

## **The European Urban Research Association ( EURA )**

The European Urban Research Association is the leading academic network for urban research institutes and urban scholars in Europe. Launched at a major conference in Brussels in 1997 this new international network of researchers has members in 24 countries.

EURA fosters international academic exchange and promotes dialogue about policies for towns and cities. It is active in providing advice to the European Commission, the national governments of member states as well as regional and local authorities across Europe.

### **The aims of EURA**

**EURA aims to:**

#### **Encourage international exchange and cooperation**

To provide a European forum for people from different disciplines and policy backgrounds to exchange information about and findings from research on towns and cities as the basis for closer co-operation.

#### **Stimulate interdisciplinary and cross-national research**

To encourage interdisciplinary and cross-national approaches to research in and education for urban and regional studies as a professional and academic field.

#### **Contribute to urban policy debates**

To bridge the gaps between academic, professional and policy interests, inform public debate and improve the quality of urban policy.

### **Joining EURA**

If you share these aims we invite you to join EURA. In this leaflet you will find more information about the activities of EURA and an outline of our plans for 2002. Now is a good time to join as you will receive the first EURA Newsletter of the 2001/02 year straight away. To join please fill in the enclosed Membership Form.

## International events: the track record



University of the  
West of England

**'Governing cities: international perspectives', Brussels, September 1997. Hosted by the University of the West of England, Bristol.**  
Organisers: Robin Hambleton and Murray Stewart.  
60 participants from 14 countries. 17 papers. Involvement of EC and OECD.

# DAEST

**'Towards an urban agenda in the European Union', Venice, May 1998. Hosted by Dipartimento di Analisi Economica e Sociale del Territorio (DAEST).**

Organiser: Paola Somma.  
46 participants from 14 countries. Report to European Commission. Involvement of EC and OECD.



Norwegian Institute for Urban  
and Regional Research

**'Innovations in urban governance', Oslo, April 1999. Hosted by the Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR).**

Organisers: Jon Naustdalslid and Jan Erling Klausen.  
20 participants from 8 countries. 15 papers. Involvement of City of Oslo.

# LATTS

**'European cities in transformation', Paris, October 1999. Hosted by LATTS, Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chausees.**

Organiser: Christian Lefevre.  
Over 100 participants from 16 countries. 17 papers. Involvement of the Chairman of the Association of Mayors of the largest French cities and OECD.



**'Cities in the region', Dublin, April 2000. Hosted by the Department of Regional and Urban Planning, University College, Dublin.**

Organiser: Michael Bannon.  
72 participants from 13 countries. 22 papers plus a presentation on the Urban Audit. Involvement of Irish Central government, the City of Dublin and numerous local authorities.



Statens Byggeforskningsinstitut  
Danish Building and Urban Research

**'Area-based initiatives in contemporary urban policy – innovations in city governance', Copenhagen, 17-19 May 2001.**

**Hosted by Danish Building and Urban Research.**

Organisers: Jacob Norvig Larsen and Hans Kristensen.  
142 participants from 24 countries. 62 papers. Colloquium on EU Framework 5 urban research projects led by DG Research. Presentations from DG Regio on European urban programmes and the Danish Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on Danish urban policy.  
More information: <http://www.by-og-byg.dk/aura>



**'Strategies for revitalising East European cities'**

**Prague, 20-22 September 2001. Hosted by the Institute of Sociology, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic.**

Organisers: Michal Illner and Rob Atkinson, Faculty of the Built Environment, University of the West of England.  
40 participants from 13 countries. 33 papers plus presentations on the development of Prague. Involvement of the City of Prague.

EUROPEAN URBAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (EUURA) has established good links with the European Commission, the EU Committee of the Regions and the OECD. It also has close links with the Urban Affairs Association (UAA) based in North America.

## Forthcoming EURA international events

### ● Urban and Spatial European Policies

Turin, 18-20 April 2002. Hosted by EU-POLIS, Polytechnic and University of Turin

This conference will examine European Union urban and spatial policies and how they mesh with national, regional and local strategies. It will also take stock of European urban and spatial research.

