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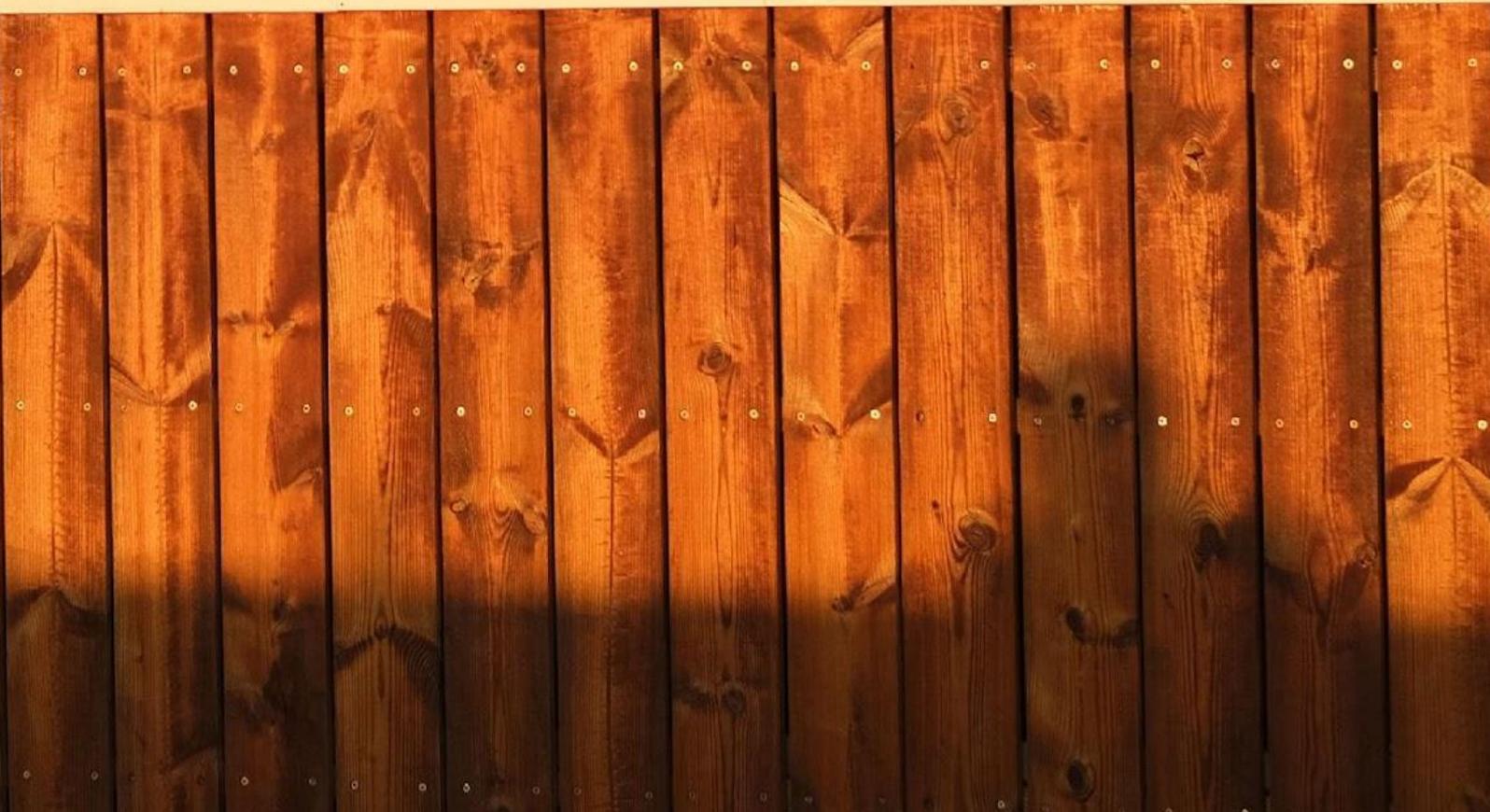
"Rooftops for Europe"

An ECRN Networking event

18th of November, 2022

Belfast, Northern Ireland

at the Banana Block/Portview www.bananablock.org



About the event

Rooftops for Europe is an ECRN Networking event that aims to provide space for ECRN partnership to showcase outputs of their work to new, interested cities and local practitioners in Belfast, and at the same time open discussion about the future of the movement across Europe.

Being held in Belfast by Urban Scale Interventions organization, the event will be an important milestone in developing a common understanding of the potential of rooftops and possibilities for further collaboration across the continent.

