

An Invitation to the Final ESPACE Conference

ESPACE - Planning in a Changing Climate

Friday 29th June 2007

Queen Elizabeth II
Conference Centre London

...putting adaptation at the
heart of spatial planning



The ESPACE Project will be holding its final conference on the 29th of June in London. With over 200 high level policy and decision makers from across Europe expected to attend, this free conference will launch the following key ESPACE outputs:

- The final strategy 'ESPACE – Planning in a Changing Climate,' which aims to influence the philosophy and practice of spatial planning by recommending how adaptation to climate change can be incorporated
- Policy guidance, tools and mechanisms for integrating adaptation strategies into planning systems and processes at local, regional, national and European levels.

Keynote speakers from across Europe will open the conference by discussing what is needed to address adaptation in the planning context. This will be followed by the official launch of the ESPACE outputs. In the afternoon, ESPACE partners will present their findings at a series of technical workshops focusing on the main key ESPACE Partner actions:

- Water and Risk Management
- Behaviour Change and Raising Awareness
- National and Regional Planning.

Who should attend?

This launch is targeted at anyone at local, regional, national and European levels interested in how the spatial planning system can deliver adaptation (and mitigation) to climate change. This includes:

- Organisations and individuals involved in spatial planning
- Politicians and policy-makers
- Managers of water, health, infrastructure, design, agriculture and regeneration issues.



What is ESPACE?

The ESPACE Project (European Spatial Planning: Adapting to Climate Events) is a major project led by Hampshire County Council and funded by the European Commission's North West Europe INTERREG IIIB Programme, the ESPACE Partnership and the Department for Communities and Local Government.

Concentrating on water management issues, it was one of the first projects of its kind to focus on increasing awareness of the need for spatial planning systems to adapt to the impacts of climate change and to begin to provide some of the necessary policy guidance, tools and mechanisms to incorporate adaptation into planning systems and processes.

ESPACE started in 2003 and has been founded by a group of 10 partners, spanning four North West European countries and bringing together representatives from all levels of civic society:

Hampshire County Council, the Environment Agency, South East Climate Change Partnership, South East England Regional Assembly, Surrey County Council and West Sussex County Council from the UK, Regionaal Landschap Zenne, Zuun en Zoniën from Belgium, Waterschap Rivierenland and Ministerie van VROM from the Netherlands and the Bayerisches Landesamt für Umwelt from Germany.

The Venue

In the very heart of Westminster, the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre is a prime purpose-built venue uniquely situated in the shadow of Big Ben, Westminster Abbey and the London Eye. For travel information see the back page.

Programme

10:00	Registration and Coffee
10:30	Welcome Bryan Boulton - ESPACE Project - Lead Partner - Hampshire County Council
10:40	Introduction to keynote address: André Jol - Head of Climate Change and Energy Group - European Environment Agency
10:45	Keynote Address: Professor Jacqueline McGlade – Executive Director - European Environment Agency
11:10	Dutch perspective on what is needed to address adaptation in the planning context: Peter Torbijn – Director of Nationale and Internationale Policies - Dutch Ministry of Housing Spatial Planning and the Environment.
11:20	German perspective on what is needed to address adaptation in the planning context: Professor Dr.-Ing. Albert Göttle, President of the Bavarian Environment Agency
11:30	Belgian perspective on what is needed to address adaptation in the planning context: Kris Peeters - Minister of Public Works, Energy, Environment and Nature
11:40	Launch of ESPACE Strategy - Councillor Ken Thornber - Leader of Hampshire County Council
11:55	'Planning in a Changing Climate' - Bryan Boulton - ESPACE Project - Lead Partner - Hampshire County Council
12:15	Lunch
13:15	Technical Seminars – An in-depth exploration of the findings from key ESPACE partner actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water and Risk Management – eg. Decision Testing Tool, Guiding Models, Regional Flood Risk Management• Behaviour Change & Raising Awareness – eg. Local community engagement, ESPACE Organisational Change Tool• National & Regional Planning – eg. National adaptation strategies, 'Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Implementation Plan'
16:00	Close

Book your place

To book your **free** place, complete an on-line form by visiting:
www.espace-project.org/finalconference.htm

Alternatively, fill in the form below and either fax it back to Jill Cook on: +44 (0) 1962 847055 or send it to Jill Cook at:

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Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr/Professor)

Name

Position

Attendance (please tick): AM session (10:00-12:15)

PM session (13:45 - 16:00)

Lunch

Organisation

Address

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Dietary Requirements

Travel & venue info

Conference address: The QEII Conference Centre, Broad Sanctuary, Westminster, London SW1P 3EE Tel: +44(0) 20 7222 5000

For a **map** and detailed **directions**, visit:
http://www.qeiiicc.co.uk/attending_an_event/how_to_find_us

For a tube map, visit: <http://cache.tfl.gov.uk/tfl/pdfdocs/colourmap.pdf>

Travelling from Brussels? You will be able to get the 08:17 train arriving in Waterloo station at 09:30 in time for the conference. The Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre is located beside the Houses of Parliament in Westminster which is only 2 stops on the Jubilee tube line from Waterloo train station. It is also located next to St James Park station which is approximately a 30 minute tube ride to Heathrow airport on the Piccadilly tube line.

Accommodation

If you would like to reserve accommodation for the conference on either the 28th or 29th of June, please phone the hotel booking agency **Expotel** - +44 (0) 207 372 2001.

The Wimbledon Tennis Tournament is taking place between 25th June – 8th July. We therefore advise you to **book your accommodation as early as possible**.

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