



A Sense of Place

The new identity challenge for metropolitan regions in North West Europe

The First SAUL Symposium

30 September - 1 October 2003 in Dortmund

Programme

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Until

18:00

City-Hotel Mercure, Dortmund

Arrival of Symposium participants
Short walk to Harenberg City Center

**18:30 -
22:30**

**Harenberg City Center Lounge, Dortmund, 18th floor
Welcome to the Symposium**

- Representatives of the host region
*Dr. Michael Beckereit, Technical Director, Emschergenossenschaft;
Dr. Herbert Kemming, Vice-Director, ILS NRW*
- The Lead Partner of the SAUL Project
Clive Fox, SAUL Project Manager / Groundwork London

Buffet dinner, with opportunities for SAUL delegates to meet representatives from the Rhein-Ruhr Region

1 October 2003

**09:00 -
16:00**

ILS NRW, Dortmund, Conference Room: SAUL - Symposium

08:45

Registration

09:00

Introductions

- Information on the venue and arrangements for the day, from the hosts of the event
Kirsten Adamczak, Emschergenossenschaft; Rainer Kestermann, ILS NRW
- Setting the scene: objectives and issues
Clive Fox, SAUL Project Manager, Groundwork London (Lead Partner)

09:15

**Introducing the regional focus of the day:
The Rhein-Ruhr Region and the relevance of SAUL**

Kirsten Adamczak, Emschergenossenschaft; Rainer Kestermann, ILS NRW

- Characteristics of the host region

- SAUL strategy, action and investment projects in the Rhein-Ruhr Region
- The creation of the new Emscher Urban Landscape

10:15 Coffee break

10:45 **Regional Identity – A conceptual framework**
Opening Statement: *Dr. Wolfgang Knapp, ILS NRW*

The key themes of the presentation will be

- The relevance of the concept of 'identity' on a regional level
- The 'making' of identities
- Signs and symbols, arts and heritage, images and landscapes as defining elements of regional identity

Question and answer session, chaired by a SAUL Partner

11:45 **Workshop: Regional identity and the Emscher Landscape Park**
Opening statement: *Michael Schwarze-Rodrian, Projekt Ruhr GmbH*

Bringing together the thematic focus and the regional focus, the opening statement will cover aspects such as

- Changing identities and landscapes in the Rhein-Ruhr Area;
- Experiences from the IBA Emscher Park (1989-1999) and the subsequent planning process

Using the host region as a case study, and drawing on internal and external perspectives, the workshop will develop a practical approach to applying the regional identity concept, by learning from shared experience.

Interactive workshop session, facilitated by a SAUL Partner

12:45 **Lunch**

14:00 **Workshop: Regional identity for European metropolitan regions - the relevance of SAUL**

Opening statement: *Anita Konrad, SAUL Project Co-ordinator, Groundwork London*

The opening statement will focus on issues such as

- The concept of 'regional identity' and its relevance for SAUL
- Capturing the different regional identities within SAUL
- Transnational and regional learning within SAUL

The workshop will explore the relevance of the 'regional identity' concept in a European context by drawing on experiences from SAUL Partners and other European regions.

Interactive workshop session, facilitated by a SAUL Partner

15:30 **Concluding remarks**
Clive Fox, SAUL Project Manager, Groundwork London

15:45 **Refreshments**

16:00 **Transfer to Westfalenpark by Underground**

16:30 **Site Visits**

While illustrating the issues of the Symposium, the site visits also form a link between the Symposium and the SAUL Joint Planning Group Emscher, taking place the next day.

- 16:30** **Westfalenpark – creation, history and maintenance of a successful urban park**
Annette Kulozik, Westfalenpark Manager
- Question and answer session
- 18:00** **Transfer to Steinklippenweg, by mini train**
- 18:15** **Steinklippenweg: Visit of a new Sewer Construction Site**
Rüdiger Prinz and Kirsten Adamczak, Emschergenossenschaft
- Question and answer session
- 19:00** **Transfer to “Florian Tower” in Westfalenpark by mini train**
- 19:30 -** Dinner on the top floor of “Florian Tower”
22:00 Built as a broadcasting tower in 1959, the 220 m high tower offers stunning views over
 Dortmund and the new urban landscape of the Ruhr Region
- Return to hotel by Underground



Locations:

- City-Hotel Mercure, Kampstr. 35, D-44137 Dortmund (City), Tel.: +49 (0) 231 / 58 97-0
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- ILS NRW, Deutsche Str. 5, D- 44339 Dortmund, Tel.: +49 (0) 231 / 90 51-0
- Meeting point for site visits: Westfalenpark, Entrance at Ruhrallee (subway: U 49, station Westfalenpark)

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