

Description

The conference ‚Shrinking Cities in Europe‘ is dealing with one of the main challenges of contemporary urban development in many industrialized countries. At the beginning of the 21st century, the shrinking cities phenomenon is widespread in Europe and worldwide. In the affected areas, several causes for population loss can be traced, such as demographic change, outmigration, structural changes in the economy, and suburbanization. These phenomena lead to an urban decline of sometimes severe extent and cause massive problems to the cities. To deal with the results of demographic, economic and physical contraction processes and to plan for the future of considerably smaller but nevertheless livable cities accordingly is one of the most challenging tasks in the near future. The conference thus will bring together experts from different arenas to share their knowledge on the shrinking cities process and to discuss possible approaches to deal with shrinkage. Since both, the extent of shrinkage as well as the local responses, can differ considerably from one city to another, case study reports will provide insights into different cities' management of the situation.

The conference marks the conclusion of the 4 year European COST Action TU 0803 'Cities Regrowing Smaller' (CIRES). The conference will be organized by CIRES, the Bertelsmann Foundation, and the OECD Local Economic and Employment Development Programme (LEED) within its Demographic Change & Local Labour Markets projects. Venue of the conference is the Zeche Zollverein in Essen (Germany), a former coal mine that has undergone a regeneration process and is well known across Germany and Europe as a landmark for structural change in a transforming environment.

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Date

12. and 13. September 2013

Location

Zeche Zollverein
Erich Brost-Pavillon
Gelsenkirchener Straße 181
45309 Essen, Germany

Hosts

COST Action TU 0803
"Cities Regrowing Smaller" (CIRES)
BertelsmannFoundation
OECD LEED Programme

Admission and General Information

www.shrinkingcities.eu

The number of participants is limited.
Admission is only valid after affirmation.

COST CIRES

www.shrinkingcities.eu

Bertelsmann Foundation

www.bertelsmann-stiftung.de

OECD LEED Demographic Change project

www.oecd.org/cfe/leed/demographicchange.htm



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SHRINKING CITIES IN EUROPE

Final Conference of
COST Action "Cities Regrowing Smaller" (CIRES)



Program

Thursday, 12/09/13

13:00 – 13:30

Welcome Addresses
COST CIRES, OECD LEED, Bertelsmann Foundation

13:30 – 14:30

Shrinking Cities in Europe – Evidence from the COST
Action “Cities Regrowing Smaller” (CIRES)
Thorsten Wiechmann, Dortmund

14:30 – 15:00

Coffee / tea break

15:00 – 17:00

Plenary Session by Bertelsmann Foundation and
OECD LEED Programme

17:00 – 18:30

Gallery Walk through the Exhibition:
„Shrinking Cities in Europe“

20:00

Conference Dinner

Friday, 13/09/13

09:00 – 09:30

Scenarios for the Shrinking City
(CIRES Training School)

09:30 – 10:00

Coffee / tea break

10:00 – 12:00

Shrinking Cities – Challenges and solutions
Session Chair: Emmanuèle Cunningham-Sabot, Rennes

- **A Conceptual Framework for Shrinking Cities Research**
Sako Musterd, Amsterdam

- **Distribution and Perception of Urban Shrinkage across Europe**
Karina Pallagst, Kaiserslautern

- **Shrinking Cities: the practical perspective**
Helen Mulligan, Cambridge

- **Shrinking Cities in the US**
Alan Mallach, New Jersey

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:30

Round Table ‘The global challenge of Shrinking Cities’
Session Chair: Sylvie Fol, Paris

Discussants:

- Ivonne Audirac, Austin
- Hiroshi Yahagi, Kyoto
- Dieter Rink, Leipzig
- Tadeusz Strykiewicz, Poznan
- Walter Schenkel, Zürich

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee / tea break

16:00 – 17:00

Closing Session: Fish bowl discussion on the way ahead
Session Chair: Cristina Martinez-Fernandez,
OECD LEED, Paris

Evening ONLY for COST Action members & invited guests

17:30

Transport to the Unperfekthaus in Essen

18:30 – 19:30

SCiRN General Assembly at the Unperfekthaus in Essen
(for SCiRN members and interested colleagues)

19:30 – 22:00

Dinner and happy hour
at the Unperfekthaus in Essen

Saturday, 14/09/13

10:00 – 12:00

CIRES Management Committee Meeting
at TU Dortmund

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch break

13:00 – 19:00

Field trip Ruhrgebiet

19:00

Thank you and farewell dinner
in Dortmund or Essen