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BerlinForum 2008

Managing **Urban** Europe-25
sustainable future for cities

Introduction

The project *Managing Urban Europe-25* has been running for three years in developing a model for local and regional sustainability applicable to all cities and regions in EU27+. During the project 25 European cities and regions have participated in the development of the model and the pilot implementation of it supported by a variety of local authority networks. The MUE-25 model of an integrated management system has been taken up in the recently published guidance in relation to the Thematic Strategy on the Urban Environment. The model is the key for cities and regions to fulfil EU policies such as Lisbon Agenda, EU Sustainable Development Strategy, Leipzig Charter on European Sustainable Cities, as well as to implement the Aalborg Commitments of the European Sustainable Cities & Towns Campaign. It builds on existing environmental management systems such as EMAS, ISO 14001 and ecoBUDGET but widens the scope to include all sustainability dimensions and operates at the heart of a city's strategic planning processes.

The BerlinForum will serve as platform to discuss challenges and benefits for cities and regions when introducing the MUE-25 integrated management system for local and regional sustainability. The different sessions and plenaries will discuss the replication potential of the MUE-25 experiences in EU27 and identify the potential contributions of the variety of EU, national, regional institutions and local government associations in furthering and mainstreaming the application of the MUE-25 integrated management system for local sustainability.

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Tuesday, 12 February 2008

12:00 REGISTRATION

13:00 WELCOME

Facilitation and Opening: Björn Grönholm, Union of the Baltic Cities – Environment and Sustainable Development Secretariat, Finland

Welcome:

Andreas Geisel, Councillor for City Development, Environment & Construction, District Berlin-Lichtenberg, Germany

Dr. Jörg Mayer-Ries, Head of Dept. General Affairs of Environmental Policy, Environmental Protection and Sustainability Strategies, Federal Environment Ministry, Germany

13:10 CITY SPOTLIGHT: MANAGING A SUSTAINABLE LOCAL FUTURE

Practical experiences with Integrated Management System from cities' perspective, the activities undertaken by cities and their challenges benefits and achievements will be introduced.

Facilitation: Björn Grönholm, Union of the Baltic Cities – Environment and Sustainable Development Secretariat, Finland

Inspiration: Werner Spec, Lord Mayor, City of Ludwigsburg, Germany

13:30 OPENING PLENARY: MANAGING A SUSTAINABLE EUROPEAN FUTURE?

The opening plenary will see input statements on the importance of integrated management for sustainability in cities & regions from the EU and local perspective followed by a facilitated interview.

Input:

Gisela Kallenbach, Urban Intergroup, European Parliament

Emilio D'Alessio, Vice Mayor, City of Ancona, President Coordinamento Agenda Locale 21, Italy, Steering Committee of European Sustainable Cities & Towns Campaign, Executive Committee Member of ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability

Interview:

Dr. Verena Exner, German Environment Foundation, Germany

Gisela Kallenbach, European Parliament, Belgium

Emilio d'Alessio, City of Ancona, Italy

Dr. Jörg Mayer-Ries, Federal Environment Ministry, Germany

Ms. Alenka Burja, Slovenian EU-Presidency, Environment Ministry, Slovenia

Facilitation:

Ms Claudia Heberlein, UNEP/GRID Arendal, Switzerland

Mr Ian Kedge, Lewes District Council, UK

14:30 COFFEE BREAK

15:00 WORLD CAFÉ: LOCAL STORIES, EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS

The MUE25 partner cities and regions had very different starting points, different political, administrative, geographical and cultural conditions. Some felt as newcomers, some had already advanced environmental management systems in place, some are renowned fore-runners in sustainable development. Some focused on infrastructure development, when others thought of improving their climate and energy policies. Some are very small in terms of inhabitants and financial and institutional resources, some are big capital cities, others should be considered as regions. The world café will present the kaleidoscope of the different experiences and settings. MUE-25 partner cities will each host a table in the world café and introduce their specific experiences to 'their guests' experiences with the Integrated Management System. The hosts will change after 30 minutes to give 'guests' the opportunity of appreciating different experiences. The guests will have the opportunity to discuss more in-depth questions, understand the variety of experiences and the flexibility and applicability of Integrated Management-25 in different circumstances.

Facilitation: Annika Claesson, UBC-Union of the Baltic Cities, Finland, and Holger Robrecht, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, Germany

16:00 PANEL WITH OBSERVERS: LOCAL STORIES, EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS

The plenary is to share and discuss observations regarding the implementation of the integrated management system in MUE-25 partner cities and its potential for transfer and replication. The session aims to summarise the world café.

