

## **International Workshop Mundus Urbano, Grenoble 2020**

I am Sreeparna Mitra, a student of Masters in International Cooperation in Urban Development (M.Sc. Mundus Urbano) at the department of Architecture in TU Darmstadt. As a part of my first year, we were given the opportunity to attend an International Workshop in Universite Grenoble Alpes in Grenoble, France (3-6th February 2020). With a background in Architecture and greatly interested in cities and their planning, I had decided to attend the workshop due to personal interest and hope of strengthening future employment prospects.

During the workshop, we had the opportunity to work with the metropolitan planning agency of Grenoble (SCOT) and propose planning solutions for the greater metropolitan region of Grenoble. The workshop was a chance for me to broaden my understanding of urban challenges in the context of Grenoble, France. The workshop composed of an interdisciplinary team of students of urban planning from the Universite Grenoble Alpes and my seniors from Mundus Urbano. Our group was assigned the commune of Crolles, France for the purpose of this study and a site visit was organised to better apprehend the current needs of the region. A meeting with the Mayor of the region was also undertaken to better understand the prevailing issues and different stakeholders involved.

On doing a thorough analysis and survey of the region, our team realised the potential of Crolles to expand in the coming years as a result of its geographical situation (next to Grenoble) and employment opportunities. Keeping this in mind, the region greatly lacked an efficient public transport network and was primarily dependent on cars. Therefore, our team decided to focus on the mobility issues of the area and further proposed a master plan for the region for a more comprehensive public transportation system. This proposal was then documented and presented to SCOT well as the Mayor. Overall, the workshop was a great learning experience and broadened my understanding of urban planning.

Apart from being a successful learning experience, for my second year in the master's program, I have the opportunity to study at a reputed partner university of TU Darmstadt, and Universite Grenoble Alpes is among them. The partner universities along with their management teams attended the workshop and this provided a platform for deeper interaction and knowledge sharing of the courses offered by the universities. This helped me narrow down my options and finalise on the International Cooperation in Urban planning at the Universite Grenoble Alpes for the second year.

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