

COST TU1002

Junior Researchers Network

2013 Summer Training School

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Program and Information

Organizing Committee

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Case Study

The case study will address the Eurocity of Valença and Tui, and the Euroregion of Galicia-Norte de Portugal (<http://www.galicia-nortept.org/index.php/es/eurorregion>).

At the local level, the municipalities of Valença and Tui joined to form a Eurocity, a new territorial partnership concept that aims to promote the integration of border territories across EU. The two municipalities will work on the integration of public services, common infrastructure planning and management, cultural and leisure offer, among many other aspect of current municipal planning and management.

At the regional level, the Euroregion Galicia-Norte de Portugal (GNP) aims to facilitate and promote regional cooperation among its members, the Xunta de Galicia and the CCDR-N, where its main concern is to develop and deliver partnerships, creating bonds of union in different areas, strengthening and streamlining the cross border basic equipment and increasing the social and institutional cohesion in the Euroregion.

Scientific Program

Both the Eurocity and the Euroregion are two new territorial concepts that are challenging from the planning perspective.

By integrating different planning systems, these new spatial structures have, on the one hand, new and complex problems to address and, on the other hand, a more diverse set of viewpoints and tools to deal with them.

The main scientific goals of the proposed Summer Training School (STS) will be:

- to address accessibility planning in this new Eurocity, taking into account
 - the institutional and operational aspects of planning of both municipalities and of both planning systems;
 - the local and the regional levels of trans-border interactions;
- to apply the concepts of one or more accessibility tools in use in the Action to address one or more planning problems that are in the current planning agenda of the Eurocity and of the Euroregion:
 - local accessibility to the health care system;
 - local accessibility to the cultural and sports facilities network;
 - local transit accessibility;
 - regional/transnational accessibility;
- to plan the application of the methodologies developed and tested in the Action in this trans-border, multi-national planning context.

Participants in the STS will attend a series of lectures and will have dedicated time to work on the case study, as shown in Figure 1.

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08:00	09:00		National Day (Holiday, PT)				Final Group Work
08:30	09:30	Travel to Valença-Tui	Opening Mayor Tui	Lect5 Planning in Valença/Tui Planning Officers	Group Work	Group Work	Presentations <small>Valença</small>
09:00	10:00		Lect1 Euroregion GNP Juan Liron	Group Work - Organization Nuno Pinto			
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10:30	11:30		LUNCH A Esgalla	LUNCH A Esgalla	LUNCH A Esgalla	LUNCH A Esgalla	Closing Mayor Valença
11:00	12:00		Lect4 Action TUI1002 Cecilia Silva	Lect1 Euroregion Lille Stef Vande Meulebroucke	Group Work	Group Work	
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17:30	18:30	Welcome					
18:00	19:00	Reception					
18:30	19:30	STW Briefing					
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Activities in Tui Program may have minor changes
Activities in Valença

Figure 1 Program (large version in the end of the document)

These lectures will be given by senior researchers and by planning officers and elected officials from all the organizations involved in the STS (see next section). Visits to local planning services or other relevant points of interest will also be scheduled.

Organization and Local Support

The STS will be co-organized by the Research Centre for Territory, Transport and Environment (Universities of Porto and Coimbra, Portugal) and by the Spatial Planning Group of the School of Civil Engineering (Technical University of Madrid, Spain).

The STS will have the support of all the relevant authorities involved both with the Eurocity and with Euroregion, namely:

- The municipality of Valença, Portugal;
- The municipality of Tui, Spain;
- The European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation Galicia-Norte de Portugal (GNP-EGTC);
- The Portugal North region Planning and Development Commission, Portugal;
- The Galicia Regional Government, Spain (still pending).

Other local stakeholders may be later contacted to take part in the STS program.

Local authorities will provide some support in the form of a working place and possibly local transports. They will also support accommodation arrangements by facilitating contacts with local hotels.

Additional financial resources (other than the ones provided by the Action's budget) are not secured yet, but the possibility of mobilizing funds from local sources was already discussed.

Logistics

Venue

The venue of the STS will be shared between Valença:

- June 9 at the restaurant “Solar do Bacalhau”;
- June 14 with closing session and ceremony at the City Hall;
- June 10 to June 13 at the Library of Tui building.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided with a single room with en-suite private bath for every participant at the Marista College in Tui, at the cost of €16,50/night. Breakfast will be taken near the STS venue.

Traveling information

Participants may fly through Porto International (118 Km) or Vigo Airport, usually via Madrid or Barcelona (32 km), and arrive in Valença-Tui by train or bus. Although Vigo is closer it is far less important in terms of international connections, although it has daily services with Madrid, Barcelona and Bilbao, and even Paris. Porto is further away but has many more international connections, including low-cost services.

There is an express bus connection between Porto International and Valença, please find all [detailed information here](#). Alternative transport may be provided by the regional train, at www.cp.pt.

Taxi drives are quite affordable in both Valença and Tui, and between both cities, with prices under 8 euros per ride.

Working information and data

Every participant will receive detailed information about the case study on arrival.

Contacts

In case of any urgent need you may contact both Nuno Pinto (+351962847019) and Tiago Patatas (+351916404996).

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