

## **EU Expert Group on the Urban Environment**

**Centre Borschette (CCAB), rue Froissart 36, 1040 Brussels**  
**7<sup>th</sup> April 2004: 10.00 – 18.00**

*Interpretation available in E/FR/D/Es/It*

### **Agenda Item 1**

#### **10.00 Welcome and introduction**

**(Prudencio Perera, Director DG Environment, Professor Colin Fudge, Dean, Faculty of the Built Environment, UWE, Bristol)**

The EU Expert Group on the Urban Environment and its role during 2004

### **Agenda Item 2**

#### **10.30 The interim Communication**

“Towards a Thematic Strategy on the Urban Environment” COM(2004)60

#### **Overview of the Communication**

Summary of the approach set out in the Communication and the next steps leading to the adoption of the final Thematic Strategy on the Urban Environment in June 2005.

Discussion on the Communication as a whole – overall reactions and positions.

#### **The 4 Priority Themes for the Thematic Strategy**

#### **11.30 Sustainable Urban Management**

An outline of the main ideas set out in the Communication with regard to the sustainable urban management theme. Discussion on ideas and issues that must be addressed by the working group on environmental management plans and systems.

#### **12.00 Sustainable Urban Transport**

An outline of the main ideas set out in the Communication with regard to the sustainable urban transport theme. Discussion on ideas and issues that must be addressed by the working group on sustainable urban transport plans.

#### **12.30 Sustainable Construction**

An outline of the main ideas set out in the Communication with regard to the sustainable construction theme. Discussion.

---

#### **13.00-14.30 Lunch**

---

### **14.30 Sustainable Urban Design**

An outline of the main ideas set out in the Communication with regard to the sustainable construction theme. Discussion.

### **14.50 Integration, data needs, monitoring**

Outline of how urban environment issues are being integrated into other policies, data issues and how the Strategy will be monitored.

Discussion.

### **Conclusions of Discussion**

### **Agenda Item 3**

#### **15.30 Next steps in the development of the Thematic Strategy**

The EU Expert Group on the Urban Environment – role and function

Independent, expert working groups:

- Environmental management plans and management systems (Chair: UK);
- Sustainable urban transport plans (Chair: Netherlands);
- Urban environment research and training needs (Chair: Needed);
- Development of methodology to assess the sustainability of buildings;
- Urban environment data needs (Chair: Czech Republic).

The draft mandates for the working groups on environmental management plans and systems, sustainable urban transport plans and urban environment research and training needs will be circulated before the meeting for comment and discussion. The meeting is encouraged to identify issues that the expert working groups must address in their work. The proposed membership of these 3 working groups will also be circulated for comment and suggestion of additional names.

The working group on urban environment data needs will be started later than the others and the mandate for this group will be discussed at a later stage.

The European Commission will undertake an Extended Impact Assessment for the Thematic Strategy. Data on costs and benefits of the ideas proposed in the Communication is welcome.

### **Agenda Item 4**

#### **17.30 Aalborg +10**

Information on the Aalborg +10 initiative ([www.aalborgplus10.dk](http://www.aalborgplus10.dk)) supported by the European Commission

### **Agenda Item 5**

#### **17.45 Any other business**

#### **18.00 CLOSE OF MEETING**

---

**Next Meetings of the EU Expert Group on the Urban Environment:  
12 July and 25 October.**