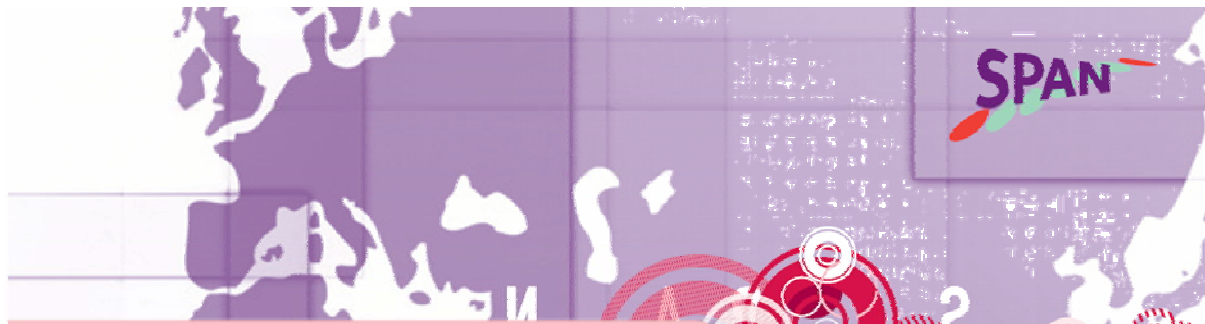




SPAN, the Strategy Planning Action Network, is pleased to invite you to its second public event, to be held at the Palais des Congrès in Liège on 30 May 2007.

***SOCIAL CAPITAL - TERRITORIAL CAPITAL :
inventing new forms of strategic development
for the territories of Europe***

About SPAN

SPAN, an interregional cooperation initiative cofinanced by the INTERREG programme, brings together eight partners in four Member States in North-West Europe. Since 2004, this transnational network of practitioner experts and academic partners from Belgium (Walloon Region), France (Champagne-Ardenne), the Republic of Ireland (de Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and County Meath) and Northern Ireland, develops and experiments innovative methods of strategic territorial planning and new forms of governance at different territorial scales.

SPAN is rooted in the policy options of the *European Spatial Development Perspective (ESDP)*, the *Spatial Vision for North West Europe*, and the *Guiding Principles for Sustainable Spatial Development of the European Continent* - each of which gives prominence to securing indigenous development and balanced growth within the context of polycentricity and a new urban-rural partnership.

Event aims

Presentation of results to date:

The SPAN partners - local development practitioners, academics, local and regional elected representatives - will present the results of the research and actions undertaken in the project's pilot territories and the gains yielded by their inter-regional cooperation.

Exchanges and networking :

At the dawn of the implementation of new European programmes and the Union's Territorial Agenda, our public event will provide an opportunity for meetings and exchanges among all those involved in territorial development. An exhibition, video films, numerous events and a grand gala evening will highlight the many assets that ensure the competitiveness of our territories.



Programme

09:00 **Registration of participants**

MORNING SESSION chaired by Ghislain Geron, Inspector General, Walloon Region, Directorate for Spatial Planning, Housing and Heritage

09:30 **Welcome and introduction to the public event**
by Jean-Pierre Robbeets, Inspector General, Walloon Region, Directorate General for International Relations

09:45 **Opening address: The Territorial Agenda of the European Union**
Speaker to be confirmed

10:15 **Participatory Rural Planning: Resources, Methodology, Analysis**
by Conor Corr, Cookstown and Western Shores Area Network
Michael Murray, Queen's University Belfast,
Gareth Harper, Rural Community Network and Libby Keys
Michael McGuckin, Chief Executive, Cookstown District Council

11:00 **Tea / coffee break**

11:30 **Reims Management School's research role in the territories of Champagne-Ardenne in the framework of SPAN and in active partnership with the Region**
by Valéry Michaux, Reims Management School

12:00 **Discussion and synthesis of the morning session**
by Ghislain Geron

12:30 **Lunch**

AFTERNOON SESSION chaired by Niall Fitzduff, Founder and former Director of the Rural Community Network

14:00 **Planning, Governance and Participation in the Republic of Ireland**
by Brendan Bartley, Jeanne Meldon and Brendan O'Keeffe, National University of Ireland Maynooth

14:30 **Lost in consultation: a case study on Community Infrastructure Development in Dùn Laoghaire-Rathdown**
by Lorraine Stewart, Southside Partnership and Sean McGearty

15:00 **Transnational cooperation in the Meuse river space: assets and prospects**
by Jean-Claude Némery, Université de Reims

15:30 **Video screening on Pays de Herve pilot territory**

16:00 **Tea / coffee break**

16:30 **From human capital to social capital: role of the development agent in the process of territories' social cohesion**
by Dominique-Paule Decoster, Université Libre de Bruxelles and
Cathérine Marie Leroy, Fondation Rurale de Wallonie

17:15 **Closing address:**
Outlook over the rural territories: links and synergies between the European Union's orientations and the needs for local territorial development
by Marc Tarabella, Member of the European Parliament and
Bourgmestre of Anthistes

17:45 **Discussion and conclusions of the day**
by Niall Fitzduff

Exhibition

In parallel to the conference, an exhibition will take place comprising three parts:

⇒ ***Territories' Village***

The eight SPAN pilot territories (two per region) will present the processes they have undertaken and today's results. Numerous animations are planned in the stands.

⇒ ***Interregional Cooperation Space***

Main SPAN sponsors will be present in that space to publicize their strategic orientations in the field of territorial cooperation for the coming years. The European Commission, the Interreg III B programme, the Walloon Region, the Champagne-Ardenne Regional Council and other exhibitors will be there to provide information as regards your future transnational collaborations.

⇒ ***SPAN***

In four years of cooperation, through numerous joint activities, SPAN partners have been able to invent new ways to work together in confidence and mutual respect.

This part of the exhibition will particularly illustrate the research-action methods implemented and the current results of their cooperation.

Gala evening

After this busy day, the SPAN partners invite you to attend a walking dinner at 19:30. It will be an opportunity to highlight the local products and cuisine of our four regions.

The gala evening will be held at the Espace Wallonie, previously Hôtel Desoër, in the city centre of Liège.



Espace Wallonie

**Place Saint-Michel n° 86
(près de la rue Haute-Sauvenière)
4000 Liège**

Participants

In addition to SPAN delegates from each of the partner regions, the event is aimed at all European players in the field of regional and local development: policy makers, practitioners in the areas of regional, local and community development and at researchers and academics dealing with these subjects.

Information and registration



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General Information

REGISTRATION FEE

The registration fee is 75 € for the Conference and the Gala Evening
50€ for the Conference only
30 € for the Gala Evening only

Please pay your registration by bank transfer on account n° **001-3249552-31**

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with mention "SPAN + participant's name and first name" on **May 29th 2007 at the latest.**

ACCOMMODATION

Rooms have been booked at the Holiday Inn www.holidayinn-liege.com at the special rate of 105€ per night. Please mention your participation to the SPAN conference when you make your reservation.

LANGUAGES

Speeches will be presented in French or English. Simultaneous translation will be available.

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