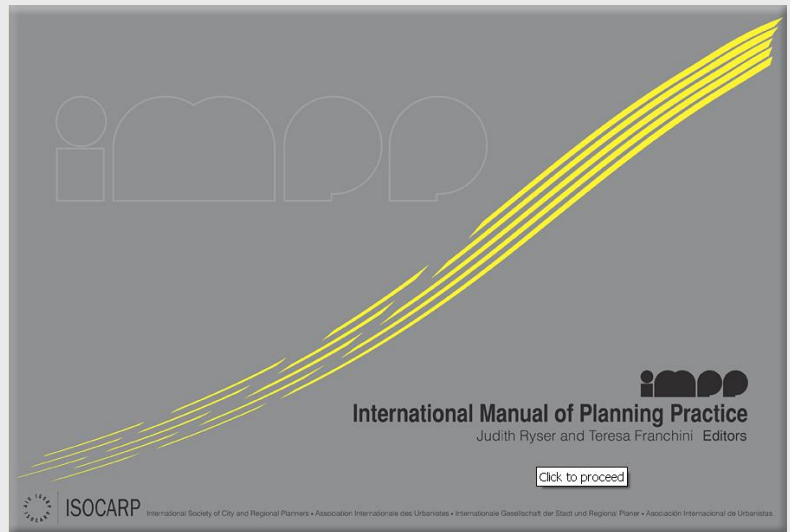


# INTERNATIONAL MANUAL of PLANNING PRACTICE NEW and EXPANDED edition, now available

The new and expanded edition of the International Manual of Planning Practice (IMPP) was launched in Sitges, Spain, on 8th November 2008 to coincide with World Planning Day.

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The planning system is the key instrument which balances property rights with the public interest by translating spatial development processes into physical form. In a globalising world cities have gained importance as drivers of the economy and have become key protagonists of sustainability while development is taking place at ever increasing scale. Such dynamic evolution requires planning to adjust and innovate relentlessly.

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On the initiative of the past President, Javier de Mesones, the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP) illustrated these processes in its first International Manual of Planning Practice (IMPP) published in 1992, updated in 1995, 1998 and 2001. The current editors wish to acknowledge the great effort of the previous editors, Adriana Dal Cin (†) and Derek Lyddon whose work constitutes the basis of the new, much expanded 2008 edition of IMPP. The fifth edition gives a fresh insight into administrative structures, planning systems and physical development processes of cities and regions in the 21st century from a new perspective. The innovative aspect of this unique source of information is to emphasise the relationship between the planning system and its application in practice.

Owing to the generous contribution of some 150 authors worldwide, the editors Judith Ryser and Teresa Franchini were able to produce a compendium with one hundred and one new entries from five continents. Together, they reflect the complexity of the planning systems in the respective countries of the authors, how they are applied in practice and how they relate to the dynamic of the real world.

**The book** contains concise comparative syntheses of planning systems and practices in 101 countries worldwide and an essay on the state of the art and future outlook of planning.

**The interactive CD**, searchable by country, author and keyword, constitutes an integral part of the book. It contains the full papers with illustrations produced by practising planners in their respective countries, together with the most recent previous entries, a full list of authors and an extensive database of contacts of planning ministries, associations of planners and academic departments related to spatial development in these countries.

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### Part III: Evaluation

Critical comments on the planning system in practice, focusing on the gap between planning legislation and physical development, the future prospects of the planning system, together with other relevant comments.

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