

The urban quality is a challenge and an actual issue for urbanists but also for researchers. One of urbanism aims is giving quality to the space and, with that or by it, the opportunity to people achieve quality of life. But work about quality is not a simple task because the sense of quality varies in time and space, by culture, by educational and economic backgrounds etc.... The advantage to could bring, in the same space, young professionals and researchers from different countries of Europe to debate the sense of urban quality meant we to take the challenge to coordinate the European Urban Summer Scholl of 2011.

The preparation of EUSS'11 started late in time and the course only occur on last week of September, with all problems that it could bring because coincides with the beginning of master and PhD courses where young professionals were enrolled had begun. But beside a few inscriptions (about 20) we take the risk and organize the EUSS'11 with collaboration of two municipalities – Odivelas and Sintra – that provide us the “ground” and all needed information to work the discussed theories and give solutions to improve the space quality and with it the opportunity of life quality for users.

The need of a full work days – from morning to night – do not demoralize the important and pleasant fun/party part, an important component that make us more motivated for work. The weather bring us sunny and hot days in the autumn (more than 30° C). This conjugated things brought us a work environment conducive to a good final results in the way to use the space improvement as a positive factor to give users quality of life opportunity.

The results of students work could be sawed on this publication, finally done, after 4 years. They achieved some important inputs, not only for local authorities, that could use the ideas as to develop areas, but also to urbanists that all over Europe experience works that could have similitude with the problems exposed in this EUSS.

As head of school I assume that the proposed objectives were achieved, rather, were exceeded and the most important, young professionals, the future of European Urbanism, enjoy the advantage of interrelationship, changing knowledge and take advantage of the opportunity to change opinions with teachers and researchers from different Schools about the quality of life in a qualified urban space.