

ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) Campaign in Europe

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EDITORS NOTE

Respond to a changing climate change

We encourage the +100.000 local authorities in Europe to address greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction and adaptation to climate change in their spheres of responsibility, both for the corporate area or for community-related activities. It is time to act!

Join ICLEI's CCP Campaign and become (even more) active in climate protection! Share your experiences in the diverse areas of action and learn from other CCP participants - in particular from those that are leading the way (www.iclei-europe.org/ccp).

Recent publications, such as the summaries of the Fourth Assessment Report (4AR) "Climate Change 2007" of the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), are useful to help inform policy makers on areas where decisions are needed. Several parts of the 4AR have already been published in 2007.

- Working Group I: The Physical Science Basis
- Working Group II: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability
- Working Group III: Mitigation of Climate Change

This information is also very relevant for local governments, addressing issues such as costs, and broader environment and integration issues (www.ipcc.ch).

We invite you to study these publications, and get on board existing Campaigns such as the CCP Campaign.

Maryke van Staden, Editor

NEWS

European Adaptation Green Paper launched

On 29 June 2007 the Commission adopted its Green Paper on "Adapting to climate change in Europe – options for EU action". This green paper represents the Commission's first comprehensive policy initiative on adaptation and can therefore be considered as a milestone.

The green paper on adaptation complements the Commission's proposals for early and deep cuts in greenhouse gas emissions. A swift transition to a low carbon economy is the only way to reduce the risks for dangerous, unpredictable climate change impacts.

On the 3rd of July, the Commission held a high level conference to publicly present the green paper and launch an EU-wide debate on further action. Gino Van Begin, ICLEI's Regional Director for Europe, was one of three external panellists invited to provide a critical review of the green paper's analysis. Considering that around 80% of the European population live in urban areas, and that adaptation is a relative new topic for many local authorities, he urged the European institutions to intensify dialogue with local and regional governments on adaptation at a European level.

ICLEI has identified 3 main priorities which we believe can add a real EU value to national or local initiatives, namely:

- First, introducing **vast awareness raising programmes** for the 100.000+ local authorities in Europe on the importance of adaptation. Such awareness campaigns should be run as a component of but equal to climate mitigation, according to the rule "the less we mitigate, the more we need to adapt";
- Second supporting the elaboration of a "**catalogue**" of possible and minimum preventive actions and measures that local governments should undertake. Such a catalogue of minimal measures should be based on current scientific knowledge of climate change consequences in the European Union;
- Thirdly, supporting the undertaking of **individual vulnerability assessments** of major cities to identify vulnerability to climate change consequences and to address policy responses as well as future investments.

Preparation of a European Green Paper on Urban Transport

Urban transport is an increasingly high profile policy area in Europe. Some 80% of Europeans live in an urban environment. Public transport, cars, trucks, motorcyclists, cyclists and pedestrians all share the same infrastructure. Urban transport is oil-dependent and produces some 40% of all CO₂ emissions from road transport and up to 70% of other pollutants from transport. One in three road fatalities occurs in cities. Congestion problems are also largely concentrated in urban areas.



Citizens and businesses expect good access and increased mobility. How to increase mobility while at the same time reducing congestion, accidents and pollution is a common challenge for all major cities in Europe. Effective, efficient and safe transport and mobility solutions are essential for the economic, environmental and social well-being of our urban areas.

More than anyone else, city dwellers directly experience the negative effects of their own mobility and may be open to innovative solutions for creating sustainable mobility.

Under the subsidiarity principle, usually local authorities themselves rather than the EU take the lead on urban mobility policies. But the EU supports them, for example, through

projects that help to identify, disseminate and exchange best practice in areas such as transport infrastructure, norm-setting, congestion and traffic management, public transport services, infrastructure charging, urban planning, traffic safety, security and co-operation with the surrounding regions.

Public consultations carried out by the European Commission have revealed a strong interest in a greater EU contribution in the field of urban transport policy. For this reason the Commission announced in the mid-term review of the Transport White Paper (Keep Europe moving – Sustainable mobility for our continent. COM(2006) 314 of 22 June 2006) in June 2006 that it would publish a Green Paper on Urban Transport in 2007 to identify potential European added value to actions taken at local levels.

