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UK-German Workshop on Integrated Spatial Strategies

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1 : Introduction

Focus of the Workshop

- ❑ Sharing experience on principles and practice of integrated spatial planning in UK and Germany
- ❑ Recognising the global context of economic recession, social inequality and climate change
- ❑ Focusing on local and wider than local issues for planners and for planning across Europe
- ❑ Understanding the practical realities of truly integrated spatial planning to secure implementation



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2 : INTERSTRAT Conference Panel





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3 : The issues across Europe

We all live in challenging times !

- ❑ European economies are still deep in recession and we are all facing public expenditure cuts
- ❑ Business activity and construction projects have slowed down dramatically since the boom times
- ❑ Our environments and our livelihoods are threatened by climate change both locally and globally
- ❑ Public and political involvement in planning issues is increasingly important at national and local levels



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4 : An attentive audience





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5 : The issues in the UK

We're living in challenging times too !

- ❑ The RTPI has been addressing the recession and public spending cuts in its policy work
- ❑ And it has been adjusting its budget over several years as commercial income has decreased
- ❑ The RTPI has launched Seven Commitments for Planning to Live with Climate Change
- ❑ And we are also responding to the challenges of the government's reform of the planning system



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6 : Minister for Decentralisation





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7 : Planning Reform in England

One “culture change” after another

- ❑ UK planners changed the culture from land use to spatial planning with the 2004 Planning Act
- ❑ Regional Spatial Strategies and Local Development Frameworks promoted spatial planning
- ❑ The Coalition Government now wants the “default answer” to planning applications to be “yes”
- ❑ The planning system is being simplified to reduce obstacles to economic growth in the recession



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8 : UK planners working together





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9 : New ways to shape the future

Global issues and local solutions

- ❑ Economic change, climate change and technological change are making this a much smaller world
- ❑ Planners must find truly sustainable ways of guiding urbanisation and tackling poverty and inequality
- ❑ We need to reconcile the rapid growth in travel and business with the need to reduce carbon emissions
- ❑ Planners must work with local people, the business community and politicians at all levels



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10 : INTERSTRAT participants





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11 : Focusing on Europe

UK and German approaches

- ❑ Regional strategic planning is disappearing in England but survives elsewhere in the UK
- ❑ The “duty to cooperate” in England aims to ensure LPAs and LEPs work together for common goals
- ❑ The regional approach to integrated planning is strong in Germany and several other European countries
- ❑ Integration is essential across political groupings and between all elements of sustainable development



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12 : Issues for discussion

Translating principles into practice

- ❑ We look forward to some fascinating talks from a wide range of perspectives during today's workshop
- ❑ We need to focus first on the common principles that underlie strategic planning in the UK and Germany
- ❑ We then need to identify the lessons that we can all learn for integrated spatial planning in practice
- ❑ The acid test of today's workshop will be whether we all do something different in the day job next week !



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European Biennial Conferences

- ❑ European Biennial conferences bring spatial planners together to learn from each other
- ❑ They also provide opportunities to influence policy makers across Europe





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Education and lifelong learning

- **RTPI Networks:** *sector-specific virtual communities*
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- **High quality commercial training:** *RTPI Conferences*
- **Assessment of Professional Competence:** *guidance*
- **Accredited planning courses:** *high educational standards*

Planning Aid

- Voluntary planning advice for individuals and communities
- RTPI is now bidding for the new Community Planning Fund
- Planning Aid will probably be adapted to meet new needs



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Workplace and practice support

- **Planners in the Workplace:** *personal support service*
- **Good Practice Notes:** guidance on planning practice
- **Signposting: information** on key planning topics:
- **RTPI Learning Partners:** employers supporting planners
- **Management guidance:** for public and private sectors
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