

**FROM BACK-TO-BACK PLANNING TO JOINED-UP DEVELOPMENT:  
MAKING SPACE FOR CROSS-BORDER COLLABORATION ON THE ISLAND  
OF IRELAND**

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The presentation will outline the emergence the new emphasis in Irish public policy on the spatial dimension of management through its application in strategic planning. It will trace the adoption of the National Spatial Strategy (NSS) for Ireland against the backdrop of a similar overarching strategy for the economic, social and sustainable territorial development of the EU. The new approach to planning in Ireland conforms to EU principles emphasizing socio-economic potentiality and territorial cohesion. It also reflects a move away from traditional management approaches to planning based on facilitating approaches that promote 'creative visioning'. The presentation will review recent initiatives associated with the implementation of strategic spatial planning in Ireland on a cross-border and all-island basis.