

**SPARC**  
TERRITORIAL CO-OPERATION FOR  
SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT

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**SPARC – AN INTERACT PROJECT**

Partners :

- Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh, Scotland
- Politecnico di Milano, Italy
- Universite de Luxembourg, Luxembourg
- Ljubljana University, Slovenia

We are looking for places in other European countries to help us deliver the programme

## What is SPARC?

- Innovative distance learning course about European spatial planning and sustainable development
- Aimed at improving territorial co-operation between countries and regions within them

## WHAT WILL SPARC PROVIDE?

### **Knowledge and skills:**

- i) Core modules covering:
  - Key concepts: competitiveness, sustainability, inclusion
  - Balanced urban development, corridors and urban-rural relationships
  - Governance and Co-operation
  - Methods and techniques
- ii) Case studies:
  - About a particular region, with European dimension
  - Interactive delivery and co-operation opportunities

### **Certificates**

## CASE STUDY: INNOVATION AND POLYCENTRICITY

- Aim to strengthen East of Scotland as an Innovative Euro region
- First: identify, out of 4 candidates, a secondary Ideopolis to complement Edinburgh
- Second: draw on neighbouring regions and wider area to help
- Point to relevant data eg accessibility, location of universities + science parks; and studies eg ESPON 2.4, North Sea Innovation studies

## BENEFITS OF TRANSNATIONAL WORKING

- A knowledge network
- Teaching materials reflecting European concepts + local level action
- A European certificate
- Engaging cross disciplinary participants

## RESULTS

- A learning tool accessible across Europe
- A network of deliverers in every country

## KEY QUESTIONS AND CHALLENGES

- Relating European and local levels
- Keeping up to date with concepts, practice and distance learning technology
- Legal aspects

## YOU CAN BE PART OF SPARC

- Helping to prepare the course: in a workshop or in the pilot phase, autumn 2006
- As a deliverer
- As a participant
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