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Venue and transport

Venue

Hortus Botanicus (Botanic Gardens)
Laranjazaal (Laranja meeting room)
Plantage Middenlaan 2a
Amsterdam, The Netherlands



Transport

From Amsterdam Central Station, take tram 9 or 14.
Leave the tram at the stop 'Mr. Visserplein'.
After 150 meters, the venue is on your right.

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ToolS

Tools for Comparable Local Surveys

Development project
supported by the European Union*)



**International Conference
to discuss
the development concept**

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Equal Opportunities

TooLS – tasks and organisation

Addressing the social and demographic change in the European Union are great challenges especially for local and regional authorities. To recognise and monitor these changes and to take appropriate measures to cope with them requires information that European and national surveys cannot provide.

The European Commission supports with this project the development of **tools for comparable surveys on the local level** for which existing cooperative projects of local authorities in the KOSIS association prove to be good starting points. These city networks will help to create the transparency necessary for successful local and regional policies, benchmarking and mutual learning.

With the KOSIS association's well established statistical management system **DUVA**, a powerful technical tool will be further developed to be made available for Europe-wide applications.

The comparative data collection of the European **Urban Audit** and Perception Survey will be used as starting points for targeted collections of comparable data and surveys on the local level including information not yet available, and for incorporating local authorities that are not yet part of the project. Cooperation with local service providers and with additional cities is an essential objective.

For surveys on the local level, exemplary modules of questions will be developed, discussed with the local authorities involved and tested by practical application. The Institute of Sociology of Freiburg University **IfS** with its associated Institute for Applied Social Science **FIFAS e.V.** will provide the necessary scientific foundation. It is their task to develop the modules of questions and evaluate the test results.

The cities of Amsterdam and Helsinki have been won as experienced European partners with their departments of urban research and statistics **Dienst Onderzoek en Statistiek** (Amsterdam) und **City of Helsinki Urban Facts**. They guarantee the European orientation of the project's content and organisation. Like the German partners they will test the modules of questions and the DUVA tools incorporating additional partner cities in their countries.

1st International TooLS Conference

At this first conference, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities will explain their expectations regarding the organisation and results of this project. The project partners will discuss their development concept with experts from interested cities. At the same time, they hope to win additional cities, also from other European countries, to join the project and test, in their own interest, the modules of questions and technical tools, with the prospect of applying them regularly in their cities.

The project partners would especially welcome participants from additional cities and from national and European city networks.

The programme of this project and of the conference addresses experts engaged in aspects of demographic change, particularly the ageing population, as well as urban researchers and statisticians trying to provide the necessary information for effective local policies in this field.

The **conference language** will be English.

Conference programme

- Introduction of the TooLS project – objectives, content and organisation
- Information needs and the audience to be addressed
- Integrated data management through DUVA tools
- Comparative local surveys
 - modules of questions for local surveys on citizens, local authorities and service providers (incl. housing)
 - monitoring system of available statistical indicators
- Integrating and coordinating city networks
- Work programme and next steps in the TooLS project
- Further questions, open discussion, conclusions

A more detailed programme will shortly be published on the internet: <http://www.soziologie.uni-freiburg.de/tools>

Who can participate?

The conference is intended to serve as an introduction to the project and to discuss its content and organisation with the aim to create a wider interest in a cooperative development and in the provision of comparable information for effective local policies – not only for the immediate project partners but also for experts from other European cities and city networks.

Expected participants are therefore not only representatives of DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities and experts of the immediate project partners. Cordially invited are also participants interested in learning more about the project envisaging for their own cities to join in the development and test the tools with a perspective to later apply them regularly in cooperation with other partners in a city network.

Participation is free of charge.

Please register, if possible before the end of April, via

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- e-mail TooLS@fifas.de

Hotels

Amsterdam is a busy city. So please book your accommodation as soon as possible. Lists of hotels can be found on the Internet under www.booking.com.

Our Amsterdam hosts recommend the following hotels in easy reach of the conference venue:

- The Eden Lancaster Hotel *** is a 7 minute walk from the conference venue. Prices are approximately 100 € per night. <http://www.lancasteramsterdamhotel.com>
- Ibis Hotel Stopera *** is a 15 minute walk from the conference venue. Prices are approximately 100 € per night. <http://www.ibishotel.com/gb/hotel-3044-ibis-amsterdam-city-stopera/index.shtml>