

# ERSCP 2012: Workshop Design Sheet

**Title of Workshop \***

Future workspace and its sustainable challenges

**Subtitle**

New work spaces in European offices

**Short Description of Workshop Outline (max. 2000 characters) \***

Title: New Work Spaces -The future of office and working environments.

The “Trend Report on Office and Working Environments” evaluates the significant developments and issues that influence the design of workspaces – now and for the future: from knowledge workers to cult offices and human technologies. When work changes, the workplace and the workspace change too. But the question is: What are the new and sustainable developments and framework conditions that characterise work styles? Bene’s Trend Report “New Work Spaces” goes into this issue in depth and deals with the significance of communication, interaction and creativity in the age of knowledge work. Five theses on office and working environments in the 21st century offer some exciting answers: The office of the future will be a knowledge factory, a WE place, a cult office – and the spaces it offers or the changing locations of work are going to be a lot more important than any previous workplace ever has been. The Trend Report is based among other sources on a study Bene commissioned from the London Royal College of Art: The working methods of knowledge-workers and their needs in regard to workspaces were examined in detail. “This is a very hot topic for everyone who works in offices or is interested in office design”, Thomas Bene, editor of the Trend Report and former Managing Director of Bene AG explains: “because you can only find the right spatial concepts and solutions to match when you also know what trends are now redefining the framework conditions.”