Organisers: Guisepppe Dematteis, EU-POLIS, Polytechnic and University of Turin and Alessandro Balducci, Polytechnic of Milan

### ● Images and Urban Regeneration

Weimar, Germany, 10-12 October 2002. Hosted by the Faculty of Architecture, Bauhaus-Universitaet Weimar,

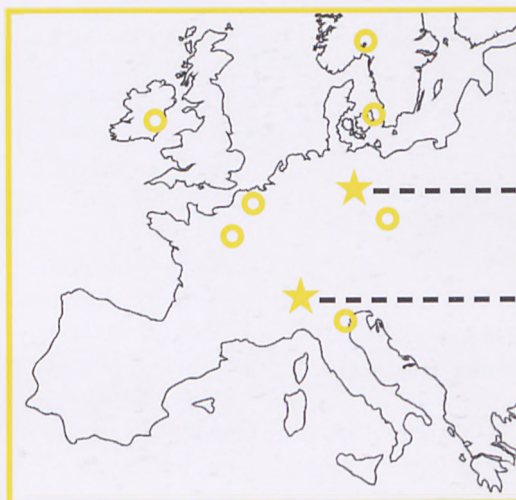
This conference will examine the role of urban images, myths and symbols and their impact on urban renewal.

Organisers: Dieter Hassenpflug and Frank Eckhardt, Faculty of Architecture, Bauhaus-Universitaet, Weimar

## Location of EURA events

### Past events

- Brussels
- Copenhagen
- Dublin
- Oslo
- Paris
- Prague
- Venice



### Forthcoming events

- ★ Weimar (October 2002)
- ★ Turin (April 2002)

## The EURA newsletter

The EURA newsletter is published twice a year. These are between 20 and 28 pages in length.

Regular features are:

- An editorial
- Urban research news and information
- Articles on aspects of urban research
- Features on EURA events
- Review articles on European urban journals and books
- A feature on one or two other research networks
- A column on urban research developments at the European Commission
- A column on urban research developments at the OECD
- Profiles of leading European urban research institutes

Editorial team: Robin Hambleton, Rob Atkinson, Lucy Grimshaw and Julie Triggler.

**The EURA website:** <http://www.eura.org>

This has direct links to the websites of institutional members of EURA.

## The EURA style

In all the events we organise we make a point of:

- Welcoming all participants and doing our best to create a friendly atmosphere
- Focussing on cross-national themes and issues in order to stimulate fresh thinking
- Creating time and space for dialogue and interaction
- For the future we are keen to attract young academics and research students new to urban research as well as more experienced researchers.

EURA is keen to help urban researchers get in touch with others who share their interests. Each issue of the EURA Newsletter includes a feature on another useful network. We have featured:

- Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP)
- EUROCITIES
- EUROLOC
- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
- European Council of Town Planners
- European Network for Housing Research (ENHR)
- European Sustainable Cities and Towns Campaign (ESCTC)
- Fiscal Austerity and Urban Innovation Project (FAUI)
- International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI)
- Quartier en Crise

## Membership

EURA has four tiers of membership. All get reduced rates at EURA events.

- **Institutional membership**  
Fee: equivalent to £150 per year.

Institutional members receive six copies of the Newsletter and can advertise posts in the EURA Newsletter at no charge. They can link their websites to the EURA website.

- **Individual membership**  
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- **Colleagues in Eastern Europe**  
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The Secretariat for the European Urban Research Association is provided by the Faculty of the Built Environment at the University of the West of England, Bristol, UK.

## EURA organisation

EURA activities are steered by an Executive Committee of 15 urban researchers from 12 countries:

- Robin Hambleton**,  
Chair of European Urban Research Association  
University of the West of England, United Kingdom
- Henry Back**  
University of Goteborg, Sweden
- Alessandro Balducci**  
Politecnico di Milano, Italy
- Michael Bannon**  
University College, Dublin, Republic of Ireland
- Bas Denters**  
University of Twente, The Netherlands
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Panteion University, Athens, Greece
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Metropolitan Research Institute, Hungary
- Hubert Heinelt**  
Technische Universitat, Darmstadt, Germany
- Jacob Norvig Larsen**  
Danish Building and Urban Research, Denmark
- Christian Lefevre**  
University of Paris 8, LATTS, France
- Jon Naustdalslid**  
Norwegian Institute for Urban & Regional Research,  
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If you want to keep up to date on European urban research you will not regret joining EURA!

