



Call for participants Workshop COST Action TU 1306 CyberParks

Workshop Co-Creating of Inclusive and Mediated Public Spaces Lisbon, Portugal | 13th to 16th February 2017

Expressions of interest are invited from the COST Action TU1306 "Fostering knowledge about the relationship between Information and Communication Technologies and Public Spaces"(CyberParks)" to participate in a young planners, PhD/ Early stage researchers level workshop related to the co-creation of inclusive and mediated public open space.

CeIED Interdisciplinary Research Centre for Education and Development, Universidade Lusófona, Lisbon, in cooperation with LNEC - National Laboratory of Civil Engineering.

Theme

In the Workshop **Co-Creating of Inclusive and Mediated Public Spaces**, participants will explore the concept of inclusiveness and co-creation of public spaces as a means of citizen empowerment and user oriented design, towards maximising the response to user needs. In particular, participants will reflect on the interactions between people, places, and technology in creating open spaces mashed-up with technology and will investigate how to make use of the opportunities opened up digital technologies to engage and activate citizens around the public spaces in urban areas.

No doubt, digital technologies have greatly changed society and the way people communicate and interact. In turn, digital technologies enable people to capture and share personal experiences in new ways that create new forms of learning, gathering, and communicating across multiple contexts.

In a four days' programme, participants will work in small interdisciplinary teams towards increasing the understanding on approaches for the co-creation of inclusive public open spaces via digital devices. The programme includes lectures from and discussions with urban designers and leading researchers in related field. Participants will also be encouraged to share and exchange their own knowledge and experiences.

Who can apply?

The workshop is designed as CPD (Continuing Professional Development) and the targeted participants are young urban designers, planners and landscape architects working in the public sector, public managers, policy makers and enablers, urban and cultural activists, PhD Students and Early Stage Career researchers working in the field of inclusion/diversity strategies and participatory processes. This specific group of experts allows the CyberParks Project to increase the knowledge on government decision making, and the role of citizens' participation in decision-making.

The Workshop is open to a broad spectrum of disciplines related to design, urban space and ICT - from architecture, landscape and interaction design to urban development, sociology, game design and digital humanities. Eligible participants are early stage professionals, i.e. urban designers, landscape architects, social scientists, ICT developers, entrepreneurs, digital/kinetic artists, urban activists, etc. For all candidates with not more than 8 year work experience after graduation. This list of disciplines is not exhaustive, the workshop is open to a wide range of backgrounds - just inspire the jury to select you!

Applicants should come from COST countries (COST countries are the 35 member countries: Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Israel as a cooperating state).

The Workshop Co-Creating of Inclusive and Mediated Public Spaces offers places for 20 participants. The official language of the workshop is English.

How to apply

Each applicant must register online (<http://cyberparks-project.eu/training-schools>) and submit a short motivation letter, a short CV and portfolio attached as pdf.

Applications should be sent in no later than [31 December 2016 24:00 CET](#)

The Organizing Committee will make the final decision on the distribution of the available places among various backgrounds and will inform the successful participants in the second week of January 2017.

Reimbursement & Grant

The confirmed applicants from COST countries will be granted for accommodation, daily meals and travel expenses the maximum flat rate grant defined by both TU1306 Project and the Organizing Committee. The maximum reimbursement amount for coming to Lisbon is organized according to the following scheme:

For participants from Lisbon metropolitan area	100€
For participants from other Portuguese Regions	300€
For participants from other countries	800€

Please note that all COST Actions, their Training Schools and workshops work with the "reimbursement process" – this means that only those who participate all the days of the Workshop will be able to receive the accorded grant. The granted applicants must book and pay directly their own travel tickets (plane, bus, train) and make their own arrangements for accommodation. After the end of the Workshop and confirmation of the participation, the grant will be transferred to a given bank account. Once the application process has been completed, the selected participants will receive a confirmation email, which will include instructions on how to proceed with the enrolment and reimbursement process.

Structure of the workshop programme

The programme will run from Monday 13th February until Thursday 16th February 2017 - from 9AM to 5PM. On 16th February, all participants are invited to participate in the Colloquium [The Relationship between People, Public Spaces and Technology](http://cyberparks-project.eu/colloquium) (<http://cyberparks-project.eu/colloquium>)

The Workshop will be organised in several sessions with introductory lectures followed by discussions. In studio sessions, the participants will work on a case study; tutors of various backgrounds are available for consultation, and will provide constructive feedback at various stages of the case study development. In addition, sessions will be organized in which the participants themselves will be able to present their own work and thinking and relate it to the themes of the Cyberparks Project.

The final programme will be disseminated in due time among the selected participants.

Organization

The workshop is organized by the CeiED Interdisciplinary Research Centre for Education and Development, Universidade Lusófona, Lisbon, in cooperation with LNEC - National Laboratory of Civil Engineering.

Successful applicants will receive detailed information in due time in January 2017. Upon the end of the workshop, all participants will receive confirmation letter of participation. The local organizer will support the participants in administrative aspects, inquiries and practical issues. Any question regarding the workshop can be addressed to the organizing committee at: cyberparks_coordination@ulusofona.pt.

Lisbon 23/11/16

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On behalf of the Local Organizing committee