

## *Call for Abstracts*

**International Conference 2011**

**Management & Innovation for a Sustainable Built Environment**

**20 – 23 June 2011, Amsterdam**

### Workshop: Social Innovation & Participation

Developing sustainable environments has evolved from a primarily physical ‘bricks and mortar’ activity towards a hybrid discipline where social, economic and spatial measures come together, not only to create a sustainable built environment but also develop sustainable neighbourhoods and communities. This calls not only for technical innovations but also for improvements from a social perspective.

This raises challenging questions for researchers and practitioners alike. The key issue for the workshop is: how can the built environment contribute to creating socially sustainable communities and neighbourhoods? What is social sustainability in the first place: social capital, collective efficacy, mixed communities and housing solutions, environments that facilitate upward social mobility? What are the interrelations between physical and social sustainability? How can housing policies and housing management practises support social sustainability? What is the impact of planning, building and management processes on social sustainability? How can we design and manage planning, building and housing management process to include the numerous and diverse actors and disciplines in an open, effective and accountable way? How do we ensure that weaker, underprivileged and often underrepresented groups can participate in decision-making processes?

This workshop will be profoundly interdisciplinary in nature. We seek to engage researchers and practitioners from various fields such as building, planning, housing, public management in lively presentations and debate.

The workshop will give a platform to a maximum of 10 high-quality papers that a related to the questions mentioned above; 3 to 5 of the most on-topic and enticing papers will be selected for a 15 minute presentation each. The authors of the other 5 to 7 papers will be invited to present the main issues arising from their papers in 5 minute poster presentations. The workshop programme will provide ample opportunity for discussion for all authors and other participants.

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