The Green Paper on Urban Transport will be published in the second half of 2007.

http://ec.europa.eu/transport/clean/green_paper_urban_transport/index_en.htm

City leaders and businesses join forces – C40 Large Cities Climate Summit

From 14 to 17 May 2007, leaders of municipal governments and international businesses from over thirty world cities convened in New York City for the 2nd C40 Large Cities Climate Summit.

Cities are responsible for three-quarters of the world's energy consumption, and as such, the world's largest cities have a critical role to play in the reduction of carbon emissions and the reversal of dangerous climate change.

The Mayor of London and Chair of the C40 Ken Livingstone said: 'This summit has been a fantastic success with a real sense of purpose. The biggest cities from all over the world have come together to share ideas and learn from each other. It has been a tremendously positive and galvanising experience'.
(<http://www.nycclimatesummit.com>)



One of the main outcomes of the summit is the creation of a global Energy Efficiency Building Retrofit Program, a project of the Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI). This programme will provide both cities and their private building owners with access to the necessary funds to retrofit existing buildings with more energy efficient products, typically leading to energy savings between 20 to 50 %. <http://www.c40cities.org/news/>

Several of the cities and associate partners of the C40 are ICLEI members and/or CCP participants. We are very pleased to announce that many of the European cities involved in this activity are leaders in GHG reduction actions, and closely linked to ICLEI, including Berlin (DE), London (UK), Copenhagen (DK), Stockholm (SE), Barcelona (SP), Rotterdam (NL) and Rome (IT).

World Clean Energy Awards - the first energy "Oscars"



The World Clean Energy Awards were launched in May 2007, at a ceremony in New York City, U.S.A. The Awards recognise excellent projects worldwide that implement and encourage the broad-based use of renewable energies and energy efficiency concepts. Comprised of seven categories, awards will be issued for construction, transport and mobility, production, services, finance and investment, policy and lawmaking.

ICLEI was chosen to act as one of ten nominating institutions around the world. 70 candidates from 20 countries were nominated for the first year of the Awards. A prestigious international jury has chosen the Award winners, announced on 15 June at the annual Factor 4-Festival in Basel, Switzerland.

Several ICLEI members were nominated: Malmö* (Sweden); Heidelberg** (Germany); Toronto (Canada); Växjö** (Sweden), Chicago, (U.S.A.); New York (U.S.A.); Freiburg* (Germany); and Hornsby (Australia). (** CCP City of Ambition in CCP Europe Campaign) (* European CCP participant) www.cleanenergyawards.com

Call for proposals - Intelligent Energy Europe Programme (IEE)

The current call under the Intelligent Energy Europe programme, will support projects that promote energy efficiency and renewable energy sources, to produce and use energy in more intelligent ways and to increase the use of renewables. The deadline for submitting proposals is 28 September 2007.

Since 2005, the programme is implemented by the new Intelligent Energy Executive Agency (IEEA). The Intelligent Energy Europe programme is the EU tool for funding action to improve these conditions and move us towards a more energy intelligent Europe. More information available under:
http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/index_en.html.

The Climate & Air Team invites interested CCP participants and ICLEI members in Europe to get in touch and discuss joint project ideas on energy and transport - ccp@iclei-europe.org.

UPDATE ON CCP EUROPE

New CCP Europe exhibition

A new activity has been initiated within ICLEI's CCP Europe Campaign. An informative CCP exhibition is under development, with several aims:

- to help mainstream the topic of climate protection,
- to raise awareness on the diversity of actions that can be taken, and
- to show exemplary actions of our European CCP cities and towns.

Join us and share your city's targets and most successful actions! We warmly invite you to make use of this opportunity exclusively for CCP Europe participants. Support the CCP Campaign by ordering a banner and benefit from the visibility we provide at various conferences and exhibitions.



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CCP participants in action

Rome – diverse actions planned and implemented

In the Italian capital, the **project Roma per Kyoto** aims at developing local strategies to reach the Italian Kyoto targets at the local level (6,5% eCO₂ emissions reductions by 2012 on the basis of 1990). In a growing city with local economic development higher than the rest of the country, this target is sound. The starting point for the city's activities in the field of climate was ICLEI's CCP Campaign. Rome joined it in the late 1990s and obtained useful indicators on first steps to take.

Some examples of pilot actions and effective initiatives aiming at climate protection and eCO₂ emissions reductions:

Plan for transport and mobility: Between 2006 and 2012 the city will introduce 10% more urban railways, 30% more underground lines, improve bus corridors, renew part of its fleets and replace 20% of traditional fuels with biofuels in its fleets, as well as introduce a variety of soft measures (car sharing, new transport modes, etc..).

