



SPAN – Planning, Governance & Participation

Examining the Challenges of Participation & Multi-level Governance in Spatial Planning

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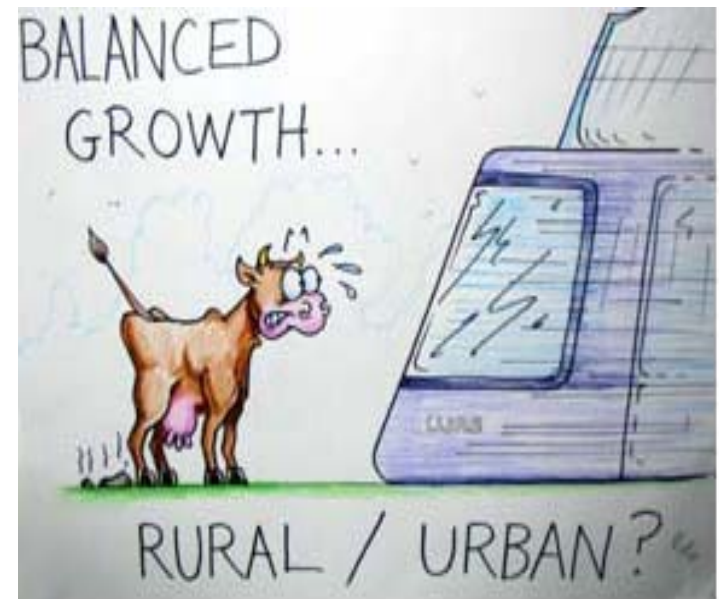
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SPAN Workshop



SPAN: Strategic Planning Action Network

- An EU funded initiative – Interreg IIIB
 - transnational co-operation in the field of spatial dev.

- Firmly rooted in EU policy options
 - *ESDP - European Spatial Development Perspective*
 - *the Spatial Vision for North West Europe, and*
 - *the Guiding Principles for Sustainable Spatial Development of the European Continent*



SPAN – Who?

- Involving academic and practitioner partners in Ireland, U.K., France and Belgium
- Irish practitioner partners:
 - Southside Partnership
 - Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown CDB
 - Meath CDB
- Irish academic partner:
 - NIRSA, NUI Maynooth



SPAN – Key Themes

- **Two central themes:**
 - strategic territorial planning
 - multi-level governance
- **Emphasis on development and promotion of new participatory approaches - with local authority officials, policy makers, and community representatives**
- **Themes discussed in pilot territories in each of the partner regions**
- **Within Ireland, pilot territories are**
 - primarily, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown
 - to lesser extent, County Meath

SPAN – Local Projects to Date

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown

BY NIRSA

- Analysis of public participation in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Development Plan Review process
- Review of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown governance structures

BY EXTERNAL CONSULTANTS

- Community Infrastructure Provision – The Challenges
- Voter Participation in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown

County Meath

BY NIRSA

- Report: *Meath in Transition – A Socio-Economic Profile (05/05)*
- Participation in transnational exchanges
- Today's workshop

SPAN – Leading to.....?

To build the capacity of local Government and practitioner bodies working with disadvantaged communities

SO

They can more effectively participate and collaborate in strategic planning issues and get involved in multi-level governance, linking this to national policy



SPAN – Today's Workshop

- Focus on participation in planning and local governance structures
- Discuss findings from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown based research on these issues
- Consider County Meath's experiences of:
 - participation in the recently completed development plan review
 - * level?
 - * at what stage?
 - * who?
 - * why?
 - inter-agency collaboration
 - * level?
 - * barriers?
 - * who?
 - * why?

SPAN – Next Steps

- Preparation of report on today's session
 - comparative analysis with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown experiences
 - identifying models of good practice
- Will feed into the mainstreaming phase of the project
- Without further ado.....

Thank You

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