

ASSOCIATION OF TOWN, REGIONAL AND STATE PLANNING (SRL) E.V.

A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION - NGO

Founded

In Bonn on April 26th, 1969 by planners from different spheres of the professional field.

Members

About 2.000 Planners in the civil service, private offices, associations and other institutions from the range of town planning, regional planning, state planning, development planning, traffic planning, landscape planning, architecture, jurisprudence, sociology, economics, administrative sciences.

The way SRL sees itself

The SRL is an organization of individuals who are active in the field of area planning and conscious of the social responsibility connected with this task.

The members want to sharpen, shape and realize their social responsibility for area planning within the SRL.

They regard it as a contribution to safeguard the future and a prerequisite for a 'good life' also for coming generations.

It requires the joint efforts of all members of the SRL to discern the state of the real world in order to work out creative activities. The SRL lives by these activities. It serves as the basis for bringing the varied individual and professional experiences of the members to fruition finding expression in a multitude of answers.

The SRL cultivates the act of the dialogue handling the arising conflicts and uncertainties in a fruitful way. That is the requirement for vividness, imaginativeness and fun of the members of the SRL.

The members bring the way SRL sees itself and their professional activities into line.

The SRL considers its principal task to show commitment to the recognition and the necessity of planning and a highly sophisticated planning culture.

Planning culture requires procedures, which orientate towards features such as professional and social involvement, responsibility for nature and man as well as safeguarding the future. With this aim in view we need the formation of opinion and the exchange of views of all participants in planning area. Therefore, the SRL intends to cultivate, to strengthen, and to broaden democratic manners.

Planning culture requires openness for the various solutions and new needs of a changing world.

Functions

The external and internal functions of the SRL are derived from its selfimage.

Internally it encourages the shaping of a conscious mind and having a critical look at the contents and values of planning, the recognition of real connections and the discussion of possible solutions.

This includes the self-critical consideration of effects and influences of planning as well as the further development of methods and procedures - also in view of an extended Europe.

The fulfilment of internal functions serves the maintenance and further development of the professional quality of the planning profession. The SRL provides the necessary forum for these functions.

Working Method

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This includes that the SRL interferes in planning-related political procedures and establishes contact with the participants involved.

It makes a contribution to the public in order to make the way of proceeding and connections of affective area planning transparent.

The SRL looks after the interests of the professional groups and has an influence on the training and vocational training facilities in the field of effective area planning.

In order to perform its external functions the SRL provides the necessary frame and seeks the cooperation with others.

The SRL performs these functions especially in the new Federal States of Germany.

Initiated by individuals or groups of the SRL or inspired by external persons project teams are set up; individuals, the board, regional groups, professional teams of specialists or committees work on current professional, political, legal, methodical questions of the planning practice, matters of fees or the professional order.

Statements

Statements, articles for specialist journals are elaborated, events or study trips are carried out. General SRL statements are discussed and decided on by the board and if necessary by the meeting of members.

Regional and professional groups and regional joint efforts organize talks and discussions as well as study trips and by doing this bring up problems of topical interest for discussion.

Further vocational training and exchange of ideas and experiences take place at conferences or other events such as workshops and the bimonthly PLANERIN.

So far the SRL, together with other professional associations, has brought statements on the new planning law to the public, also about the training and the job prospects of young people in the profession.

The SRL also collaborated with the Federal government on the National Plan of Action for Sustainable Settlement Development.

Conferences

Since 1970 the SRL has organized professional conferences, which serve the exchange of experiences, further vocational training and meetings of members and non-members. Every November the annual conference takes place, which is complemented by the half-yearly conference in May or June. The conferences are open to the public. Since 1988 the professional group 'Forum Man and Public transport' has organized conferences, talks, and discussions.

Publications

The SRL-Schriftenreihe (serial publication) is edited irregularly and reports about events of the regional and professional groups.

The bimonthly published magazine PLANERIN (male and female planner) informs concisely about themes relevant for planning.

The information on the general meeting contains material on the annual meeting of members within the framework of the conference held every year.

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