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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 introduces transferable best practices and scalable approaches on how cities and regions can together 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 obstacles exist (e.g. legislative and financial) to making infrastructure more resilient?

The meeting will be held in English.

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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, including:

- **Conseil Régional de Bretagne:** Mobilising stakeholders and communities to build climate resilience - the Breizh COP approach, **Aurore Davaine**, Director of the Directorate for Climate, Environment, Water and Biodiversity
- **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
- **Aberdeen City:** Taking a regional and city approach to flooding – the North East Scotland Flood Risk Management Plan, Councillor **John Reynolds**

Will join the following panel discussion:

- DG CLIMA: **Max Linsen**, Policy Officer
- DG ENV: **Ben Caspar**, Policy Officer
- DG REGIO, **Adelina Dos Reis**, Head of Unit
- **Marcin Gradzski**, Special Advisor, Polish Ministry of Environment and 44 MPA project

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 (European Climate Risk Typology) and Smart Mature Resilience: Dr Jeremy Carter (University of Manchester) and ICLEI
- 16.20: Discussion: scaling up resilience, integrating urban-regional approaches

Will join the discussion:

- Selected city/region speakers from first session
- European Commission representatives

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 Commission to drive change agenda during 2018 and beyond

17.00 End of proceedings

