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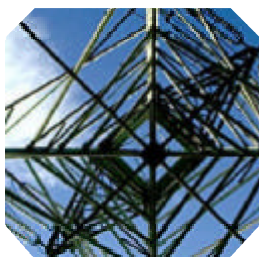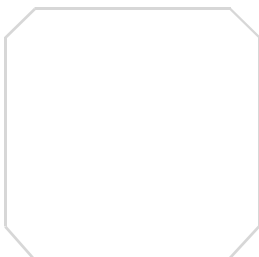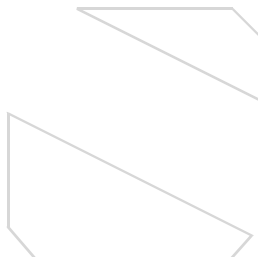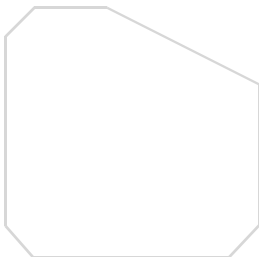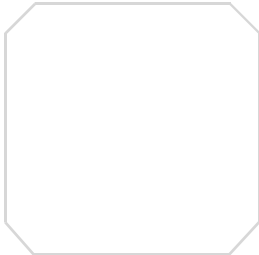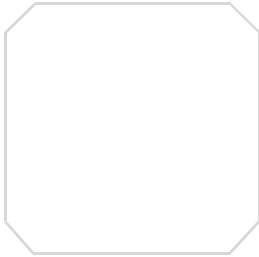
THURSDAY 10 APRIL

9:00	Arrival and registration
11:00	Welcome and official opening
	Symbolical handing over of the Biennial from Rotterdam to Barcelona by Jan Vogelij (bnSP) and Pilar Sancho (AETU).
	Welcome and opening address : Authorities and Charles Lambert, President of the ECTP.
12:15	Keynote speaker: Bernardo Secchi
13:30	Lunch
15:00	Keynote speaker: Stephen Graham
16:15	Coffee break
16:45	Workshops: Parallel sessions
18:15	End of workshops
19:30	Official reception

FRIDAY 11 APRIL

9:00	Keynote speaker: Manuel Castells
10:15	Coffee break
10:45	Workshops: Parallel sessions
12:00	Break
12:15	Workshops: Parallel sessions
13:30	Lunch
15:00	Excursions
	Agbar building, Sagrera HST Rail Station, 22@district, Diagonal Mar Park, Forum 2004, Port development, Airport development, New Metropolitan Tramway
19:30	Official reception

SATURDAY 12 APRIL

9:00	Keynote speaker: Nikos Salingaros
10.15	Coffee break
10:45	European Policy Makers Round Table chaired by Joan Majò
12:00	Break
12:15	Reports, discussion and conclusions
13:45	Closing Session: Announcement of the 6th Biennial
14:00	End of the 5th Biennial

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Programme

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**CONNECTING THE CITY
CONNECTING CITIZENS**

"As we are entering into the information age, the space of flows dominates over the space of places, and everything which is relevant for people has the trend to organize through networks"
Manuel Castells

The Biennial will explore the spatial impact of transport and other networks,supplying of resources such as information, materials and energy, and will tackle the challenges they create for spatial planning.

Selected European cities, regions, institutions, NGO's and private companies will exhibit their urban plans, structure plans, development visions, flagship projects and urban designs. These will be included in an exhibition catalogue. A virtual exhibition containing different multimedia and audio-visual material will also be presented.

Keynote speakers:

Manuel Castells
"Cities and Urbanism in the Network Society".

Stephen Graham
"The Threat of the Splintering Metropolis and the Challenge of the Connected City"

Nikos Salingaros
"Connecting the Fractal City".

Bernardo Secchi
"Scenarios for the European City and Territory".

The 5thBiennial aims to create a meeting point for urban planners, engineers, architects, economists, sociologists, and elected people, as well as public and private entities and non governmental organizations (NGOs) to share questions, experiences and alternative answers on urban planning. Some of the questions that will be explored at the workshops are:

- Is the rise and interconnection of networks at all scales inducing more concentrated or disperse spatial developments?

- How can planners create efficient networks and make them compatible with more sustainable cities?

- How can citizens and neighbourhoods achieve parity of access to the services provided by networks so as to avoid social and spatial exclusion?

- How are urban planners prepared to face the new challenges brought about by new information technologies to everyday planning practices?

These and other questions suggested by European planners will be explored and further developed at four different workshops held during the event followed by a round table.

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The Towns and Town Planners Biennials are supported by the European Council of Town Planners.

