



Seminar of urban planning agencies

Should I stay or should I go:
Urban sprawl, density, and a new
planning agenda for Europe

DETAILED PROGRAMME



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29 May 2024 – Welcome to Brussels

@ Perspective.brussels,
rue de Namur 59,
1000 Brussels



Welcome to Brussels		
13.30	Registration and welcome coffee	at perspective.brussels
14.00	Welcome words and introduction	Antoine de Borman, CEO perspective.brussels
15.00-17.00	<p>Field visits in Brussels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urban Living and Urban Dwelling - From old retail sites to qualitative mixed uses: 'Petite Île/Citygate II'• Green, Blue and Grey - A breath of fresh air in the North quarter: Specific Master Plan 'MAX' and School Renewal Contracts• Planning Tools for a Sound Governance of the City - Aiding in the challenges of transition in the Heyvaert neighbourhood: Besustainable & Sustainable Neighbourhood Contracts	Departure to the visits at 14.30 Groups will be guided to their site with public transport
17.30-19.00	Cocktail and visit of the exhibition	at perspective.brussels

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Morning plenary session		
9.00	Registration and welcome breakfast	
9.30	Introduction to the day Welcome words	Gert Nys, deputy general director perspective.brussels
10.00	Keynote presentation "How to put an end to urban sprawl"? Urban growth relies on unsustainable mechanisms resulting from demographic evolution and socio-economic restructuring. Making cities "sustainable" is a real challenge; the technical solutions we rely on are fraught with obstacles. We will have to (and can) practice "constructive sobriety", building less and better, focusing on the transformation, improvement and intensified use of the vast existing built heritage	Philippe Bihouix, Managing Director AREP Followed by discussion and Q&A
11.00	Coffee break	
11.30	Roundtable "A new planning agenda for Europe?"	With experts from European planning agencies Followed by Q&A

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Afternoon sessions		
12.30	Lunch	
14.00	<p>Parallel workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urban Living and Urban Dwelling: with Warsaw, Project of the Spatial Policy• Green, Blue and Grey: with Amsterdam, Strandeiland• Planning Tools for a Sound Governance of the City: with Toulouse, Play ZAN	Moderated workshops with presentations from European good practices and group discussions
15.30	Coffee break	
16.00	Next steps and conclusions	Antoine de Borman, CEO perspective.brussels
16.45	End	