

NASC - WEST IRELAND EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP

Established in 1992, NASC, a regional partnership representing the Gaeltacht counties on the Atlantic periphery, keeps its partners continuously informed about key emerging EU issues, challenges and opportunities, contributes to policy and programme processes and facilitates and coordinates EU projects for its partners.

NASC PARTNERS

The County Councils for Cork, Donegal, Galway, Kerry and Mayo, Galway City Council, NUI Galway, Údarás na Gaeltachta and the West Regional Authority.

NASC MISSION STATEMENT

“A culturally-distinctive, innovative and dynamic regional partnership, contributing to sustainable territorial development – local and regional – through informed, proactive and coordinated engagement with the EU, its regions and cities.”

NASC BRUSSELS OFFICE

NASC partners have direct access to the EU policy community in Brussels via the NASC Brussels Office, which advises them about EU policy, programme and funding issues and related opportunities and challenges, develops links with the EU institutions and with regions and cities throughout Europe, and coordinates NASC partners' participation in EU projects.

NASC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The NASC Annual Conference, a key event in the NASC calendar, provides a forum for informed discussion on topical EU policy issues and their implications, targeted at members and officers of partner organisations and other interested participants. Organised by the Liaison Officers Group within NASC, the 2008 conference will address sustainable development from a peripheral, Atlantic perspective, focusing in particular on energy, transport and regeneration issues. Contributors from European, national and local levels will present policy perspectives and case studies, including papers from Spain and the UK, and open discussion sessions will provide opportunity for participants to share views, experiences and issues on topics that are of high relevance and currency for all NASC partner organisations.

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Options, Opportunities and Opinions

NASC Annual Conference 2008

Comhdháil Bhliantúil NASC 2008



Ard Rí House Hotel, Tuam, Co. Galway
Thursday 5th June 2008
Óstán Ard Rí, Tuaim, Co. na Gaillimhe
Déardaoin 5ú Meitheamh 2008



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Conference Objectives:

- Inform about key aspects of EU and national sustainable development policy
- Share experiences from other European regions and cities
- Discuss issues for NASC partners in a new and challenging policy context
- Facilitate contributions by NASC partners to ongoing policy debates

9.00 – 9.30 a.m. Clárú/Registration

9.30 – 9.35 a.m. Focal Fáiltithe

Mr. Frank Dawson, Deputy Galway County Manager/Cathaoirleach NASC Steering Group

9.35 – 9.40 a.m. Opening Address

Cllr. Seán Canney, Mayor of the County of Galway

Cuid 1 – Cathaoirleach: Mr. Iain Douglas

Comhairle Chontae Mhaigh Eo/Grúpa Stiúrtha NASC

9.40 – 10.10 a.m.

Future Challenges for Irish Regions as Part of Europe

Mr. Martin Territt, Director, European Commission Representation in Ireland

10.10 – 10.40 a.m.

Successful Urban Regeneration – The Case of Bilbao

Mr. Alfonso Martinez Cearra, General Manager, Bilbao Metropoli-30, Spain

10.40 – 11.10 a.m.

Sustainable Transport Services – Linking Rural and Urban Transport

Mr. David Browne, Sustainability Advisor, Department of Transport

11.10 – 11.30 a.m. Sos (Tae Caife)

11.30 – 12.00 a.m.

Design and Landscape for People – New Approaches to Renewal

Ms. Lucy Musgrave, General Public Agency, London, UK

12.00 – 12.30 p.m.

Dundalk 2020 – The Dundalk Sustainable Energy Zone Project

Ms. Aideen O’Hora, Dundalk 2020 (invited)

12.30 – 12.50 p.m. Fóram Oscailte/Discussion Forum

12.50 – 2.00 p.m. Lón

Cuid 2 – Cathaoirleach: Ms. Sharon Corcoran

Comhairle Chontae Chorcaí/Grúpa Stiúrtha NASC

2.00 – 2.30 p.m.

Developing Renewable Energy for a Regional Economy

Mr. Paul Dykes

Sustainable Energy Ireland

2.30 – 3.00 p.m.

Wood Energy Fuelling Our Region – A Case Study

Ms. Bernadette Phelan

Western Development Commission

3.00 – 3.30 p.m.

Sustainable Transport – A Local Authority Response to the Consultation on 2020 Vision.

Mr. Paul Ridge

Director of Planning & Sustainable Development, Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe

3.30 – 4.00 p.m.

Fóram Oscailte/Discussion Forum

4.00 p.m.

Focal Scoir/Closing Words

Mr. John Bennett, Director, NASC

Conference Fee: €150 per delegate

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