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Stakeholder workshop “From Innovation to Implementation: Future-Ready Urban and Land Planning”

Wednesday, 25th June 2025 (online)

Agenda

Chairperson: Adnane Labbaci, Task leader

9:00	Stakeholder workshop opening	Željko Bačić, Project Coordinator
09:05- 09:15	Analysis of EU policies and initiatives on land and urban planning and development	 Joep Cromptvoets, PhD, full professor at Public Governance Insitutite, KU Leuven. He is full professor Information management in the Public Sector and research manager in the domains: e-Government, Digital transformation in the government, Public Sector innovation, GIS, and Spatial Data Infrastructures. He is currently Vice-President EuroSDR - European Spatial Data Research network - and was Secretary-General of EuroSDR, (2011 – 2023). EuroSDR is a not-for-profit organization linking national mapping and cadastral agencies with research institutes and universities for the purpose of applied research in spatial data provision, management and delivery.
09:15- 09:40	Identifying Southern Mediterranean land and urban development issues and stakeholder needs	 Hany Ayad PhD, professor of urban & regional planning at the Faculty of Engineering Alexandria University. He is Urban Lab founder ... is an architect with 30 years of experience in private sector and within national bodies responsible for physical planning. Key responsibilities comprise analytical work, and reporting, as well as the development, enhancement, and redesign of the His research scope is on Urban Dynamics, Health and cities (urban health and wellbeing), Urban and Regional Planning, Detecting land use change.

09:40-
10:05

Smart City Developments in Sub-Saharan Africa. Some Anthropological Perspectives



Katrien Pype, associate professor, is a social and cultural anthropologist working at KU Leuven. Since 2003, she has studied the city's media, popular culture, and technology worlds. She has, among others written about "smartness from below" (book chapter 2017); tech creativity as "solutions" for urban precarity (2021) and is co-editor of the forthcoming OA book "the post-global city: theorizing technology cultures in Africa" (with O Adunbi and MMJ Fischer; University of Michigan Press, 2026).

10:05-
10:25

From Model to Metropolis: The Digital Evolution of Urban Planning



Shaker Khalif, Eng, President of Bim-lab Engineering. With 21 years of professional architectural experience, five of which specialized in Building Information Modeling (BIM) management of mega projects. Worked on a number of medical, industrial, educational and residential projects. Shaker's professional experience is built through performing architectural and interior design for various projects, managing projects through the entire lifecycle of the facility, leading team(s) as a design manager to achieve submission in high quality standards, implementing BIM technology to AEC firms, participating in construction phase as technical consultant.

10:25-10:40 Coffee break

10:40-
11:00

Guidelines for the development of curricula on land governance in Africa: focus on Urban and Peri-Urban areas



Mohamed Timoulali is the CEO of GTOPIIC, a Land survey and Consulting Engineer firm based in Rabat, Morocco. He holds a Doctorate-Engineer in ICT with a focus on Decision Support Systems, along with a Surveyor Engineer Degree. Mohamed Timoulali brings over a Four decade of consulting experience across ICT policy and strategies and advancing inter African cooperation on Geospatial Information Management

11:00-
11:20

Geomatics Education in Egypt and its Impact on Development



Ahmad Makram, Director, Business Development at Esri Saudi Arabia. Ahmad Makram is a senior executive with 25+ years of experience leading digital transformation, strategic growth, and cross-border operations across the Middle East, North Africa, and Turkey. A domain expert in geospatial intelligence and digital innovation, he has held key roles at Esri, HERE Technologies, and Nokia, driving public sector engagement and large-scale GIS initiatives. Makram holds an Executive MBA from Hult International Business School and a BSc in Surveying Engineering from Benha University.

11:20- 11:35	Erasmus+ CBHE project SmartWB – objectives, realization, results and effects on society  Marija Jevrić Dr-Ing., Civil engineer, educated at the University of Montenegro (Dipl-Ing. PhD) and in the field of urbanism at the University of Belgrade (Master), is an assistant professor at the Faculty of Civil Engineering. Her research interests include urban water management, waste management, green buildings, green infrastructures, and natural-based solutions. She actively participated in Erasmus CBHE projects and has led one related to climate-smart and sustainable urban development; she also led and participated in other EU-funded projects, as well as bilateral and national scientific research projects. Marija is a member of the Board of Ambassadors for the BUILD UP platform - the European Commission initiative that focuses on promoting energy efficiency in building.	
11:35- 12:00	Analysis of existing curricula on land & urban area planning and sustainable management and MLUMSE project modernization proposal  Dimo Todorovski PhD, lecturer at Department of Urban and Regional Planning and Geo-Information Management and Digital Society Institute University of Twente. Dimo is Course Coordinator of the M-GEO Master's Land Administration Specialization and a Lecturer Land Administration at the Faculty ITC, University of Twente. He is a Secretary General of the School for Land Administration Studies (a joint initiative between the Netherlands Kadaster and Faculty ITC). In the period of 2012-2014 he was a secretary of the UNU School for Land Administration Studies. Over the 19 years of professional engagement (1992-2011) in the Agency for Real Estate Cadaster in the Republic of Macedonia, last 12 years were on different managerial positions (Digitizing, GIS and Geo-ICT departments), and the final year, he was Head of the Department for International Cooperation and European Integrations. His current research interest focuses on land administration in post-conflict contexts.	
12:00- 12:15	Discussion	
12:15	Conclusion of Stakeholder workshop	Adnane Labbaci, Task leader