

Diary Monday, 28.07.2014

Our day started with a lecture about „the architecture of green buildings“ by Georg Reinberg. He is an Austrian architect. His first economic house was built in 1984. It was his own house, where he is still living. His ambition is to build houses that relieve the environment, that produce more energy than they use. He has the aim to support the health of human and use complete recyclable materials. Typical sustainable materials he uses are clay, wood, glass or straw. (More information on: www.reinberg.net).



Later we heard the presentations of our preparation work. Each group presented examples of green building or examples of urban planning from their home countries. From old, conventional buildings to the latest and highest buildings of the world, everything was mentioned. There were different technologies for different climates. In Europe we need to protect from the cold, so we build houses to keep the heat in, while in Egypt e.g. they need to keep the heating out. But all in one we learned, that design structure can be combined with passive structure and sustainability.



In the evening we had the opening ceremony in the impressive “Kuppelsaal” of the Technical University of Vienna. There were some kind welcome speeches of Günter Günther Jedliczka, Christopher Chorgherr and Martin Treberspurg. Helga Kromp-Kolb told us something about sustainability, and what it means, if we carry on living the way we do now. She told how important it is to change our habits in order to protect our planet, because there is only one.

