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*The International Society of
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*“By far the greatest and most
admirable form of wisdom
is that needed to plan and
beautify cities and
human communities”*

– Socrates

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Daniele Vettorato (Italy) leads a research team in urban and regional energy systems in the institute for Renewable Energy at EURAC Research, based in Bolzano, Italy. He holds a PhD from the University of Trento, focused on sustainable energy in cities and regions. Daniele has co-authored over 50 publications cited over 150 times and has been invited as lecturer and speaker in more than 50 events, trainings and universities courses. He worked in Brazil, Chile, Cambodia, Kenya, Mozambique, UAE, Russia, China. Daniele coordinates a research team of 20 professionals @EURAC research, has been project manager in several EU co-funded project and is technical and scientific coordinator of two Smart City and Communities Light house projects in Europe (total budget over 50M€).

DIDIER VANCUTSEM



Didier Vancutsem (Germany/ Belgium) is an international consultant in Urban and Regional Planning, Landscape Planning, Infrastructure and Environmental Management with 25 years research and planning experience, based in Munich and has degrees in City and Regional Planning, Landscape Architecture and Regional management. He is professor at the Brussels University Faculty of Architecture. He has gained professional experience worldwide, e.g. as expert for the EU, in the elaboration of national strategies for urban development, in regional strategies and abroad (Africa, Russia, Asia), and on the local level. He is involved in different European and international research projects. As past Secretary General of ISOCARP, he is now responsible for project management at the ISOCARP Institute.

MARTIN DUBBELING



Martin Dubbeling (The Netherlands) is an urban planner and urban designer specialised in sustainable urban design. In 2013 he founded Connecting Cities, office for research, consultancy, design and communication in sustainable urban and regional planning. Martin is an active and senior practitioner in spatial planning, urban planning, landscape architecture and the environment in the Netherlands and internationally. Furthermore, he is one of the authors of the award winning and best-selling books 'Sustainable Urban Design, Perspectives and Examples' (2005) and 'Sustainable Urban Design, The Next Step' (2010). As Vice President and Programme Manager of the Urban Planning Advisory Teams (UPATs) of ISOCARP (2010-2018), he organised several UPAT workshops all over the world.

ISOCARP Institute OUR HISTORY

Founding of ISOCARP 1965



Founded as a global non-profit association of experienced professionals from academia, governmental organisations and private consultancies. Highly qualified urban and regional planners from various sectors aim at mutual cooperation and world-wide networking in order to facilitate the improvement of our cities and territories through research, planning practice, education and training. ISOCARP is officially recognised by the Council of Europe, UN-Habitat and United Nations.



Service delivery currently

ISOCARP Institute implements activities which so far have been developed within ISOCARP organisation, such as: UPATs and YPPs. The expertise of the worldwide members from ISOCARP is utilised to make use of the already existing knowledge base.

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Founding of ISOCARP Institute 2016

Established in 2016 as a foundation, the ISOCARP Institute - Centre for Urban Excellence - is the practice-centred research spin-off of the International Society of City and Regional Planners. The focus lies on project-based work as well as the facilitation of activities which benefit from and contribute to the extensive membership base of ISOCARP, including the development of global capacity development, training and educational programmes with and for members.

INTRODUCTION

OUR VISION AND OBJECTIVES

The Institute is initiated as a world-class knowledge bank and think tank for planning excellence which empowers individuals, organisations and institutions to achieve better human settlements.

With over five decades of accumulated knowledge and expertise manifested in both our members and within the society, ISOCARP initiated ISOCARP Institute as a research spin-off for generating and disseminating knowledge for better cities and territories.

