online Eurbanlab library](#)

Since the launch of the online Eurbanlab library, we have received many positive responses. The library holds 250 examples of successful urban innovations from across Europe! These projects provide inspiration and insights in a range of subjects from smart financing arrangements, technical integrated design, and project planning and implementation. Filters, search options and a map make the library easy to navigate. The projects in the library demonstrate how a desired innovation can be realized successfully. The library combines geographical visualizations with filters and search functions to explore an array of urban innovations in Europe.



If you want to see our full Urbanlab online library, please send a mail to [info@urbanlab.eu](mailto:info@urbanlab.eu) for **login details**.

For an initial taster of the library, some urban innovations can be seen [here](#).



## Education in Urbanlab

Alejandro Cunat Tolosa

Age: 24

Education: Last year of architecture at the Polytechnic University of Valencia

### **Why did you want to do an internship for Urbanlab?**

I've always been interested in urbanism and how a city can be improved through its understanding and study, and how can it change and adapt if it follows the right path. Knowing about the Urbanlab project, I found it an interesting way to learn what is being done across Europe and how different projects are focusing on and delivering sustainable values .

**What is the topic you are focusing on?**

I've been focusing on looking for new projects to be added to the Eurbanlab library, collecting information about case studies in Spain.

**Which urban innovation that you have come across is most appealing to you?**

Being interested in urban regeneration, I particularly like projects such as those developed in Trinitat Nova or La Mina, both in Barcelona. Adapting existing residential and non-residential construction to today's standards and trying to improve resource efficiency remodelling old constructions seems to me the way architecture should go in the future, densifying the existing city/town and limiting urban sprawl.



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