## **Urban and Spatial European Policies: Levels of Territorial Government**

EURA Conference in Turin, 18-20 April 2002

In the last decade, EU urban and spatial policies have influenced and shaped planning and policies of European countries. The aim of the Conference is to promote the debate, among academics and professionals, and the exchange of experiences on practices and research related to the implementation of EU urban and spatial policies. The conference will give special attention to:

- Impacts and relations with different levels of government: national, regional, subregional, transregional;
- Innovation in local strategies and actions;
- Development of new fields of urban and spatial research in Europe.

### **Call for papers**

The conference will be organised around the following themes:

- EU and urban regeneration policies  
The role of EU programmes and initiatives (integrated projects such as URBAN, Urban Pilot Projects, etc.) in urban regeneration policies.
- EU and urban development strategies  
Experiences and perspectives of governance, strategic planning, sustainable development.
- EU and urban/spatial network policies  
Network policies at different levels: local/regional networks, macro-regional networks (polycentrism), transnational cooperation (Interreg), city networks (Recite), etc.
- EU infrastructural policies and urban restructuring  
High speed rail, highway nodes, airports, ports, etc. as opportunities for restructuring cities.
- Urban competitiveness monitoring and evaluation  
New comparative instruments of competitiveness among urban and regional systems.  
For example: territorial benchmarking, Urban Audit, urban marketing, etc.

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An International Network of Urban Scholars

**EURA website: <http://www.eura.org>**

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- To encourage interdisciplinary and cross-national approaches to research in and education for urban and regional studies as a professional and academic field
- To bridge the gaps between academic, professional and policy interests, inform public debate and improve the quality of urban policy

If you have an interest in urban research and endorse EURA's aims we invite you to join the European Urban Research Association.

**MEMBERSHIP FORM  
for 2001/02**

## Activities

The European Urban Research Association produces a regular newsletter and runs international conferences and workshops.

### Recent events:

- A workshop on **Cities in the region** held in Dublin in April 2000 and attended by over 70 participants from 13 countries.
- A conference on **Area based initiatives in contemporary urban policy** held in Copenhagen in May 2001 and attended by over 140 participants from 20 countries.

### Forthcoming events:

- A workshop on **Strategies for revitalising East European cities** to be held in Prague, 20-22 September 2001.
- A conference on **Urban and spatial European policies** to be held in Turin, 18-20 April 2002.

## Membership benefits

### Members of the Association:

- Receive the EURA Newsletter which comes twice a year providing news and information about research developments and events in Europe
- Learn about forthcoming research workshops and conferences on urban issues organised by a variety of organisations
- Obtain a discount on the registration fee when they attend EURA events
- Institutions are featured in the EURA Newsletter and can be linked to the EURA website

## Organisation

The work of the Association is overseen by an Executive Committee of 15 people representing 12 countries. The Association also works to link European researchers with their counterparts in the rest of the world, particularly through an affiliate relationship with urbanists in the Urban Affairs Association.

## How you can join

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- **Institutional members** receive six copies of the Newsletter and can access special services. Members of their staff are eligible for reduced rates at EURA events.  
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## European Urban Research Association Membership form

### Yes, I want to join the European Urban Research Association

All subscriptions are from the 1st July 2001 to 30th June 2002.

Please enter my membership starting with EURA Newsletter 9.

Indicate your membership category.

- Institutions : £150
- Individuals : £25
- Research student : £15
- Eastern European Rate : £15

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Turin, 23 January 2002

Dear friends,

the planning of the EURA conference "Urban and Spatial European Policies: Levels of Territorial Government" (Turin, 18-20 April 2002) is going very well.

By deadline in November 2001 we had received more than 80 abstracts and, despite the difficult task to choose between the very many qualified proposals, we have selected 63 abstracts divided in four workshop themes.

