

NECTAR Cluster 6 Meeting on:

**Accessibility – Policy Making – Spatial Planning
October 16-17, 2009, Pula-Cagliari, Italy**

Call for Papers

Accessibility is a complex concept: its definition and methodological development needs a multidimensional approach. In this meeting, a special focus will be devoted to the use of accessibility-related concepts as a framework/tool able to support policy making and spatial planning. Thus, this meeting will gather in a friendly atmosphere scholars coming from a number of disciplines and countries and being invited to give a contribution to the debate about recent developments on the study of accessibility. We also encourage the discussion of research project ideas and proposals.

Suggested Topics

The main topic of this meeting will be accessibility for policy-making and spatial planning. Nevertheless, papers on any topic relevant to accessibility - the original NECTAR cluster 6 concept- are welcome.

Topics of special interest include:

Modeling accessibility

Accessibility and mobility/commuting

Accessibility and land development strategies, zoning policies

Accessibility and central places

Accessibility for people

Accessibility to places

Accessibility and location decisions of households and organizations

Accessibility and impact evaluation

Accessibility in urban places for not-motorized vehicles

Accessibility and equity.

Submitting an abstract

Colleagues interested in presenting a paper are kindly invited to send at their earliest convenience an abstract of maximum 500 words by email to the meeting chair Andrea De Montis (NECTARatCagliari@gmail.com) by 15th September 2009. Please, also indicate, title, author(s), affiliations, corresponding contact, and three keywords. The first 15 submitting authors will be invited to present a paper in the meeting. We have also space for further 5 colleagues, but at their own expenses.

Registration fees

NECTAR members for the year 2009 will be waived the registration fee and offered one night's accommodation, dinner and lunches. Please see NECTAR website <http://www.nectar-eu.org>: the two-year membership fee is 120 €. Non-NECTAR members are also welcome to join the meeting at a registration fee of 120 €.

Deadlines

Please, submit an abstract to NECTARatCagliari@gmail.com as soon as you can, and possibly not after the following deadline.

Abstract Submission: 15th September 2009

Abstract Accepted Notice: 30th September 2009

Meeting Dates: 16th –17th October 2009

The venue

The meeting will be hosted at the four stars Hotel Resort Flamingo (website: <http://www.hotelflamingosardinia.com>; e-mail: info@hotelflamingo.it; Tel: +39 070 9208361-2-3). The Hotel Resort Flamingo is located around 33 km from Cagliari, the main city of Sardinia. Cagliari-Elmas Airport (<http://www.sogaer.it/en/>) is a well-connected and recently renewed local hub. From the airport some options: rent a car (the best), public transport (a long trip to go), our small coach for clusters of arrivals.

Please, consider that reservations have to be confirmed early. Colleagues interested to prolonged stays, are kindly requested to book in advance, by contacting Mr. Ubaldo Aresu at the numbers indicated or by e-mail.

Publication

It is not necessary to send a full paper before the meeting. Presentation can also be a draft, a discussion note, etc. We seek instead an open discussion about each presentation. For this purpose, we also plan 1-2 hours of discussion – in the closing session of the meeting – concerning the scientific objectives of the cluster and next activity steps. In this framework, during this closing session, publication of the works presented (in either a journal special issue or a book) will be discussed.

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We look forward to seeing you in October!

Kind regards,

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