Facilitation: Guttorm Grundt, City of Oslo, Norway

Panelists: Observers to the Roundtables

16:30 CLOSING PLENARY

Facilitation: Annika Claesson, UBC-Union of the Baltic Cities, Finland, and Holger Robrecht, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, Germany

Inspiration: N.N.

17:00 END OF PRESENTATIONS FOR THE DAY

Wednesday, 13 February 2008

09:00 OPENING PLENARY: FROM CLIMATE CHANGE TO EQUITY

Facilitation: Annika Claesson, UBC-Union of the Baltic Cities, Finland, and Holger Robrecht, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, Germany

Inspiration

Katrin Lompscher, Senator for Health, Environment and Consumer Protection, City of Berlin, Germany:
From Climate Change to Equity

Annika Claesson, Union of the Baltic Cities, Finland,
Holger Robrecht, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, Germany
Managing Urban Europe 25: Implementing EU policies and strategies! An Introduction to the Integrated Management System

10:15 HRS: FROM CLIMATE CHANGE TO EQUITY – WORKSHOPS

What added value does the integrated management system offer for cities and regions using it to further their work with a variety of 'hot issues' of sustainable city development in Europe? Five parallel will offer a platform for a facilitated and interactive discussion. A city intervention will provide an idea of how the integrated management system in MUE-25 has helped them to work with the theme. An expert on the issue will reflect on the experiences and discuss the benefits and challenges with implementation. The facilitator of the session will encourage the audience to take part in the discussions.

Workshop 2.1: Climate/Energy	Workshop 2.2: Natural common goods	Workshop 2.3: Responsible consumption
Workshop 2.4: Sustainable Transport and Mobility	Workshop 2.5: Health & Equity	

11:45 PANEL OF OBSERVERS: FROM CLIMATE CHANGE TO EQUITY

The plenary is to share and discuss observations regarding the implementation of the integrated management system in MUE-25 partner cities and its potential for transfer and replication. The session aims to summarize the aspects of Integrated Management with regard to the variety of issues 'from climate change to equity' from parallel workshops.

Facilitation: Annika Claesson, UBC-Union of the Baltic Cities, Finland, and Holger Robrecht, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, Germany

Panelists: Observers to the Workshops

12:30 LUNCH

14:00 PLENARY: FROM AALBORG TO GOTHENBURG & LISBON

Facilitation: Annika Claesson, Commission on Environment Secretariat, UBC-Union of the Baltic Cities, and Holger Robrecht, Sustainability Management, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability

Inspiration:

Dr Engelbert Lütke Daldrup, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs, Germany:

Sustainable Development in Cities and Regions in the European Union. Framework, Policy, Needs

14:45 FROM AALBORG TO GOTHENBURG & LISBON - WORKSHOPS

What role can the MUE25 integrated management system play to efficiently and effectively implement the EU policies and strategies in a more coherent, less sectorally fragmented manner? What benefits do local governments and EU and national governments have using the Integrated Management System as the one backbone for implementation? Five parallel workshops will discuss these issues and also address how an integrated management system can help to effectively and efficiently implement EU legislation at city and regional level. A city intervention will provide an idea of how they used the integrated management system in the specific theme. An expert on the issue will reflect on the experiences and discuss the benefits and challenges with implementation. The facilitator of the session will encourage the audience to take part in the discussions.

Workshop 3.1: Viable local economies	Workshop 3.2: Quality of Life in Cities and Regions	Workshop 3.3: Territorial Agenda: Cohesion Policy; Regional Disparities; Infrastructures
Workshop 3.4: Education & Capacity Building for Sustainable development	Workshop 3.5: Thematic Strategy, The Aalborg Commitments & EMAS	

15:45 COFFEE BREAK

16:10 PANEL: FROM AALBORG TO GOTHENBURG & LISBON

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Facilitation: Annika Claesson, UBC-Union of the Baltic Cities, Finland, and Holger Robrecht, CLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, Germany

Panelists: Observers to the Workshops

16:45 PLENARY: A FUTURE OF INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT

Facilitation: *Annika Claesson, Commission on Environment Secretariat, UBC-Union of the Baltic Cities, and Holger Robrecht, Sustainability Management, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability*

Messages:

Prof. Bob Evans, Northumbria University, Newcastle, UK: Statement of the MUE 25 Advisory Board

Sauli Rouhinen, Director, Sustainable Development, Environment Ministry, Helsinki, Finland

Jaco Tavenier, Programme Officer, UNEP Regional Office for Europe, Geneva, Switzerland

17:15 CLOSING CEREMONY: FROM LICHTENBERG TO LEEDS

Facilitator: *Björn Grönholm, UBC, and Project Team MUE-25*

From Lichtenberg to Leeds – Cities & Regions Towards a ‘MUE 27’.

17:30 CLOSING