Rethinking local policies – Spaces for innovation

An Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform event

31 May – 1 June 2023, Zebrastraat, Ghent (Belgium)

AGENDA
Day 1: 31 May

12:30	**Registration & light welcome lunch –** XYZ lounge

14:00	**Welcome & Introduction – Plenary -** *Ned Kahn hall*
	
	Welcome, presentation of the agenda and objectives of the four workshops (5 mins)
	
	    ▪ **Erwin Siweris**, programme director, Interreg Europe Joint Secretariat
	
	The City of Ghent, a laboratory of integrated policies for local development (15 mins)
	
	    ▪ **Mathias De Clercq**, Mayor of Ghent
	
	Q&A session (10 minutes)

14:30	**Start of the thematic sessions**

14:45	**FAB LABS: a flexible policy tool for place-based challenges -** *Ned Kahn hall*
	
	Introduction from thematic experts (10 minutes)
	
	• Presentation and Q&A (30 minutes):
	    ▪ **Makerspaces and Fab Labs insights**
	    Laura Veart, Birmingham City University, United Kingdom (**Urban M**)
	
	    ▪ **Protolab**
	    Barbara Ślęk-Wojtowska, Anna Piorun, Podkarpackie Center for Innovation, Poland (**FOUNDATION**)
	
	    ▪ **Food FABLAB - A Shared Productive Unit for AgriFood Sector**
	    Marco Alves, Tagus Valley, Portugal (**Agri Renaissance**)
	
	• Open discussion and Q&A session – moderated by the Thematic experts (20 minutes

15:45	**Coffee & preparation for study visits -** XYZ lounge

16:15	**Departure for local study visits:** Study visit at **DE KROOK Ghent**
18:15	Return to the venue
18:30 *-* *20:30*	**Networking cocktail with food** - XYZ lounge

Day 2 : 1 June

08:30	**Welcome coffee -** XYZ lounge

09:00	**Innovation centres – design, implementation, and financial models -** *Honoré D'o hall and Thomas Huyghe hall*
	
	• Introduction from thematic experts, incl. reflections on Day 1 (15 minutes)
	
	• Presentation of good practices (15 minutes each**):**
	
	    ▪ **The Business and Shared Services Centre**
	     Ricardo Gonçalves, Municipality of Fundão, Portugal (**INNO INDUSTRY**)
	
	    ▪ **The Digital Innovation Room Mecklenburg-Vorpommern**
	     Jennifer Billowie, WITENO, Germany (**NEXT2MET**)
	
	    ▪ **Valleta Cluster Design**
	     Joanne Attard Mallia, Valletta Cultural Agency, Malta (**DESIGN4INNOVATION**)
	
	• Speakers' panel discussion with Q&A session
	• Group work discussion
	• Conclusions

11:00	**Coffee break -** XYZ lounge
11:30	**Concluding plenary –** *Ned Kahn hall* The concluding plenary is an opportunity to organise a small celebration for the community members that were active in the development of the Policy Learning Platform services, acknowledging their commitment and their value for the community.
12:30	**Lunch -** XYZ lounge
14:00	End of the event

Day 2: 1 June (afternoon)

	Matchmaking sessions (upon interest)

13 :30 *14 :45*	**From S3 priority selection to actions -** *Honoré D'o hall*
15 :15 *16 :30*	**Creating Spaces for innovation -** *Honoré D'o hall*