Let's acknowledge that broadband networks are the means to an end objective; they are not the essential aim or the ambition that drives people who seek their inherent benefit.

Access to services and recreational areas is an important indicator of urban sustainability and quality of life of citizens.

The question and the reflection on the consistency of international ICT mobility and of professional transient migrations affecting the city structure will be traced.

Concentration of settlements and development corridors are the new images of spatial planning in Europe.

Urban sprawl is a common problem encountered in Europe. It induces a high level of car use and, usually, congestion in roads giving access to city centres.

Is it possible to think in terms of a network of European regions?

How major cities could become nodes of a polycentric model is essential to the territorial development of all Europe?

CONNECTING CITIES IN EUROPE
Chairman: Jan Vogelij, Reporter Marcel Belliot

We should be aware about the interrelatedness of social and economic development processes with spatial structures, facilitating or preventing changes.

To what extent have the layout of networks influenced, willingly or not, the city form and the urban structure of the associated metropolitan and regional areas?
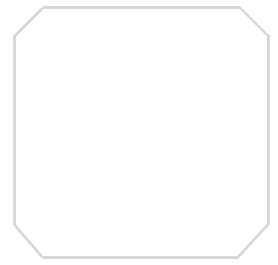
What is the meaning of being part of the European space?

Why bet on NICT if one doesn't know how people receive them.

Is the co-operation between cities the most realistic antidote to the politics of isolation and defensive entrenchment that today seem even more impractical than in the past?

Agbar building

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The system theory points out the essential character of networks in the use of the territory.

Should the role of the river in the transport network and its relationship with spatial consolidation be reinterpreted?

Recent territorial changes have not occurred in just a few large places. Rather, society and the territory have been permeated by a minute, continuous and dispersed process of modification.

Whereas the car network has decentralised our cities, and the train-station is used to foster concentration, airports clearly trigger the "poly-centralization" of metropolitan areas.
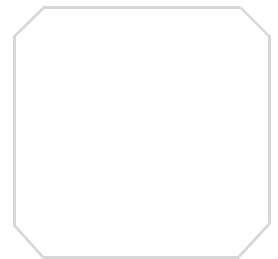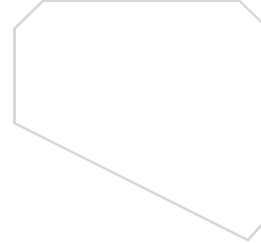
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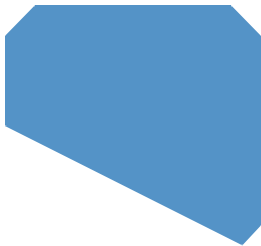
Airport development in the past focused on the airside, neglecting to build a good neighbourhood relationship with the territory it is located in.

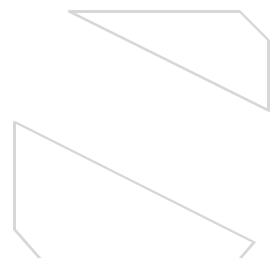# CONNECTING CITIES IN THE REGIONS Chairman: Bogdan Wyporek, Reporter: Franco Migliorini

Are networks a suitable solution for cities in a polycentric and heterogeneous region?

The present structure of urbanised areas seems to be an anachronic pattern involved in a chaotic expansion.

Sagrera Rail Station

How does the local urban actor deal as an urban planner with the potential of Information Communication Technologies and their influence on urban practices and structures?

If connectivity means to make sense, then we need to evaluate the structural conflicts that appear when different scales interact in overlapping networks.

Urban sustainable development cannot be achieved without involving local population and policy-makers.

How can we define more efficacious procedures in order to exploit the plus-values generated by urban growth for general utility purposes?

The Nature-city is considered an ecological connection field able to self-regenerate into a new equilibrium. In order to make it happen, ecology should become everyone's knowledge.

The development of land-use patterns produces discontinuities which lead to a fragmented townscape. City space incorporates tendencies which tend to negate the unity of the urban system.

3 WORKSHOP

CONNECTING NEIGHBOURHOODS
Chairman: Virna Bussadori, Reporter: Robin Thompson

It is necessary to increase the value of spare time, by realising structures and services in public spaces of cities, that all people can use in freedom and safely.

Almost every city in Europe over the past 20 years has attempted to reinvent itself.
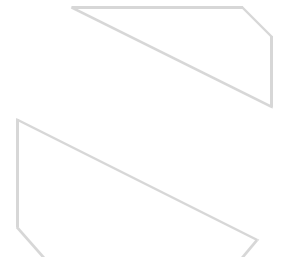
There would be an urban system without an infrastructure of technical networks to support the products, people, info and signs exchange.

