



SPECIAL Project

SPATIAL PLANNING and ENERGY for
COMMUNITIES IN ALL LANDSCAPES



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Final Conference

Thursday 4 February 2016

Coin Street Conference Centre, 108 Stamford Street, London SE1 9PH

This conference brings together the eight partners of the leading-edge SPECIAL (Spatial Planning and Energy for Communities In All Landscapes) project – from Austria, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Sweden, and the UK – to present and discuss the key findings and lessons learnt over its three years of operation. Delegates will have the opportunity to meet experts representing Town Planning Associations from across Europe to learn about different planning approaches, good practice examples, and challenges and achievements.

- How can plans and planners have a positive impact on the development and delivery of sustainable energy at the local level?
- Do planners have the competencies required to work with energy experts?
- Does the Austrian legal system have the answers?
- How can Germany achieve its 45% renewable target by 2030?
- Is the Swedish and Swiss approach of united planning and energy departments a good solution?
- Launch of the SPECIAL Knowledge Pool of case studies.
- Launch of the SPECIAL Pan-European Guide on Spatial Planning and Energy.
- Workshop (UK delegates only): What can English practitioners and communities include in local plans on renewable and low-carbon energy?

The Conference, chaired by the Rt Hon. Nick Raynsford, TCPA President, will feature speakers drawn from across the SPECIAL partnership as well as other beneficiaries of the project, and a Keynote Address will be delivered by Paul Hodson from DG ENER (the European Commission Directorate-General for Energy).



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Programme

- 09.30 *Registration and Coffee*
- 10.00 **Introduction by the Chair**
Rt Hon. Nick Raynsford, TCPA President
- 10.05 **Overview of the SPECIAL Project and Key Outputs**
Diane Smith, Head of European Affairs, TCPA (SPECIAL Project Leader)

Challenges

- 10.20 **Keynote Address: Planning and Energy Post-Paris**
Paul Hodson, Head of Unit C3: Energy Efficiency, DG ENER
- 10.40 **Response**
Kate Henderson, Chief Executive, TCPA, London
- 10.55 **Discussion**

Key Achievements

- 11.10 **Pan-European Guide on Spatial Planning and Sustainable Energy**
Henk van der Kamp, Irish Planning Institute, and Vice-President, ECTP-CEU
Followed by Discussion
- 11.30 *Coffee*
- 12.00 **Knowledge Pool: Live Demonstration**
Maic Verbuecheln Dipl.-Ing. (FH), Senior Expert for Environment, German Institute of Urban Affairs, Berlin
- 12.15 **Discussion**
- 12.30 **The UK, Spatial Planning, Energy and Garden Cities**
Featuring the Launch of the SPECIAL Energy Worksheet
Hugh Ellis, Head of Policy, TCPA, London
- 12.45 **Discussion**
- 13.00 *Lunch*

14.00

Parallel Sessions

A SPECIAL Expert Papers

Chaired by **Diane Smith**, Head of European Affairs, TCPA, London

- i **Towards a Harmonised Planning System – the Covenant of Mayors Guidance on the Integration of Planning and Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs)**
Flóra Szkordilisz, Project Officer, Hungarian Urban Knowledge Centre, Budapest
- ii **The Austrian System of Planning and Energy**
Christine Schwabinger, Spatial Planner, Department for Spatial Planning Law, Provincial Government of Styria, Graz
- iii **Planning, Energy and Brownfield Sites**
Maic Verbuecheln Dipl.-Ing. (FH), Senior Expert for Environment, German Institute of Urban Affairs, Berlin
- iv **Planning, Energy and Transport**
Giuseppe Inturri, Rector's Delegate for the Promotion of Sustainable Mobility, University of Catania, National Centre for Urban Studies (CeNSU), Rome

B UK Delegates Only

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- i **What Can English Practitioners and Communities Include in Local Plans on Renewable and Low-Carbon Energy?**
Speaker: Hugh Ellis, Head of Policy, TCPA, London

15.30

Refreshments

15.45

Panel Discussion: What Have We Learnt?

Kate Henderson, Chief Executive, TCPA, London

Paolo La Greca, Professor of City and Regional Planning, Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering, University of Catania, Catania, and Vice-President, National Centre for Urban Studies (CeNSU), Rome

Professor Ulf Ranhagen, Dr. of Architecture, Senior Professor in Urban and Regional Planning, KTH (Royal Institute of Technology), Stockholm; Senior Chief Architect, SWECO Architects, Stockholm; and Member of the Swedish Society for Town & Country Planning (FFS), Stockholm

Christine Schwabinger, Spatial Planner, Department for Spatial Planning Law, Provincial Government of Styria, Graz

Maic Verbuecheln Dipl.-Ing. (FH), Senior Expert for Environment, German Institute of Urban Affairs, Berlin

16.30

Summing Up from EASME

Veronika Czako, Project Advisor, Executive Agency for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, European Commission

16.40

Closing Remarks from the Chair

16.50

Conference Ends