



## NEWSLETTER 2/2022

### MSc Urban Climate and Sustainability

The MSc Urban Climate and Sustainability will produce high calibre graduates equipped with skills and knowledge to assess and manage climate change in the urban environment in a sustainable manner.

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- Glasgow Caledonian University (UK)

#### Partners:

- LAB University of Applied Sciences (FI)
- University of Huelva (ES)
- Dresden University of Applied Sciences (DE)

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### What has happened until now

#### MURCS Cohort 03 period in Spain and Thesis Completion

MURCS cohort 03 students have successfully finished their short semester period in University of Huelva and moved to the thesis writing (Figure 1). By 11th of September, all student members of the Cohort have submitted their master thesis projects and additionally gone through viva voce examinations. Cohort attended their master thesis project presentations and viva voce exam at Glasgow Caledonian University from 3rd to 4th of October 2022. It was the in-person thesis presentation held by MURCS, and all the sessions were carried out by short presentations by the students and follow-up questions from the supervisors. (Figure 2). The students attended thesis completion dinner with the faculty members and staff on the 4th of October in Glasgow. MURCS proceedings 2022 are expected to be available online during December 2022.



Figure 1. MURCS Cohort 03 group picture from Huelva (Photo: MURCS website)



Figure 2. Viva voce examination held in Glasgow (Photo: Sonali Patro)



## MUrcs cohort 4 (Cohort 01 of MUrcs 1.5) students in Finland, Germany and Spain

MUrcs Cohort 04 (Cohort 01 of MUrcs 1.5) have completed their study period in Finland and intensive study period in Dresden, Germany. As for Finland, the students visited cities like Helsinki around the city center, the University of Helsinki, and new development areas in April-May time. Additionally, excursion plan included visits to cities of Tampere, Hämeenlinna and Turku to learn more about Scandinavian urban planning as well as visiting major sites of urban planning in Lahti (Figure 3). Some of the students had internship opportunities at the City of Lahti and Ramboll to gain more insights into urban planning considerations by the city. You can see the summary of semester in Finland in the short video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D2O2Ch5\\_GYI&feature=emb\\_imp\\_woyt](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D2O2Ch5_GYI&feature=emb_imp_woyt)



Figure 3: Cohort 04 group picture in Salpausselkä Geopark in Lahti (Photo: Natasha Picone)

Meanwhile studying in Finland, cohort also experienced first intensive study period which was held at HTW Dresden for three weeks, including Urban Ecosystems and Nature-Based solutions module and Research Methods week. The carefully planned program by our German partners was followed with success and enjoyment, thus marking the successful integration of HTW Dresden into the MUrcs 1.5 Consortium. In addition, staff from partner universities also met at the Consortium Board Meeting which took place on 19th of May 2022. Summary of Cohort's time in Dresden: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KwFq-a99GZ4&t=3s>



As for now, the Cohort is currently going through 3rd semester's study time in Huelva, Spain where they are experiencing new innovative teaching method of PLUCS module, about which we will elaborate in the next edition.

Figure 4 (left): MUrcs Cohort 04 group picture in Huelva (Photo: Natasha Picone)

Figure 5 (right): MUrcs Cohort 04 induction day in Huelva (Photo: Natasha Picone)



## MUrcs cohort 5 (Cohort 02 of MUrcs 1.5) students in Glasgow, UK

Cohort 05 of students (Cohort 02 of MUrcs 1.5) have started their in-person course sessions in Glasgow from the Induction day on 19<sup>th</sup> of September and currently are studying their first study modules of MUrcs 1.5 curriculum (Figure 6). More content will be available in our next newsletter 3 of 2022 about their semester's activities. They are also preparing to move to Lahti to start their second semester in January 2023.

Figure 6: MUrcs Cohort 05 induction day in Glasgow (Photo: Alexandra Maksheeva)



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