

About BReCom

Building Resilient Urban Communities (BREUCOM) (<https://www.breucum.eu>) project was conceptualised and implemented by six Indian partners and two European partners to equip the Indian Higher Education Institutions to respond emerging resilience challenges. The project was supported by the European Union under its Erasmus+ Programme for Capacity Building in Higher Education. The project, started in January 2019, has contributed to developing several case studies and Professional Development Programmes (PDPs) by the academic partners. BREUCOM hence helped bridge gap between planning and architecture training to working environments to understand and react sensitively to community needs and partnerships.

Indian Partners: Centre for Urban and Regional Excellence (CURE), Delhi, India; Kamla Raheja Vidyavidyalaya Institute for Architecture and Environmental Studies (KRVIA), Mumbai; National Institute of Technology (NITH), Hamirpur, India; School of Planning and Architecture (SPAB), Bhopal, India; School of Planning and Architecture (SPAV), Vijayawada, India; Society for Promotion of Area Resource Centres (SPARC), Mumbai, India.

European Partners: Danube University Krems (DUK), Austria, Coordinator; University of Twente (UTWENTE), Enschede, The Netherlands.

About Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA)

Established in 1982, Participatory Research in Asia – PRIA (www.pria.org) is a global centre for participatory research and training based in India, New Delhi. PRIA's work is focused on empowerment of the excluded through capacity building, knowledge building and policy advocacy. PRIA's professional expertise and practical insights are utilised by other civil society groups, NGOs, governments, donors, trade unions, private businesses and academic institutions around the world. Associations with academia focus on community-based research and policy advocacy to support social responsibility of higher education institutions. PRIA works to promote the teaching and learning of participatory research among students and the next generation of development professionals. PRIA's Founder-President Dr Rajesh Tandon was awarded UNESCO Chair on Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education.

About School of Human Settlements, XIM University

Conscious that cities are the frontlines of the global battle for sustainability and resilience, XIM University instituted the School of Human Settlements to prepare the socially conscious urban professionals required for the task. The School offers three full-time degree Programs, and undertakes research, capacity development and policy advisory tasks towards developing contextually grounded knowledge bases and policy frameworks for sustainable urbanization. The School has pioneered the unique *MBA in Urban Management and Governance (MBA-UMG)*, which equips graduates with the full range of functional management and organizational skills *plus* an understanding of the complexities of urban systems and processes. Our *Masters in Urban and Regional Planning (MURP)* moves beyond the typical master-planning approach to consider contemporary directions and future options for developing socially just and ecologically sustainable and resilient habitats. The substantial part-time and full-time *Ph.D Programs in both Urban Management and Planning* are dedicated to preparing the future academics and researchers to take the the developing locally appropriate knowledge bases to support education and policy work in the School.