It is imperative to achieve sustainable communication in the face of a reality pervaded by too simple or too technical languages.

Diagonal Mar Park

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Municipal planning should incorporate the perspectives and needs of people, and acknowledge their potential as valuable resources in improving neighbourhoods in the accessions process into the EU.

The relation between physical and virtual spaces presents a complex synergistic effect that encourages designers to reconsider the role of ICT and the transformation of today's public spaces.

Is landscape a complex element with an important social role the definition of which refers not only to areas of outstanding beauty, but to everyday areas?

Advertising deals with other time units and periods than physically constructed public space. In what way is the identity of public space influenced by that?

The territory is undergoing a new spatial organisation marked by a double process of fragmentation of settlements and individualisation of relations.
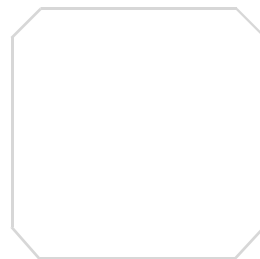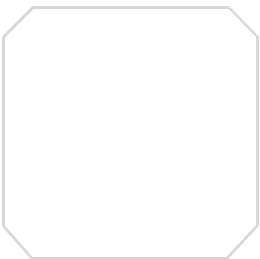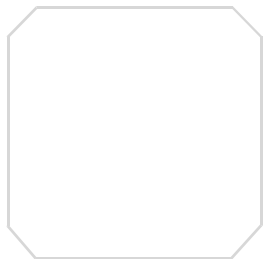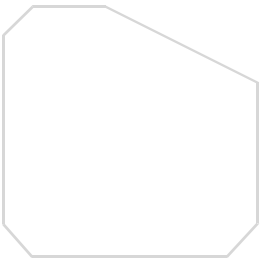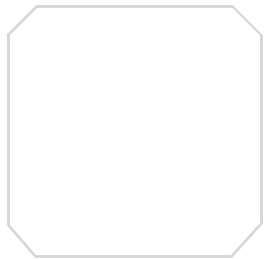
Is there a strong relation between urban planning proposals and the possibilities for interaction and communication between people?

All cities must learn to think more like business: developing products, markets and customers.

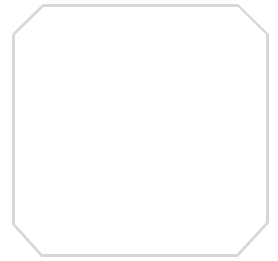# CONNECTING CITIZENS Chairman: Petra Potz, Reporter: Frank D'Hondt

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Openness
The Institutions should work in a more open manner. They should use language that is accessible and understandable for the general public.

Coherence
Requires political leadership and a strong responsibility on the part of the Institutions to ensure a consistent approach within a complex system.

Effectiveness
Depends on implementing policies in a proportionate manner and on taking decisions at the most appropriate level.

Participation
The quality, relevance and effectiveness of EU policies depend on ensuring wide participation throughout the policy chain – from conception to implementation.
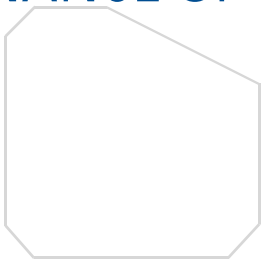
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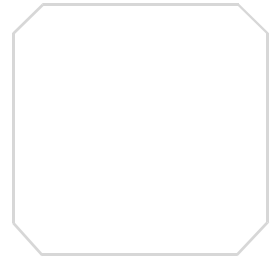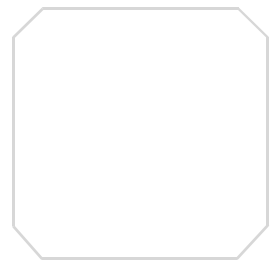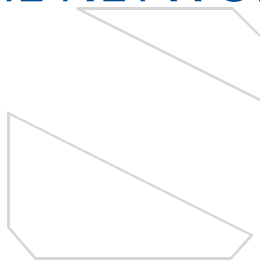Each of the Institutions must explain and take responsibility for what it does in Europe.

New political stakes for the network society

Governance patterns have to adapt to the emerging significance that virtual places and networks have for people as well as to the reshaping of conventional physical places and infrastructure.

A new meaning for public policies, urban development, public participation, competence conflicts, and other stakes for governance in the network society.

THE GOVERNANCE OF THE NETWORK SOCIETY
Chairman: Joan Majó

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POLICY MAKERS ROUND TABLE

Source: White Paper on European Governance.

Information

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Programme

Yes, I am interested in attending the workshops and excursions on the topic (first choice):

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