Thanks to the help of some of you, we are pleased to have in the plenary session the following speakers:

- *David Miles*, Head of Unit "City of Tomorrow & Cultural Heritage", Directorate I - Preserving the ecosystem: research for the environment, DG Research, European Commission
- *Rudolf Niessler*, Head of "Urban Affaires", Directorate B - Community initiatives and innovative actions, DG Regio, European Commission
- *Valentino Castellani*, Former Mayor of Turin and now President of the Organising Committee for the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Turin
- *Gaetano Fontana*, Head of the "Dipartimento per il coordinamento dello sviluppo territoriale per le politiche del personale e gli affari generali", Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, Rome,
- *Patsy Healey*, Professor of Town and Country Planning, Director of the Centre for Research on European Urban Environments, University of Newcastle, UK
- *Patrick Le Galès*, Professor of Politics and Sociology, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, CNRS, France

Managing the workshops is our current problem. For that reason, we are writing to ask for your kind assistance in planning and chairing one of the workshops at the EURA conference.

There will be four parallel workshops on Friday 19 May.

The themes of the four workshops and the names of the proposed workshop teams/chairs - including your name - can be seen below.

Support is of course available from the conference secretariat at EU-POLIS and from the EURA secretariat at University of the West of England.

We propose you to chair one session of the workshops. Inside each workshop you and your colleagues should find a co-ordinator that on Saturday morning will report back the main points coming out from the workshops.

We'd be delighted if you would accept this job. If you will, then you and your workshop team will have to follow this schedule:

31 January	We receive your reply workshop chair
11 February	You will receive the abstracts concerning your workshop by email
28 February	Deadline for submission of papers

15 March Received papers will be sent to workshop chairs (papers arriving later will be forwarded to workshop chairs subsequently)

18-20 April EURA Conference

Looking forward to hearing from you as soon as you can by Thursday 31st January at the latest.

Best wishes

Alessandro Balducci, Giuseppe Dematteis, Cristiana Rossignolo



Enclosed:

1. List of workshops and proposal for workshop chairs
2. Preliminary conference programme

**1. LIST OF WORKSHOPS AND PROPOSAL FOR WORKSHOP TEAMS/CHAIRS**

The Conference will be organised in plenary sessions according to the following themes:

1. *EU and urban regeneration policies* (about 15 papers in 3 sessions: 3 chairs)

Jacob Norvig Larsen, Danish Building and Urban Research, Denmark, [jnl@by-og-byg.dk](mailto:jnl@by-og-byg.dk)  
Enzo Mingione, Università Milano Bicocca, Italy, [enzo.mingione@unimib.it](mailto:enzo.mingione@unimib.it)  
Paola Somma, Italy, [paola@iuav.unive.it](mailto:paola@iuav.unive.it)

2. *EU and urban development strategies* (about 30 papers in 6 sessions: 6 chairs)

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3. *EU and urban/spatial network policies* (about 10 papers in 2 sessions: 2 chairs)

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4. *Urban competitiveness monitoring and evaluation* (about 5 papers in 1 session: 1 chair)

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**2. CONFERENCE PROGRAMME (DRAFT)**

EURA Conference in Turin, 18-20 April 2002

“Urban and Spatial European Policies: Levels of Territorial Government”

Thursday 18 April 2002

- 13.30 registration
- 14.30 opening addresses
- 14.45-19.00 plenary session (coffee break at 16.15)
  - Alessandro Balducci
  - Giuseppe Dematteis
  - Patsy Healey
  - Rudolf Niessler
  - David Miles
  - Gaetano Fontana
  - Valentino Castellani
- 19.00 reception buffet

Friday 19 April 2002

- 9.00-13.00 parallel workshops (coffee break at 11)
- 13.00 lunch buffet
- 14.0-18.00 parallel workshops (coffee break at 16)
- 19.30 conference dinner

Saturday 20 April 2002

- 9.00 key note speeches by Patrick Le Galès e Robin Hambleton
- 9.45 report back from the workshops
- 11.00 coffee break
- 11.15 general assembly of EURA

- 13.00 lunch buffet
- 14.00-18.00 excursion

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