

COST Action TU 1002 - "Accessibility instruments for planning practice in Europe"
Oporto, Portugal, the 17th and 18th of February, 2011

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Scientific Report

This introductory meeting of the COST Action *TU 1002 - "Accessibility instruments for planning practice in Europe"* held several sessions for scientific, strategic, operational and administrative discussion.

The first day (17th February), started with the scientific discussion. For this meeting the scientific discussion focussed on clarifying the issue at hand for this Action, namely the implementation gap of accessibility instruments in planning practice within the European context. This session provided an overview of the 3 sub-issues of this research theme: 1st – accessibility instruments for the research perspective; 2nd – accessibility instruments from the planning practice perspective, and 3rd – the gap between research and planning practice and how to bridge the gap. These central issues were discussed with based on three keynote speeches from Karst Geurs (invited speaker), Derek Halden and Marco te Brömmelstroet (specialist in the three referred themes). This session was followed by a strategic session where a first discussion was held on the template for one of the outputs of this Action, the compendium of accessibility instrument. The template for the spreadsheet used to present each accessibility instrument studied in this action is currently under development by WG2 (managed by Angela Hull) and a first draft was presented and discussed in this session. The day ended with a strategic session concerned with the upcoming steps and tasks of the Work Units (WUs) and WGs.

The second day (18th February), held an administrative session in the morning and working sessions for WG2 and WG3 in the afternoon. During the morning session, the MC discussed and decided several administrative issues, including next year's venue, STSM, etc. During the afternoon, WG2 and WG3 held their first working meeting as kick-off for the tasks to be developed during the first year of the Action.

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