



PROGRAMME

Thursday 16th November 2006 (*Crowne Plaza, Bruges*)

08.30-09.30	<i>Registration</i>	
09.30-09.40	Welcome Mrs. <i>Véronique Bernard</i> , European Commission	
09.40-10.00	Opening Mrs. <i>Helga Stevens</i> , Member of the Flemish Parliament	
10.00-10.45	SESSION "The POLIS Projects: Results and Prospects" Chair: Mr. <i>Jan Desmyter</i>, BBR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Next Day of POLIS. From Concept to New Business Roll-Out Mr. <i>Nikos Sakkas</i>, Daedalus Auditing and Enhancing the Accessibility of Public Buildings using POLIS Mr. <i>Asier Mediavilla</i>, LABEIN-Tecnalia 	
10.45-11.15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11.15-12.30	SESSION "Universal Design Research" Chair: Mr. <i>Nikos Sakkas</i>, BPM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biomechanical Contributions to Accessibility: The IBV Experience Mr. <i>Barberà Guillem Ricard</i>, Instituto de Biomecánica de Valencia Roundabouts for All: Construction of Roundabouts also Useable by Pedestrians with Visual Impairment – Specifications and Requirements in Germany Mr. <i>Markus Rebstock</i>, University of Applied Sciences Erfurt Towards Universal University Buildings Mrs. <i>Ann Heylighen</i>, Mr. <i>Sam Michiels</i>, Mrs. <i>Sabine Van Huffel</i>, KULeuven Housing Accessibility in Spain: State-of-the-Art, Empirical Evidence and Proposals Mr. <i>Fernando Alonso</i>, Aceplan 	SESSION "Economics & Services" Chair: Mr. <i>Yair Sharan</i>, ICTAF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economical Benefits of the Design for All (POLIS Project) Mrs. <i>Katarzyna Swiezawska-Ambroziak</i>, ASM Performance Indicators for the Seismic Upgrading of Existing Irregular Buildings Mr. <i>Paolo Negro</i>, Joint Research Centre of the European Commission Accessibility and Adaptability Stimulate Innovation in the Building Sector Mr. <i>Jan Desmyter</i> and Mr. <i>Stefan Danschutter</i>, Belgian Building Research Institute EASPD – European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities Mr. <i>Luk Zelderloo</i>, EASPD Accessibility for Pedestrians into Old Cities – The Case of Jerusalem Mrs. <i>Yael D. Lahav</i>, Jerusalem Municipality
	12.30-13.45	<i>Lunch</i>
13.45-15.00	SESSION "Policy Issues" Chair: Mr. <i>Asier Mediavilla</i>, LABEIN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessibility Policies: An Overview Mr. <i>Jan Desmyter</i> and Mrs. <i>Isabelle Lechat</i>, Belgian Building Research Institute Laws and Plans for Accessibility of Public Buildings in Italy Mrs. <i>Isabella Tiziana Steffan</i>, Progettazione & Ricerca A Successful Local Policy on Accessibility: the Combined Action of different Actors and the Covenant-Method as a Good Practice Mr. <i>Steven Vos</i>, Toegankelijkheidsbureau vzw The Build for All Project – Implementation of Design for All in Public Procurement Mr. <i>Silvio Sagromola</i>, Info-Handicap – National Disability Council 	SESSION "Education, Information and Sensitisation" Chair: Mrs. <i>Katarzyna Swiezawska-Ambroziak</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building for Everyone – Smart, Functional and Innovative The Norwegian Education and Information Programme in the Building Sector Mr. <i>Tone Ronnevig</i>, National Office of Building Technology and Administration The Benefits of Building Barrier-Free: Costs and Willingness to Pay for Increased Accessibility in Housing Mr. <i>Fernando Alonso</i>, Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona Information and Awareness – The Biggest Problems in the Disabled People Lives Mrs. <i>Mirjana Dobranovic</i>, Croatian Union of Physically Disabled Persons Associations Education, Information and Sensitisation: EU.FOR.ME Tourist Training for a Wider Target Mr. <i>Peter Neumann</i>, Neumann Consult A Comprehensible Accessibility Guide: "Pregúntame!" ("Ask me!") Project Mr. <i>Poveda Puente Rakel</i>, Instituto de Biomecánica de Valencia
	15.00-15.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15.30-16.30	SESSION "Policy Issues" (continued) Chair: Mrs. <i>Annagrazia Laura</i>, COIN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Austrian Policy Supporting a More Accessible Environment – Legislation, Building, Regulations, Monitoring, Training and Financial Grants Mrs. <i>Monika Anna Klenovec</i>, TU Wien The New – and Inclusive – Danish Building Code Mrs. <i>Camilla Ryhl</i>, Danish Building Research Institute Accessibility in Israel – Policy and Case Study Mr. <i>Yair Sharan</i>, ICTAF & Mrs. <i>Judith Bendel</i>, Access Unlimited Why is Accessibility always on the Hands of the Associative Sector? Mr. <i>Christian de Strycker</i>, GAMAH 	
	16.30-17.00	Decision Support for Assessing Buildings Accessibility – POLIS Project Mrs. <i>Anna Grazia Laura</i> , CO.IN Cooperative Integrate Onlus
17.00-17.15	Closing of the POLIS International Conference Mr. <i>Paul Breynne</i> , Governor of the Province of West Flanders	
18.00-19.00	<i>Reception at the City Hall of Bruges, Welcome by Mrs. Hilde Decler, Alderman of the City of Bruges</i>	
19.30-....	<i>Conference Dinner</i>	