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Planners, environmentalists, architects, engineers, policy makers and economists have to work together to ensure that planning and development can meet our present needs without compromising the ability of future generations.

Problems related to development and planning, which affect rural and urban areas, are present in all regions of the world. Accelerated urbanisation has resulted in deterioration of the environment and loss of quality of life. Urban development can also aggravate problems faced by rural areas such as forests, mountain regions and coastal areas, amongst many others. Taking into consideration the interaction between different regions and developing new methodologies for monitoring, planning and implementation of novel strategies can offer solutions mitigating environmental pollution and non-sustainable use of available resources.

Energy saving and eco-friendly building approaches have become an important part of modern development, which places special emphasis on resource optimisation. Planning has a key role to play in ensuring that these solutions as well as new materials and processes are incorporated in the most efficient manner.

Sustainable Development and Planning 2020 will bring together academics, policy makers, practitioners and other stakeholders from across the globe to discuss the latest advances in the field. The conference will discuss new academic findings and their application in planning and development strategies, assessment tools and decision making processes.

All published papers from previous meetings are permanently archived in the Wessex Institute e-library (www.witpress.com/elibrary) where they are freely available to the international community.

Location

Located in North East Spain, Bilbao finds itself between the Cantabrian Sea and the Basque Mountains. The Bilbao estuary runs across the city, adding to the already beautiful landscape. Once an industrial hub, Bilbao is now a sophisticated city that is constantly evolving, known for its architectural allure and vibrant culture. The city mixes old and new, from a neo-baroque theatre, an art nouveau train station and several spectacular cathedrals to Frank Gehry’s Guggenheim Museum, the Zubizuri Bridge, and the Azkuna Zentroa cultural centre.

Gastronomy enthusiasts will find an abundance of restaurants and be able to discover and enjoy the famous Basque cuisine; the city has several Michelin Star awarded restaurants, pintxo bars, traditional taverns and cider restaurants.

Conference Venue

The conference will take place at the Hotel Gran Bilbao. This modern hotel has 202 rooms, underground private parking, free WiFi, a restaurant and a bar.

The hotel is only an 8-minute walk from Bilbao old town and well connected by public transport to the city’s tourist attractions.
Benefits of Attending

USB Drive
Delegates will receive a USB drive at the conference containing the presented papers.

Publication
Papers presented at Sustainable Development and Planning 2020 are to be published in a Volume of WIT Transactions on Ecology and the Environment (ISSN 1743-3541). The publication will be available both in electronic and hard copy.

Indexing
The WIT Transactions are DOI registered with CrossRef and are currently listed in indexing services such as Scopus and Google Scholar, as well as being submitted to the Web of Science. All conference books are listed in the British Library and American Library of Congress.

Open Access and Digital Archive
All conference papers are archived permanently on our electronic library where they can be downloaded for free (www.witpress.com/elibrary).

Peer review
To ensure the quality of our publications, abstracts and papers are double peer-reviewed by members of the International Scientific Advisory Committee and other experts, with manuscripts processed through CrossRef Similarity Check.

Reduced Fee for PhD Students
The Wessex Institute believes in the importance of encouraging PhD students to present and publish innovative research at its conferences. As a result, the Institute offers PhD students a much reduced conference fee.

Networking
Participants can present their research and interact with experts from around the world, as part of a unique community.

Journal Publication Opportunity
After the conference, delegates will be invited to submit enhanced versions of the conference paper to the International Journal of Environmental Impacts (ISSN 2398-2640), International Journal of Transport Development and Integration (ISSN: 2058-8305) or International Journal of Energy Production and Management (ISSN: 2056-3272).

Conference Topics
The following list covers some of the topics to be presented at the conference. Papers on other subjects related to the objectives of the meeting are also welcome.

Regional planning
City planning
Sustainability and the built environment
Cultural heritage
Environmental policies and planning
Education for sustainable development
Sustainable tourism
Resources management
Rural areas developments
Urban growth
Sustainable supply chains
Sustainable solutions in emerging countries
Sustainable mobility
Energy efficiency
Sustainable Energy resources
Urban utilities and services
Climate change
Waste management
Urban flooding and drainage
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Submission Information

Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted as soon as possible.

Abstracts should clearly state the purpose, results and conclusions of the work to be described in the final paper. Final acceptance will be based on the full-length paper which, if accepted for publication, must be presented at the conference.

The language of the conference will be English.

Online submission: www.witconferences.com/sdp2020

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