



Observatory **PASCAL**

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Background and Alliances

PASCAL is an international research and policy development alliance which aims to develop, communicate and explain new and emerging ideas about place management, social capital and learning regions.

PASCAL was initiated by RMIT University, Victoria, the University of Stirling, Scotland, the State Government of Victoria, the Scottish Executive and Kent County Council, UK.

The Observatory is founded on the presumption that there is considerable work to be done to enable regional governments and associated policy-makers to benefit fully from emerging research and learning about how best to foster balanced and sustainable economic and social development in their regions.

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An International Strategic Information Tracking Service.

An initiative of RMIT University, Victoria, the University of Stirling, Scotland, the State Government of Victoria, the Scottish Executive and Kent County Council, UK.

PASCAL provides an international **strategic information tracking and sharing service** on Place Management, Social Capital and Learning Regions in support of sustainable development based in experience and evidence of what works.

PASCAL offers a single, online portal which brings together relevant documents, analysis, news, events and research, providing easy, cost effective and efficient access to relevant and useful information.

The central purpose of PASCAL is to enable the effective delivery of policies that improve the quality of living and working circumstances at local and regional levels, recognising the importance of learning, social capital and the necessity of partnership for the successful implementation of policy.

The aim of the products and services is to bring to our clients the latest international initiatives that focus on place management, social capital and learning regions. PASCAL will be an efficient and cost effective way for organisations to keep up-to-date with current developments.

Products and Services

The following services will be available to subscribers:

- substantial monthly reports on hot topics, prepared by international experts
- regular briefings on emerging issues, prepared by staff within the Observatory
- an electronic library providing details of relevant policy, research and programmes associated with successful interventions of various kinds
- notes on current demonstration projects which demonstrate the potential and achieved benefits from public/private partnership initiatives
- a news clipping service of news stories from around the world
- research and consultancy services focused on partnerships that are designed to promote community well-being
- seminars and conferences on topics of interest to stakeholders

Subscription

PASCAL initially offered free access to the site, but will move to a subscription-based service in the near future.

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