



## **SEMINAR**

# **Sharing Experiences Across Borders**

**Planning and Local Government on the Island of Ireland**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Dundalk**

**Friday 30, September 2011**

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## AGENDA AND SPEAKERS

09.30 – 10.00a.m.	Registration & Refreshments	
<b>Welcome Address: Hubert Kearns, CCMA Chair, Local Authority Forum</b> <b>Session 1: Chair – Liam Flanigan, Limavady Borough Council</b>		
10.00a.m. – 10.20a.m.	<b>Setting the Context:</b> <i>The Island of Ireland within Europe</i>  European planning hierarchy and territorial agenda; how the island of Ireland fits into the EU context	<b>Planning Reform and the Cross Border Region</b>  - Mr. Jean Peyrony, Director General, Mission Opérationnelle Transfrontalière (MOT), France
10.20a.m – 10.40a.m.	<b>Issues of Shared Interest</b>  - collaborative spatial framework	<b>Planning Processes on the Island of Ireland</b>  - Mr. Pádraig Maguire, RPG Implementation Officer, Border Regional Authority
10.40a.m – 11.00a.m.	<b>Plenary 1:</b>  <b>Q &amp; A/Discussion</b>	<b>Identifying Challenges and/or Opportunities for Planning and LG on the Island of Ireland</b>  Facilitated by Liam Flanigan
<b>Session 2: Local Government and Planning</b> <b>Chair: Niall Cussen, Department of the Environment, Community &amp; Local Government, ROI</b>		
11.00a.m. – 11.45a.m.	Sharing Experiences  <b>Theme 1 – Capacity Building</b>	<b>The (Potential) Role of Councillors in the Planning Process</b>  - Councillor Tom Kelleher, Fingal County Council  - Fiona McCandless, Director of Local Planning Division, Department of the Environment, Northern Ireland
11.45a.m. – 12.00p.m.	Refreshments	

<b>Session 3: Evidence Based Planning</b> <b>Chair: Ian Maye, Department of the Environment, Northern Ireland</b>		
12.00p.m. – 12.45p.m.	Sharing Experiences  <b>Theme 2 – Evidence Based Planning</b>	<i>Councillors and Decision-Making: the role of the evidence base</i>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Alderman Jack Beattie, Castlereagh Borough Council</li> <li>- Deirdre Scully, Senior Executive Planner, Dublin City Council</li> </ul>
<b>Session 4: Councillor Jim Dillon, Chair NILGA Planning Working Group</b> <b>Lisburn City Council</b>		
12.45p.m. – 1.30p.m.	Q & A/ Round table discussion  -Identification of themes for further examination	<i>Learning from Shared Experiences</i>  Brief report of each session  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Karen Keaveney, Queen's University Belfast &amp; ICLR</li> </ul>
1.30p.m	Lunch and Conference Close	



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Closing date for registrations will be **Friday 23 September.**

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