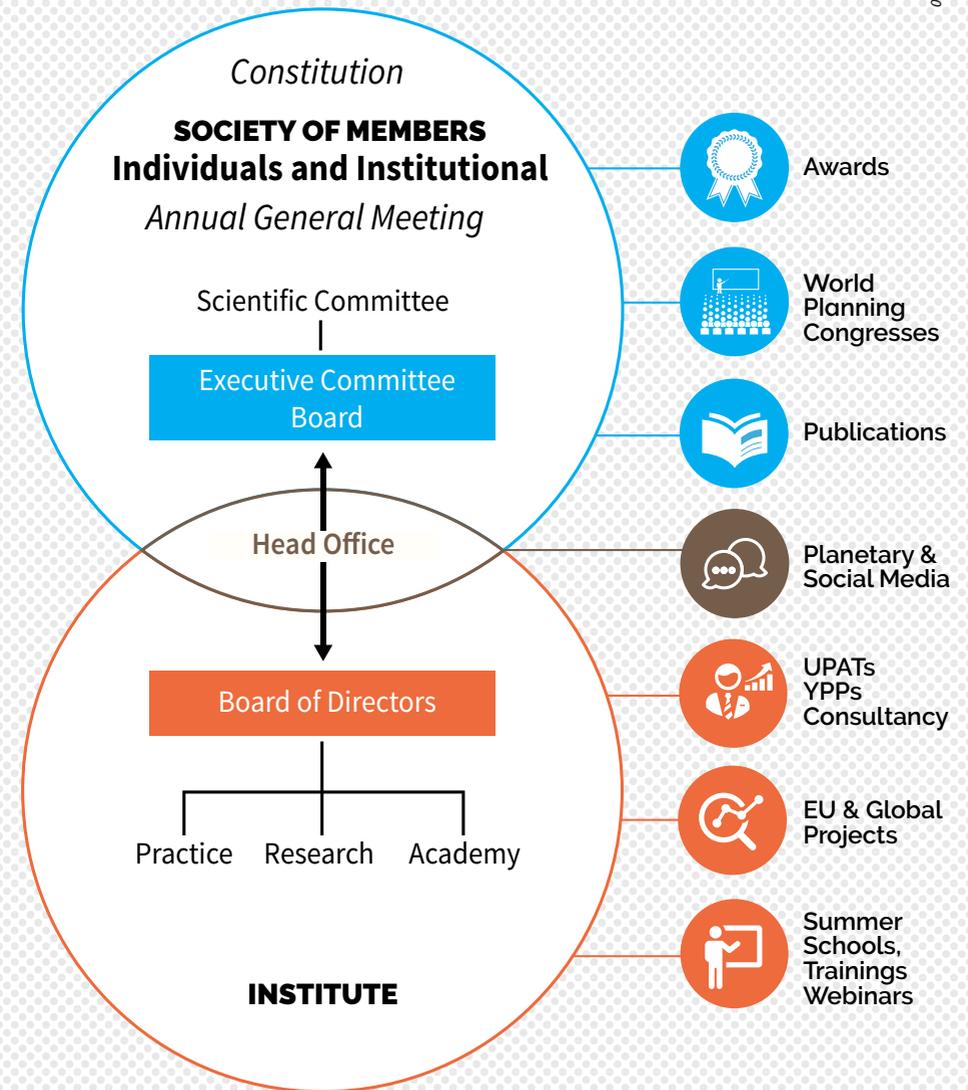


During the past fifty years, ISOCARP has successfully organised annual international congresses receiving numerous papers, articles and contributions, thus accruing a wealth of knowledge. Furthermore, ISOCARP has initiated many international workshops, regional seminars as well as training sessions with and for young and senior planning professionals and has published numerous reports and articles in the annual Review. With this legacy, ISOCARP has accumulated the resources, skills and deep-rooted know-how central to support and exchange knowledge with the ISOCARP Institute, the Centre for Urban Excellence. We are committed to knowledge generation, documentation and dissemination of research and projects advancing the future of sustainable urban regions.



The Institute's prime objectives include strengthening cross-border collaboration globally; upholding professional excellence in planning; offering trainings advancing sustainable planning; increasing awareness of major development trends and promoting best practices; all while serving as an "Urban Think Tank" facilitating the generation and dissemination of knowledge for better cities.

The Institute's *core function* is to design and deliver capacity building and continuing education programmes to individuals, organisations and institutions; conduct research and promote knowledge transfer; as well as offer advice and short-term consultancy services to government, non-government and international bodies worldwide.



Service 1
Research

We contribute actively to the urban research community through our work on EU Research Projects, publications, academic exchange, and strong network of academic professionals.

Service 3
Academy

Through our new branch, the ISOCARP Academy, we facilitate our vast network and train young professionals and public representatives through our Young Planning Professionals Programme, seminars, and online education.

Service 2
Practice

We support public and private institutions through a variety of programmes, including the Urban Planning Advisory Teams (UPATs), technical assistance and review, building upon over 55 years of knowledge generation.

CAPABILITIES AND SERVICES

ADVANCING THE FUTURE OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT THROUGH EVIDENCE-BASED RESEARCH, PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION & EXPERT ADVISORY.

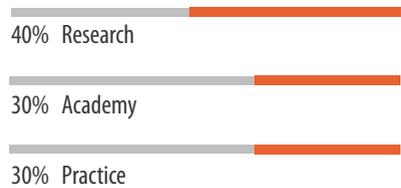


OUR PROJECTS WORLDWIDE ACTIVITIES



16 PROJECT & ACTIVITIES

Advancing the future of urban development through evidence-based research, professional education & expert advisory



85 COUNTRIES

With an outreach of 85 countries, ISOCARP Institute participates in a variety of external projects under different programmes (UN-Habitat, European Union), and collaborates with world renowned organisations such as, World Health Organisation, United Nations, etc. Main topics offered through our research projects, professional educations and expert advisory team, encompass a wide range of fields related to urban development; such as Inclusive Cities, Urban Governance, Migration and Refugees in Urban Areas, Urban Culture and Heritage, Urban and Spatial Planning and Design, Public Space, Informal Sector, Urban Resilience, Housing, Smart Cities, etc.

