

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)
invites you to participate in the
RICS EU Sustainable Urban Regeneration Lecture Series



Urban areas and cities have long been recognized both as the engines for economic development and growth and a critical 'ground' on which problems such as social exclusion and environmental degradation must be addressed and tackled. Although urban policy and regeneration efforts are primarily a local affair, urban-related aspects are central to and impact on various EU policies, ranging from the regional policy to social policy, from state aid to energy policy.

Urban regeneration has many different aspects. The economics need to be right, but at the same time the environment can no longer be neglected and above all attention needs to be given the end-goal of regeneration, the people. These aspects are not mutually exclusive, and everybody has a role to play, including the EU and the property professionals.

The lectures will focus on the socio-economic features of actions taken with a view to urban regeneration. All stakeholders are welcome to join the debate. The final objective is to feed back into policy a number of recommendations for decision-makers, which will be presented after the summer break.



This lecture series represents the opportunity to debate on a topic which affects our lives every day, so come and join us! Attendance is free of charge, but the number of places is limited. We will send out an invitation & registration form for each separate lecture in due course. For more information, please contact Sander Scheurwater at sscheurwater@rics.org.



The Lectures will be held at different locations in Brussels. All lectures will follow this schedule:

16:30 – 17:00	Registration
17:00 – 19:00	Lecture and discussion
19:00 – 20:00	Drinks reception



Wednesday 19 March 2008

“Introductory lecture: Brussels - Perspectives on a European Capital”

Pierre Laconte - *President of the International Society of City and Regional Planners*

Location: Palais des Académies, Rue Ducale 1, 1000, Brussels

The first lecture will set the stage for the entire series by discussing the relationship between Brussels and the European institutions. The development of Brussels as a European capital and the European quarter to what it is today has been a fascinating process. But is this area all that it can be? Which changes could be made to make the area more attractive?

Wednesday 16 April 2008

“The Social Impact of Urban Regeneration Measures”

Rob de Wildt *FRICS – Partner at RIGO Research en Advies,*

Location: European Parliament, ASP A1-E3, Rue Wiertz, 1047, Brussels

Rob de Wildt is involved in policy studies for the Dutch Ministry of Housing, Planning and Environment and the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport. This lecture will discuss the practical implications of using Social Cost Benefit Analysis towards urban regeneration projects in The Netherlands.

Tuesday 27 May 2008

“The Economics of Urban Development and Public Policy Responses”

Chris Brown *FRICS - CEO of Igloo Regeneration*

Location: The Centre, Avenue Marnix 22, 1000, Brussels

Sustainability should be the norm in any urban regeneration project, but it needs to make economic sense. This lecture will cover a broad range of policy areas which play a key role in setting the right conditions.

Igloo, referred to by the United Nations as “The first sustainable property fund”, invests in mixed-use urban regeneration projects in major towns and cities in the UK.

Tuesday 24 June 2008

“Sustainable Suburbs”

Stephen Hill *MRICS - Director C₂O futureplanners*

Indy Johar – *Director of 00:/ architects*

Location: Euractiv Network Office & Fondation EurActiv, Danube conference room, Boulevard Charlemagne 1, 1000, Brussels

Suburbs are often neglected in policy making, but the need and opportunity for urban change are potentially even greater than in central areas, Suburbs thus provide important settings in which we can tackle today's challenges like climate change, energy use, transport, unemployment and social inclusion.