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## **Accessibility and Policy Making**

Special Cluster 6 workshop

### **Call for papers:**

The European Commission, Joint Research Centre- Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (JRC-IPTS) is pleased to invite you to a special NECTAR (Network of European Communications and Transportation Academic Researchers) Cluster 6 meeting. The meeting will take place in Seville, Spain (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2014) and will be dealing with the topic of Accessibility and Policy Making. This meeting will bring together leading researchers from a number of disciplines and countries in a friendly environment to debate the recent developments on the study of accessibility.

### **Topics of interest:**

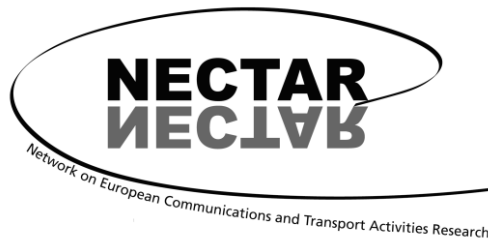
Accessibility is now, more than ever, a political priority for many Governments. At European level, the EU considers accessibility a top priority to achieve territorial cohesion and promote the Single Market. As a planning goal, the assessment of accessibility allows for the evaluation of trade-offs between land use, transport and social needs. Therefore, some topics of interests are (not exhaustively):

- Accessibility for policy making;
- Urban planning and accessibility;
- Accessibility and economic development;
- Accessibility and the policy environment;
- Accessibility and mobility/commuting;
- Modelling accessibility;
- Accessibility and territorial cohesion;
- Accessibility and social exclusion.

We especially welcome studies undertaken with a European perspective.

### **Submitting an abstract**

Colleagues interested in presenting a paper are kindly invited to send at their earliest convenience a long abstract of maximum 700 words by email to Ana Condeço (Ana.CONDECO@ec.europa.eu) by 6th of October 2013. Please, also indicate, title, author(s), affiliations, corresponding contact, and three keywords. A maximum of three bibliographic references is allowed.



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**Travel and accommodation expenses**

This time exceptionally, no NECTAR fee is requested. Invited speakers (one author per paper) might be entitled to the reimbursement of their travel expenses plus a flat accommodation rate.

**Deadlines**

Please, submit an abstract to [Ana.CONDECO@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Ana.CONDECO@ec.europa.eu) as soon as you can, and possibly not after the following deadline.

Abstract Submission: 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2013

Abstract Accepted Notice: 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2013

Meeting Dates: 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2014

**The venue**

The meeting will be hosted at the European Commission, Joint Research Centre-Institute for Prospective Technological Studies. The Institute is located at C/ Inca Garcilaso, 3 E-41092 Seville, Spain.

The Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS) is one of the seven scientific institutes of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC). Its mission is to provide customer-driven support to the EU policy-making process by developing science-based responses to policy challenges that have both a socio-economic as well as a scientific/ technological dimension.

**Publication**

We seek an open discussion about each presentation. Additionally we plan a 1-2 hours round table – in the closing session of the meeting – with policy makers about the advantages/drawbacks of accessibility measures as a policy making tool. Finally, publication of the works presented (in either a journal special issue or a book) will be discussed.

**The Organising Committee**

Ana Condeço, Panayotis Christidis, Elena Navajas, Nicolás Ibáñez, Hande Demirel, Lorenzo Vannacci

We look forward to seeing you in Seville!

Kind regards,

The Organising Committee