



Rethinking local policies – spaces for innovation

Wednesday 31 May – Thursday 1 June 2023, Zebrastaat, Ghent, Belgium

31 May 2023, Day 1	
12h30	Registration with light welcome lunch
14h00 – 14h30	<p>Welcome & Introduction</p> <p>Welcome, presentation of the agenda and objectives of the four workshops (5 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erwin Siweris, programme director, Interreg Europe Joint Secretariat <p>The City of Ghent, a laboratory of integrated policies for local development (15 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathias De Clercq, Mayor of Ghent <p>Q&A session (10 minutes)</p>
14h30 – 14h45	Start of the thematic sessions
14h45 – 15h45	<p>Fab Labs & Makerspaces: flexible policy tools for place-based challenges</p> <p>Introduction from thematic experts (10 minutes)</p> <p>Presentation and Q&A (30 minutes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makerspaces and Fab Labs insights Laura Veart, Birmingham City University, United Kingdom (Urban M) Protolab Barbara Ślęk-Wojtowska, Anna Piorun, Podkarpackie Center for Innovation, Poland (FOUNDATION) Food FABLAB - A Shared Productive Unit for AgriFood Sector Marco Alves, Tagus Valley, Portugal (Agri Renaissance) <p>Open discussion and Q&A session – moderated by the Thematic experts (20 minutes)</p>
15h45- 16h15	Coffee break and preparation for study visit
16h15 – 18h15	Study visits at <u>Timelab Ghent</u>
20h00	Networking cocktail with food



1 June 2023, Day 2	
08h30	Welcome coffee
9h00 – 11h00	Innovation centres – design, implementation, and financial models. Presentation of good practices (15 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Business and Shared Services Centre Ricardo Gonçalves, Municipality of Fundão, Portugal (INNO INDUSTRY)▪ The Digital Innovation Room Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Jennifer Billowie, WITENO, Germany (NEXT2MET)▪ Valleta Cluster Design Joanne Attard Mallia, Valletta Cultural Agency, Malta (DESIGN4INNOVATION) Speakers' panel discussion with Q&A session Group work discussion Conclusions
11h00 – 11h30	Coffee break
11h30 – 12h30	Concluding plenary
12h30	Lunch
14h	End of the event
1 June 2023, Day 2 - Afternoon	
14h00 16h30	Matchmaking sessions (upon interest) What is a matchmaking? A matchmaking session is a two-hour in-depth discussion with a selected group of experts around a specific policy challenge that is put forward by the person asking for it. The discussion is therefore tailored to respond to specific policy needs and questions. We invite relevant policymakers to share their experiences. The discussion is designed and moderated by the Platform thematic experts . The matchmaking sessions are a great opportunity to meet relevant peers from other parts of Europe and find inspiration in their good practices. Capacity: we can organise up to 4 matchmaking sessions in parallel