

BEIRUT TRAINING SCHOOL

Re-Imagining the port as an urban strategy for re-housing: assessment, development, and future

Notre Dame University-Louaize (NDU), Beirut, Lebanon | 15th-19th November 2021

Introduction / Background:

The general objective of this *Training School* is to learn about the urban strategies, development plans and international housing assistance programs of Lebanon in general and Beirut in particular from the post war period until the August 2020 Port blast, and to evaluate how this event might be an opportunity to redefine urban and design strategies, as well as public policies on collective housing. Within the framework of Cost Action 18137, it is expected that the results of the *Training school* would allow:

- to develop tools to survey and access post-catastrophe zones;
- to test methodologies for producing multidisciplinary post-catastrophe housing reports;
- to familiarize with analysis processes;
- to foster the construction of critical arguments and concepts based on data to support urban interventions, identifying the aspects that condition public policies of collective housing, using Beirut's context to cross it other Mediterranean and European contexts;
- to be introduced to the operational mechanisms of NGOs and the role of the professional vs the professional/non-professional volunteer.
- to understand the need to develop multiple simultaneous approaches on a short, medium and longer terms, through the participation in NGOs activities,
- to know the current problems of these groups –therefore, the policies that supported them - and, if necessary, to redefine possible intervention strategies.
- to interpret public policies on planning and housing in Beirut, analysing cases during the post-war period and relate them with the intermediate periods and present situation.

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Training School

Location: Notre Dame University-Louaize (NDU), Beirut, Lebanon

Dates: 15th-19th November 2021

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The Training School will involve lectures from leading international experts in design and public policies on housing and planning at the European and Middle eastern context throughout theoretical and historical sessions and expert guided tours and technical sheets of the selects case studies.

Participants & Registration

In the Training School will participate 5 local students (Beirut) and 15 foreigner students selected by the Core Group of COST Action 18137. Attendance at the Training School is restricted to those enrolled.

Who should attend?

The Training School is aimed at ECI, new PhD students and final year Master students of different backgrounds (e. g. architecture, engineering, urbanism, social sciences) who have a research interest in planning and housing issues in in post-traumatic (collective) housing themes. It aims to develop tools to survey and access post-catastrophe zones; to train methodologies for producing multidisciplinary reports; and to critically analyze produced data to support urban interventions, identifying the aspects that condition public policies of collective housing, using Beirut's context to cross it other Mediterranean and European contexts.

You will get the opportunity to learn more about the design process and the evaluation and validation of the developed concepts and meet fellow researchers from other European universities for networking.

Application process

To apply you are asked to complete the Application Form below. Successful applicants will also be asked to prepare a poster on your Post-doc/PhD/Master topic and complete an extended abstract.

Please send your completed application form to monica.pacheco@iscte-iul.pt

Selection process and Grants

The Core-group will select twenty (20) successful candidates.

Fifteen (15) reimbursed grants of 615€ are available to the best ECI, PhD and master's students outside Beirut, in order to help fund their travel, accommodation and living expenses. Five (5) local candidates will be selected without reimbursement for travelling and accommodation, but with other activities included.

Grants can only be awarded to students enrolled in institutions from eligible countries by COST.

Evaluation criteria

- 1) Interest of the proposal and relation to the WG of the Action
- 2) Commitment of the applicant to the action
- 3) Doctoral students
- 4) Post-doctoral scholarship holders
- 5) Researchers from ITC countries
- 6) Master students developing their thesis directly related with the topic of the TS

Travel and accommodation

Successful candidates are expected to arrange their own travel and accommodation. However, for those interested, Colony Beirut will be totally reserved only for the students of the Training School during its realization period, including all amenities and common spaces.

Application form for ECI, PhD and master's students

Personal details

Name	
Address	
Postcode	
Country	
Contact telephone number	
Email address	
Nationality	

Academic qualifications

Title/Quality/Position/Occupation	
University attending	
Research topic	
Supervisor(s) / Program attending	
Undergraduate degree / University	
Further qualifications	

If you are a member of COST Action MCMH-EU, please indicate the WG you belong to

Proposal application

Describe your research topic (or research intentions) in max. 150 words:

Describe your expectations and benefits of the training school for your own research and career:

How do you perceive the link of your research topic to the Action CA18137?

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: 1st November 2021

Successful applicants will be notified by 3rd November 2021

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