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*“New concepts and approaches
for Urban and Regional Policy
and Planning?”*

CALL FOR PAPERS
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Abstract submission deadline

December 15th 2006

The ESDP–network and the research project Spatial Planning to Strategic Projects (SP2SP) cordially invite proposals for individual papers for their conference:

Objectives

This conference aims to explore new approaches, new concepts, new instruments, new ideas to respond -in theory and in practice- to developments and challenges in cities and regions such as: the blurred settlement structure (urban nebulae, new relationships between urban and rural areas), the gap between plan and action, the integration between spatial, economic and social planning/policy; social exclusion and spatial segregation, the multi-cultural, (social, cultural, ethnic) diversity, the tensions in urban and regional governance.

Issues to be addressed

Europe needs new discourses, new (relational) approaches and new concepts to tackle problems and challenges it is faced with: the metamorphosis in and of space, growing complexity, fragmentation, increasing awareness of environmental issues, strengthened environmental movement, inter-urban competition, longstanding quest for better coordination – vertical and horizontal-, a more action-oriented planning within a long term perspective, the definition of collective goods in a multi-cultural and fragmented society.

Where (in theory and practice) do we find new analyses, new methods, new instruments, new discourses, new ways for involving citizens, new approaches and new concepts? How to avoid that as soon as these analyses, discourses, approaches and concepts are developed into policy concepts and are translated into action programs a disjunction is witnessed and the 'new' becomes interpreted by use of more traditional (spatial) planning – urban and regional – vocabulary (nested hierarchy, compact city...) and instruments?

Model

A two day conference with invited speakers (on diversity and the multi-cultural, co-production, from planning to action), and one day and a half parallel sessions. These sessions reflect the research the network has been involved in (innovation, diversity, participatory governance). One full session will be devoted to the “Spatial Planning to Strategic Projects” research program.

Target Audience

Faculty and students of the ESDP network and to scholars and scholarly practitioners outside the ESDP family who are concerned with planning cities and regions. The target audience is some 150 delegates.

Submission requirements

Abstracts must be submitted to one and only one track. The tracks are listed at the end of this invitation. If you are not sure which track is most appropriate, we encourage you to seek the advice of chairs. If you think that any of the following requirements are inappropriate for your work, please provide other relevant information. Do not attach full bibliographies, reports, or full papers.

Your abstract should contain the following information in 200-400 words:

- Central theme or hypothesis: what question are you trying to address?
- Approach and methodology: how will you address that question?
- Relevance of your work to planning education, practice, or scholarship
- Key data sources
- 3-5 major references to allow the track chair to place your work in its field.

Tracks

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01. Plan implementation	Gap between plans and actions, spatial planning to strategic projects etc; multi-level governance, etc.
02. Planning for multicultural cities	Planning for diversity (or planning with people); social exclusion; participation, etc.
03. Settlement structure and metamorphosis of space	Sprawl, fragmentation, dream of compact city, issues of peri-urban development, etc.
04. New discourses and approaches in planning	Planning for innovation and innovative planning, complexity, competitiveness, strategic planning; participatory planning, etc.

Organization

ESDP-network and SP2SP research project.

Scientific Steering Committee

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“The European Spatial Development Planning Network, that started as an ERASMUS exchange programme some twenty years ago, seeks to promote education, research and professional training in spatial planning across European countries, in collaboration with many partners in other regions of the world. The network views planning as a process and as an agenda for change. It has a quality record in spatial analysis research and Ph.D. education.”



“Spatial planning to strategic projects SP2SP is a main four years research project funded by IWT (Institute for the Promotion of Innovation by Science and Technology in Flanders). Its main aim is to (re)define ways to turn visions (or ideas) into actions. It focuses on strategic projects, which are large-scale spatial projects, coordinated by public actors in close co-operation with the private sector, and other semi-public actors. These projects have an impact on a larger area, and aim to transform the spatial, the economic and socio-cultural development of this larger area through a punctual intervention.

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