OUR PROJECTS RESEARCH-BASED PROJECTS

EU Project | HORIZON 2020 +CityxChange

+CityxChange is a smart city project granted funding by the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme. It brings the two aspiring Lighthouse Cities Trondheim (NO) and Limerick (IE) together with their distinguished Follower Cities Alba Iulia (RO), Pisek (CZ), Vöru (EST), Smolyan (BG) and Sestao (ES), to underline their ambition to achieve sustainable urban ecosystems that have zero emissions and establish a 100% renewable energy city-region by 2050.

EU Project | HORIZON 2020 ThinkNature

In order to achieve more sustainable and resilient societies, Nature-Based Solutions are an important topic on the EU Research and Innovation policy agenda. The ThinkNature project is part of Horizon 2020, the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation and has received funding under grant agreement No 730338. The objective of the ThinkNature project is the development of a platform that supports the understanding and promotion of Nature-Based Solutions.

STRELKA Project Integral Guidelines for Urban Territories

The 'Integral Guidelines for Urban Territories - A set of principles for the integrated development of urban areas' is a guidance document published by STRELKA KB, Moscow, in December 2018, aiming to define the main approaches to design the development of residential and mixed-use areas for Russia, in correspondence with the needs and demands of residents, while taking into account the peculiar characteristics of development in Russian cities and the best international practices in the transformation of the urban environment. ISOCARP Institute conducted its review by facilitating the knowledge of international experts.

OUR PROJECTS

URBAN PLANNING ADVISORY TEAM



Placemaking Week
Wuhan – CHINA



Revitalisation of the heritage area
Guangzhou – CHINA



Financial cooperation models for urban transformation
Durban – SOUTH AFRICA

The goal of UPATs is to mobilise the extensive planning expertise of ISOCARP members in order to assist cities and regions with their projects, programmes, and policies on spatial planning, urban design and placemaking. UPATs are organised on demand, comprising both senior and junior planners, and they present their advisory in a dedicated report and/or Plan Magazine.

PRACTICE AND RESEARCH:

*Design Charrettes,
Consultancy Projects,
Studio Workshops,
City-lab*

CAPACITY BUILDING:

Trainings, Field Workshops

RESEARCH AND CAPACITY BUILDING:

Makeathon Workshops

REPORTS AND MAGAZINES:

Publications and visibility



OUR PROJECTS YOUNG PLANNING PROFESSIONALS - ACADEMY

- International Young Planning Professionals' Workshops (YPP)
- National and Regional Young Planning Professionals' Workshops (NR-YPP)
- Young Planning Professionals' Network



Established in 1991 through a partnership with UNESCO, the YPP is an educational programme, which aims at providing young and ambitious planners, under the age of 35, with an opportunity to learn new professional skills, to gain valuable work experiences in a multicultural and multi-stakeholder environment, and to network.

- *Brief, intensive group exercises on urban planning and design*
- *Tackling real-life planning challenges in the host city*
- *Led by experienced ISOCARP members and local tutors*
- *Meet peers from ISOCARP's global network*

PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

WORLDWIDE ACTIVITIES

*BENEFITING
FROM 55 YEARS
OF WORLDWIDE
ESTABLISHED
PARTNERSHIPS
FROM ISOCARP*

In the past fifty years, ISOCARP has established partnerships, among others, with UN and EU bodies, and international events around the world. ISOCARP Institute keeps benefiting from the already established organisational partnerships. More partnerships have been established while participating in common projects in the EU and globally while the Institute keeps investing in its global and diverse urban expertise in making a cooperation a success.



Formal consultative status as a recognised Non-Governmental organisation with UNESCO



UNITED NATIONS

ISOCARP is accredited as an NGO by the United Nations

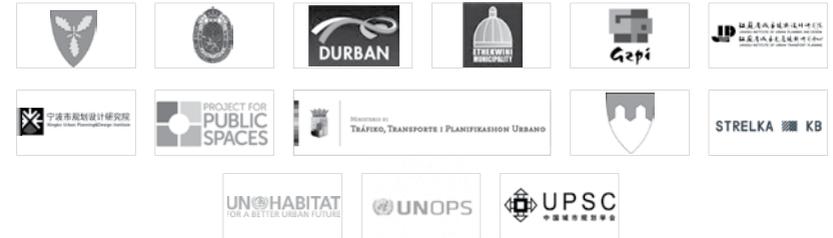


COUNCIL OF EUROPE / CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

Officially recognised as an accredited NGO with consultative status with the Council of Europe

Representations

Established partnerships through EU projects and international training



International trainings



Consortium partners

ISOCARP INSTITUTE TEAM THIS TEAM WORKS FOR YOU



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Who are the ISOCARP Institute staff members?

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