



## What's going on.... in commission 8



- ❖ Shanghai International Symposium of Space & Future Conference: On 14 and 15 June 2019 the spatial planning authorities in China and international guests gathered in Shanghai to discuss the new planning paradigm. At the event, the new spatial planning act and planning paradigm was highlighted by various national and international speakers. This well-organised event is one of the activities from working group 8.1 about rural-urban interdependencies.
 

Facing global changes and trends, the need for and emphasis on a paradigm shift towards sustainable development, by embedding for example natural resources in the planning system, was repeated multiple times. How this best can be implemented in practice was subject of discussion, and various international viewpoints and practices were exchanged. For more information, please visit [https://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2019/06\\_shanghai.asp](https://www.fig.net/news/news_2019/06_shanghai.asp)
- ❖ The first results of a study about available GIS tooling to support participatory planning processes were presented already at the FIG Working Week in Hanoi. Now, we have bundled the results in a report as well. Currently available GIS tooling is assessed based on various types of planning processes (development of plans – implementation – monitoring and evaluation) and participation (information – consultation – co-creation). As developments and innovations are ongoing, the report provides a basis from where further research activities will be taken up.
- ❖ We would like to draw your attention to the Call for Case Studies on Urban-Rural Linkages, which we received from UN-Habitat. They invite us and other partners, to share our experiences and case studies on lessons from practices and policies in regards to relationships between urban and rural areas in view of sustainable development. Urban-rural linkages are defined here as a complex web of **connections between rural and urban dimensions**, e.g. the flow of capital, goods and labour between rural and urban areas.

UN-Habitat has developed ten Guiding Principles and a Framework for Action with planning and institutional actions to create an enabling environment. Now, it is time to add a collection of inspiring practices that help to raise awareness and build evidence encouraging others to apply the guiding principles through the framework of action to strengthen urban-rural linkages.

Find more information in the attached call for case studies. Should you wish to provide a case study to UN-Habitat, please inform us, as we may consider having a special session at the FIG Working Week in Amsterdam (May 2020).

## Upcoming events in 2019

We would like to draw your attention to the following upcoming events that could be of interest for commission 8 delegates and friends. Should you wish to participate, please proceed to the website to register. Should you wish to give a presentation at the event in Cluj-Napoca or in Santiago de Compostela, then please contact us ([figcommission8@fig.net](mailto:figcommission8@fig.net)).

Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> **Advances in Geodata Analytics for Smart Cities and Regions** in Cluj-Napoca, Romania

This is a joint commission 3 and 8 workshop held in conjunction with the Romanian surveying week and the Life Sciences for Sustainable Development conference. Commission 3 will also have its annual meeting. Please visit <http://www.sgr.ugr.ro/index.php> for additional information

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> **On the Way to the Rural World – An International Conference on Rural Development and Tourism** in Santiago de Compostela, Spain

The objective of the conference is to develop a global strategy to prevent abandonment and encourage the repopulation of rural areas through a holistic approach including agriculture, tourism and rural development in its broadest sense.

The conference will address in four thematic blocks the challenge of how to provide new life to rural areas:

- a) Land management - challenges and opportunities
- b) Tourism - door to the rural world
- c) From the earth to the Earth
- d) Women leading in the rural world

Apart from plenary and technical sessions, an optional field day will be added for those who are interested in learning about innovative projects already carried out in different places in Galicia and experiencing the reality of the countryside.

For more information, visit the conference website <https://mediorural.xunta.gal/en/home/> or contact Mr. Richard Eberlin ([richard.eberlin@bird.org.es](mailto:richard.eberlin@bird.org.es))

## Communication

We are happy to remind you of the possibility to contact commission 8 directly, please use the following email address: [figcommission8@fig.net](mailto:figcommission8@fig.net)

We would like to thank you for your interest and hope to welcome you in person on one of our upcoming events or in activities. And again, if you would like to engage, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Marije Louwsma, chair