The session is public and open to anyone who wants to participate in person or online. In terms of local audience, it is aimed at policy makers, cultural agents, academics, urban planners, and the social and private sector.

What is the ECRN -European Creative Rooftop Network?

The European Creative Rooftop Network (ECRN) is a network of organisations, working 'together apart' to use European rooftops as creatively as possible. Why? Because the future lies in this partially undiscovered layer of urban space. From the generation of new places to meet and the creation of cultural breeding grounds, to innovative living labs exploring sustainability – anything is possible. Individually, all these European rooftop pioneers are already making every effort to scale the heights, but partnerships make you stronger and smarter. ECRN creates international connections to maximise local impact.

ECRN is a large-scale project (2020 to 2024) funded by the European Union's Creative Europe program.

Who are the partners?

ECRN is a consortium of NGOs, municipalities, associations and private organisations, spread across the following nine European cities: Amsterdam, Antwerp, Barcelona, Belfast, Chemnitz, Faro, Gothenburg, Nicosia and Rotterdam. Each city is unique and has its own expertise, but they all share the same objective. Meet the members: <https://ecrn.city/members/>



How can a city/organisation participate?

Participation in the "Rooftops for Europe" meeting is free of charge and is open to cities, municipalities or other public entities of local management, NGOs, associations, private organisations, and others, throughout Europe.

The travel and accommodation costs of each participant are covered by themselves.

Coffee and lunch are provided by the organisation.

We suggest a maximum of 3 people per participating organisation.

Register [here](#) latest by 9th of november 17:00 CET.

Attached to this invitation is a Travel Kit with information about Belfast, how to get there and recommendations on where to stay.

If you have any doubts or questions, do not hesitate to contact us and ask for more clarifications or doubts: **[fionnuala@urbanscaleinterventions.com]**

PROGRAM

MORNING PROGRAM FOR ECRN PARTNERS AND GUEST CITIES/ORGANISATIONS

9:30 Welcome coffee and registrations

10:00 Networking event: "Cities meeting each other" (10h-12h)

- The ECRN Project

*Meeting dedicated to the **9 ECRN partnerships + cities/organisations** that develop, plan to develop or wish to develop rooftop activities in their cities or that are interested in collaborating at European level in this network. This is a growing network: we want to bring on board cities that, even without having*

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projects/programs about rooftops, consider the topic interesting to develop. Participation is open to cities (local public authorities) or entities (public, private or other organisations) that develop or wish to develop the rooftop movement in their city.

12:00 Lunch break

PUBLIC EVENT

13:00-13:30 Welcome and Introduction

Welcome words from the City of Faro, Mr Bruno Inacio

- The ECRN Project
- The City of Belfast: Mr John McGrillen: CEO of Tourism NI & Ms Eimear Henry: Director of Culture
- The Host: Urban Scale Interventions

13:30 Panel I: "Potential of rooftops across Europe" (13:30-14:30)

Moderated by Mr Jak Spencer, Urban Scale Interventions

13:30 Vision and Mapping of the rooftops – mapping of potentials

- Visions for the Rooftops of Europe, (Ms Heleen Vanden Bergh, City of Antwerp)
- Rooftopedia - Creative Mapping of Rooftops (Mr Dean Black, Urban Scale Interventions)
- Why do cities need a rooftop policy? (Mr John McGrillen: CEO of Tourism NI & Ms Eimear Henry: Director of Culture)

14:30 Showcasing ECRN Projects

- Rooftop Artistic Residencies (Mr Pol Noya, Coincidencias and Mr Patrick J O'Reilly)



- Rooftop Nomad Academy (Mrs Anely Šmída Jeromin & Ms Anne Molar)
- "What's ON" on the Rooftop World? (Mr Remco Moen, Stadvinderij Amsterdam)

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 Panel II: "Building the European Rooftop Movement within The New European Bauhaus" (16:00-17:00)

Moderated by Mr Léon van Geest, Rotterdamse Dakendagen

- How the New European Bauhaus is evolving and how initiatives such ECRN could be part of it? - Mr DE SIMONE Lorenzo, European Commission, The New European Bauhaus
- Culture and the SGD's: monitoring to maximise impact (Mr Ralf Alwani / PolyLoop & SEUPB)
- NEB feeling: The city of rooftops - The case of Marseille (Marseille Solutions)

17:25 The final remarks, Ms Magdalena Forshamn, Folkstadens ideella förening

17:30 Practical announcements by the host

17:40 Free Time & Networking

17:45 Wine tasting

19:00 Banana Block Supper Club

- Drinks Reception
- Supper Club and Musician
- DJ set and party



