



UrbanSim Workshop - July 4-6, 2011

National Technical University of Athens, Greece

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The **SustainCity** (<http://www.sustaincity.org>) EU-co-funded research project is organizing an UrbanSim Workshop in Athens, Greece on July 4-6, 2011. This will be an excellent opportunity for interested parties from various backgrounds to develop a deeper understanding of UrbanSim.

UrbanSim (<http://www.urbansim.org>) is a software-based simulation system for supporting planning and analysis of urban development, incorporating the interactions between land use, transportation, the economy, and the environment. It is intended for use by Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), cities, counties, non-governmental organizations, researchers and students interested in exploring the effects of infrastructure and policy choices on community outcomes such as motorized and non-motorized accessibility, housing affordability, greenhouse gas emissions, and the protection of open space and environmentally sensitive habitats.

Prof. Paul Waddell (UC Berkeley), who initiated and leads the UrbanSim initiative, will be the main lecturer in this Workshop, along with Dr. C. Antoniou (NTUA) and other colleagues. The Workshop will include lecture-type sessions, as well as interactive lab-sessions during which the participants will be able to install and run UrbanSim in their own laptops.

Registration

A participation fee of 100€ (students)/ 150€ (non-students, with university affiliation)/ 200€ (others) includes morning and afternoon coffee breaks, as well as a light lunch. (The participation fee increases by 50€ per person for registrations received after March 31st, 2011). An optional workshop dinner will be organized as well and the participants can attend for a small additional fee (offsetting the cost).

The number of participants is limited to 25 persons; therefore interested parties are encouraged to make use of early registration.

Travel grants

A number of travel grants will be available, using the following structure:

- Participants based outside Europe: 500€ each
- Participants based within Europe (excluding Greece): 250€ each
- Participants based within Greece (excluding Athens): 100€ each



The number of available grants will depend on the mix of the requests, which will be handled in a first-come, first-served order. Please register (and indicate whether you are applying for a travel grant) by **March 31st, 2011**, with Mr. Dimitrios Efthymiou (defthym@central.ntua.gr) providing your name and affiliation. You will be provided with payment information later.

Accommodation

Participants are kindly requested to organize their accommodation themselves. The location of the seminar will be the School of Rural and Surveying Engineering of the National Technical University of Athens (Zografou Campus).

Website and Further Information

More information will be available soon on the website <http://www.sustaincity.eu>. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Constantinos Antoniou (antoniou@central.ntua.gr).