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*SPRAWLING CITIES AND TRANSPORT:  
FROM EVALUATION TO RECOMMENDATIONS*

INVITATION TO  
**SCATTER WORKSHOP**  
BRUSSELS  
JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2004

Dear Madam/Sir,

The SCATTER project organises a second workshop in Brussels on June 8th 2004 in order to discuss issues related to urban sprawl, final results of the SCATTER project and recommendations that could be made to European cities regarding tackling sprawl. Attendance at the workshop is by invitation, free and includes lunch and refreshment services. The Programme is attached.

The objectives of the SCATTER project are to analyse the mechanisms and effects of urban sprawl, to quantitatively assess policies aiming to control the phenomenon and to provide recommendations to local/regional authorities.

The input of the representatives of the local and regional authorities in charge of land use and transport tasks, as well as the Commission representatives, is highly valued. The working language will be English.

If you were interested in attending the workshop, we would kindly ask you to confirm your attendance by May 15<sup>th</sup> by returning the attached registration form. The number of participants is limited to 50 persons. If you have any practical questions regarding your attendance, please contact Elena Besussi at the Centre for Advanced Spatial Analysis, UCL (Email: [e.besussi@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:e.besussi@ucl.ac.uk)). More information about the SCATTER project can be found at [www.casa.ucl.uk/scatter](http://www.casa.ucl.uk/scatter).

We thank you for your collaboration and look forward in seeing you at the workshop.

Yours sincerely,

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## **What is SCATTER**

Urban sprawl is widespread in Europe. In a growing number of cities, population and employment in central areas is declining while increasing rapidly in suburban and peripheral areas.

This induces a high level of car use and, usually, congestion on roads with access to city centres.

To limit the damage caused by urban sprawl in terms of congestion, air pollution and energy consumption, many European cities are implementing (or planning to implement) suburban public transport services, such as heavy or light rail.

But by improving accessibility, they create an incentive for a new wave of urban sprawl. Therefore, in parallel with these new public transport services, accompanying measures have to be elaborated and implemented, in order to prevent, mitigate and control the sprawl phenomenon.

The SCATTER project tackles the issue in which land use and transport are closely mixed.

The key aim of the project is to promote sustainable development. In addressing transport, land-use and environment in an urban context, SCATTER covers the most important threats to the well-being of the majority of European citizens.