***Call for proposals Design Days 2020***

**“Social Design & Civic Engagement”**

**25 November 2020**

Dear Design Days Regions,

We hope you are well and manage to cope with this challenging time. Although it is still not certain when we will return a normal everyday life, we decided to continue the planning of our Design Day, which would take place as every year in the end of November (tentative date: 25 November).

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| **Disclaimer:** We hope that the Design Days will take place in the end of November. In case we see that the current restrictions might be ongoing for a longer time, we would like to not cancel the Design Days but rather organise them as soon as we are allowed to, potentially in spring of 2021. We advise you to not take any travel plans until we will confirm the date, taking into consideration the situation in Belgium and the EU member states. |

This year, we would like to focus on **social design and look for proposals especially in the fields of social dimension of design, co-creation and civic engagement**. We welcome interventions (presentation and/or workshop) highlighting how design tools can be used in the above-mentioned fields.

**Format of the event:** Networking and collaboration are the most important parts of the Design Days. Therefore, based on the feedback we received after the 2019 edition, this year’s edition will be organized in the format that has proven to be successful: we kick-off with different panels/thematic sessions in the morning (with projects/best practices presentations) and continue with interactive workshops in the afternoon. Ideally, the workshops should be organized by a group of speakers and led by one of them. The discussion should engage the audience and tackle a challenge that the speakers find similar based on their presentations. The format of the workshop is free and is left up to the speakers’ preferences.

**Evaluation criteria:** We look forward to receiving your proposals and to organise an interesting and inspiring day. It is important for us to keep the balance between giving as many regions a possible the opportunity to take an active role during the DD, and to not overload the programme with too many speakers. Therefore, we are sure you understand, that we cannot give the floor to every region we receive an application from. We will evaluate your proposals using the following criteria:

* Clear transferability of your project/initiative to other regions
* Innovative use of design tools
* Balanced geographical spread
* Giving “newcomers” the floor
* Willingness to co-organise an afternoon workshop session

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| ***Speaker (Name, position, brief description of organization, contact details):*** |
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| ***Brief description of intervention topic (500 words)*** |
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| ***Title of your presentation/contribution*** |
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| ***Is the regional/local authority involved (e.g. supporting initiative or benefiting)?*** |
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| ***Brief description of transferable elements and the relevance for other regions*** |
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| ***Are you willing to co-organise the workshop? In case of a positive answer, could you please indicate if you would prefer to lead a workshop or just be part of the organizers?*** |
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| ***Contact details (name and e-mail address) of the representative in Brussels Office:*** |
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**EU Design Days dinner:**

In order to offer better networking among the speakers, we would like to kick-off the Design Day with a dinner the evening before (24 November). Please note that the dinner expenses are on each region’s own expenses.

Please send the fill in questionnaire to the ERRIN secretariat:

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Thank you!