The Dевентер workshop was developed to foster a better understanding of spatial planning legal frameworks and their subsequent issues. The workshop consisted of presentations from local municipalities and international urban planning professionals, a site visit, and an implementation lab.

The diverse presentations ranged from how local governments will integrate the proposed Dutch Environmental Planning Act to collaborative planning processes of redeveloped informal settlements in South Africa. Workshop participants toured Deventer’s Harbor Quarter where old industrial buildings are being transformed into mixed-use community-oriented spaces.

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General Outcomes
- Widen perspectives regarding the innovative instruments recently developed in the Netherlands;
- Provide more freedom for bottom-up processes and strengthen collaboration during decision-making;
- Stimulate ideas for flexibility of decision-making for all levels of spatial-environmental policy.

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Exchangeability of Values
- Proactive community participation must be implemented to define environmental and social values as well as compensation mechanisms on a site level.

Deregulated Space
- Values are determined at different levels indicating what is non-negotiable and negotiable when creating a reliable planning framework.

Power Balance
- Foster more individual participation rather than representative participation.
- Flexibility through negotiation.

Zoning Plan with a Broad Scope – Harbor Quarter, Deventer
An iterative communication process was at the heart of the participatory approach in developing the Harbor Quarter. Mixed-use zoning plans allow for vibrant areas and smart combinations: the patchwork of functions is the plan’s quality.

Collaborative Planning in Cape Town: Reblocking
Planners play the role of mediators to overcome lack of trust and cohesion within.

Environmental Plan – Binckhorst, The Hague
The plan is open-ended and flexible. The plan leaves room for and facilitates initiatives, but the municipality has to formulate common goals.

The ISO Carp 2015 workshop in Deventer, the Netherlands, aims to develop an integrated planning approach which promotes comprehensive stakeholder involvement while also enabling flexibility for local governments to contextualize Environmental Planning Act policies for their respective communities.

The workshop participants organized into three focus groups to conceptualize vague gaps in the implementation phase of the Environmental Planning Act and produce recommendations for local communities to integrate into existent planning practices. While the three focus groups provided a variety of recommendations, some themes overlapped among groups: (1) there needs to be both negotiable and non-negotiable components for the implementation phase; (2) a visualization process to set shared community values; (3) encouragement of citizen participation; and (4) ensuring a dynamic both top-down and bottom-up approach to local plans.

Preparation Process

The preparation process involved developing an integrated planning approach which promotes comprehensive stakeholder involvement while also enabling flexibility for local governments to contextualize Environmental Planning Act policies for their respective communities.

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Summary

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Visit to Deventer’s Historic City Center

Deregulation Process

Open Development Buikslotherham - Amsterdam

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