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23 May 2018 (14.00 – 17.00)

GREEN WEEK PARTNER EVENT

Building resilience to climate change: developing regional-urban approaches

Meeting venue:

House of Dutch Provinces, Trierstraat 59 – 61 rue de Trèves, Brussels

Adapting to climate change is a major challenge that cuts across sectors and levels of government: from transnational to regional and local. Cities and regions must work together if they are to develop effective strategies to address their local vulnerabilities and boost resilience.

This half-day seminar focuses on introducing and sharing transferable best practices and scalable approaches on how cities and regions can work together to develop policies and actions to address risks, create resilient infrastructures, and foster a better quality of life for their communities. Among others, this event will address the following questions:

- How can cities and regions work together to manage climate-related risks, foster resilience and ultimately boost local sustainable development?
- What are the roles and competences of different players at the local, regional, national and EU level. How can engagement of communities be ensured?
- What are the gaps (e.g. legislative and financial) in the implementation of resilient infrastructures?

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The meeting will be held in English.



14.00 – 17:00

GREEN WEEK PARTNER EVENT (CPMR & ICLEI)

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14.00 Welcome Address: **Cees Loggen**, Vice President CPMR and Regional Minister of Noord-Holland

14.10 DG CLIMA: Keynote address: **Elena Visnar-Malinovska**, Head of Adaptation Unit

14.25 REGIONAL AND URBAN APPROACHES TO BUILDING RESILIENCE IN PRACTICE

***Moderation by Ronald Hall**, Principal Advisor, DG REGIO*

***Setting the scene by Gregg Jones**, Director, CPMR*

Inspiring examples of local and subnational governments working on the implementation of resilience policies and measures through urban-regional approaches, followed by a panel debate.

- **Conseil Régional de Bretagne:** Mobilising stakeholders and communities to build climate resilience - the Breizh COP approach, **Renaud Layadi**, Senior Adviser, Energy Transition
- **Basque Country:** Revision of regional planning framework to incorporate climate adaptation and resilience measures, **Ignacio de la Puerta**, Director of Urban and Territorial Planning, and Urban Regeneration
- **Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur:** LIFE NATURE4CITY building resilience in cities through nature, **Quentin Dilasser**, Policy Officer, Biodiversity/European projects
- **Polish Ministry of Environment and [44MPA EU project](#):** Development of Urban Adaptation Plans for cities with more than 100,000 inhabitants in Poland, **Marcin Gradzski**, Senior Specialist

Will join the discussion:

- DG CLIMA: **Sandro Nieto-Silleras**, Policy Officer

Focusing in particular on:

- The challenges and barriers to the implementation of resilience policies and measures facing cities/regions
- Solutions that cities/regions are applying or exploring: what they have learnt from these; how transferable these approaches are and the scope for scaling up action to EU level

- Interface between cities and regions (and national/EU levels): how cities and regions can work together to develop sustainable and resilient infrastructures (e.g. mandates, strategies and policies); clarification of roles.
- Relevance and role of EU policy/funding to building resilience at city/regional level

Coffee Break (15.30 – 16.00)

16.00 PERSPECTIVES FROM RESEARCH: PRACTICAL TOOLS TO SUPPORT URBAN-REGIONAL APPROACHES TO RESILIENCE-BUILDING

- Presentations from RESIN (Climate Risk Typology) and Smart Mature Resilience: **Dr Jeremy Carter**, University of Manchester and **Vasileios Latinos**, Officer, Adaptation and Resilience (ICLEI)
- Discussion: scaling-up resilience, integrating urban-regional approaches

16.45 CONCLUDING REMARKS AND NEXT STEPS:

Cees Loggen, Vice President CPMR and Regional Minister of Noord Holland

- Practical work that CPMR and ICLEI can undertake with the European Commission to drive a change agenda during 2018 and beyond

17.00 End of proceedings

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