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El No Emission Monday (Dilluns Sense Emissions), és una comunitat de ‘codi obert’ que crea solucions i noves perspectives cap a un futur més sostenible.

En conseqüència, el ‘codi obert’ és una poderosa eina per a la principal preocupació d’un nombre creixent d’individus, el canvi climàtic, i per la necessitat adherida d’una reorganització massiva dels nostres estils de vida cap a patrons més sostenibles. Naturalment, aquí no tenim un projecte de construcció d’un software i per tant, el terme s’utilitza a manera de cita i en un sentit simbòlic.

Naturalment, els resultats més efectius són assolits a través, tant de la col·laboració constructiva entre la comunitat que generi unitat i idees de baix a dalt com el marc institucional establert de dalt a baix pels governs, negociacions del clima global i corporacions multinacionals.

NemoBarcelona que té les seves arrels a la Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC) i connexions actives amb diversos socis a Amèrica Central i del Sud, és un excel·lent exemple de la sostenibilitat de “codi obert”. El projecte Reciclar Ciutat, impulsat per la Càtedra UNESCO de Sostenibilitat de la UPC produeix solucions locals per a les ciutats participants i facilita l’intercanvi d’experiències d’un país a un altre. Amb l’extensió cap a altres ciutats de Nemo, el projecte Reciclar Ciutat pot tenir un impacte encara més gran.

El No Emission Monday (Lunes Sin Emisiones), es una comunidad de ‘código abierto’ que crea soluciones y nuevas perspectivas hacia un futuro más sostenible.

El ‘código abierto’ es una herramienta poderosa para la principal preocupación de un número creciente de individuos, el cambio climático, y para la necesidad adherida de una reorganización masiva de nuestros estilos de vida hacia patrones más sostenibles.

Naturalmente, los resultados más efectivos son alcanzados a través, tanto de la colaboración constructiva entre la comunidad que genere unidad e ideas de abajo hacia arriba, como del marco institucional establecido de arriba hacia abajo por los gobiernos, negociaciones del clima global y corporaciones multinacionales.

NemoBarcelona, que tiene sus raíces en la Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC) y conexiones activas con varios socios en América Central y del Sur, es un excelente ejemplo de sostenibilidad de “código abierto”. El proyecto Reciclar Ciudad, impulsado por la Cátedra UNESCO de Sostenibilidad de la UPC, produce soluciones locales para las ciudades participantes y facilita el intercambio de experiencias de un país a otro. Con la extensión hacia otras ciudades de Nemo, el proyecto Reciclar Ciudad puede tener un impacto aún mayor.

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In the development of the ICT "open source gained hold with the rise of the internet, and the attendant need for massive retooling of the computing source code." (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_source)

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Following the 'open source' logic, these individuals working independently together have an immense potential to invent concrete, fast, cheap and widely supported solutions to the major challenges of global warming.

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No Emission Monday is an intersection for bottom-up, top-down and other approaches. It provides a neutral ground where people from different organizations, professions, business sectors, academic fields and political directions can meet informally, exchange views, experiences and ideas, learn from each other, and do something more sustainable in the next day at home, work or spare time.

NemoTeams and NemoStudent communities are the soul of No Emission Monday. They have the feet solidly on the ground and know which local issues should be solved first. The Nemo events provide an informal meeting place for people from different backgrounds and with shared attachment to a given city or university. The cozy and open-minded atmosphere of the events gets participants to share ideas and create new solutions to the local challenges.

The local experiences are shared, improved and distributed globally through the Nemo website and social media. The discussion and collaboration tools allow virtual teamwork and active inputs from various cities to solve "our problems". Or alternatively, the solution from "our city" could be just the missing link someone is looking for on the other side of the globe.

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At the same time Recycling City project could be a channel to spread the Nemo message and get existing project participants to set up new NemoTeams in their cities and universities. In addition, as a shared project Recycling City will be a clue that ties the whole Nemo community more firmly together. It will no doubt become a true pipeline of 'open source' solutions for sustainability for existing project participants, for Nemo members and for the society at large.

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