Traffic lighting: Replacement of 75.000 traditional lights with LED in traffic lights.

Building sector: Local legislation has been adopted requiring energy from Renewable Energy Sources (RES). From 2008 30% of the total energy required in public buildings and all new private building must come from RES, and 50% of the primary energy requirement for hot water should also come from RES.

Commercial sector: One of the fastest growing sectors, also with increasing emissions, has been engaged in GHG reduction actions. Rome introduced voluntary schemes and is involving major local companies, trade associations and trade unions in this.

Carbon sinks: 500.000 new trees will be planted in the next 5 years, addressing green spaces and the use of biomass.

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Heidelberg – formidable in climate protection activities



Our CCP City of Ambition Heidelberg, in Germany, has set the target to reduce CO₂ emissions by 20 % until 2015. To reach this target they strongly involve their citizens with interesting campaigns, such as the “ice block bet”.

On 25 May, Heidelberg's Lord Mayor Dr. Eckart Würzner placed a 1000-litre ice block in a (non-cooled) wooden frame-house built according to passive house standards. Citizens were invited to guess how much ice would remain until 15 June – in the middle of summer. More than 850 people placed a bet. Only 213 litres melted within three summary weeks, showing how effective passive housing can be even in a warm season. Dr. Hans-Wolf Zirkwitz, Head of Environmental Protection, said the ice block bet has shown what one can achieve with good insulation. By combining climate protection with

saving money (in this case not needing energy to cool) is a great way to encourage action.

Another action ‘**Support climate protection**’ („Gesicht zeigen für den Klimaschutz“) was supported by 200 people who posed for photographs and shared their personal climate protection actions. These Heidelberg climate protectors were presented on posters, in newspapers and on the web, with an exhibition held on the Neckarwiese on 17 June. More exhibitions and the integration into various climate protection dates are planned.

To find out more about the climate protection campaign, please visit <http://klimasuchtschutz.heidelberg.de>.



The “ice block bet” starts

The act 2 project, with Hanover and Nantes as demonstration communities

Concerto / act2 (‘Action to mainstream efficient building and renewable energy systems at a city level across Europe’) - addresses cities willing to improve and adapt their infrastructures to the sustainable energy model.

Hanover* and Nantes, as demonstration communities, in association with Koszalin, Malmö and Newcastle collaborate to apply at a district scale integrated concepts of energy provision, combining uses of renewable energy sources, energy efficiency technologies, rational energy use and innovative energy management.

The focus is on the real estate sector, addressing both newly-built and refurbished housing and public buildings. They provide a benchmark for the ‘Cities of Tomorrow’.

Hanover: The integrative concept of the act2 climate protection project can be plainly seen from the apartment blocks of two housing associations in Hanover, that were retrofitted for energy efficiency in 2006. 286 apartments were retrofitted, with improvements to the building envelope which exceed German insulation standards for older buildings by up to 25%. Support and advice was made available to the building tenants.



Eiselen Street residences in Hanover

These houses are also connected to a biomass-fuelled district heating network. The utility Stadtwerke Hannover has gained experience with burning wood in its coal-fired heat and power station (CHP) in nearby Stöcken. After the first heating period (winter 2006-7), voluntary electricity-saving consultations took place for owners and tenants of the modernised apartments.

Nantes: The Concerto-act2 project fits the objectives that have been outlined in the Local Climate Action Programme approved by Nantes Metropole Council in March 2007. The first deliveries within the act2 project are actual milestones in the energy policy: a 1800 m² social residence for young people with an energy performance 25% above the French national regulation, is being established. One of the largest photovoltaic power plants (1500 m² panels) will be established in France. Furthermore 81,500 m² eco-buildings are planned for the Île de Nantes to be in place by the end of the project in 2010.

For further information on the Hanover project: Ms. Ute Heda, City of Hanover, Environment and City Greenspace, Energy and Climate Protection Unit, ute.heda@hannover-stadt.de , www.concerto-hannover.de , www.concerto-act2.eu

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SESAC project: Växjö* and Delft set the pace

The European Sustainable Energy Systems in Advanced Cities (SESAC) project – within the CONCERTO initiative co-funded by the European Commission - aims at showing how the local economy can thrive while at the same time CO₂ emissions are reduced. This is translated into innovative energy measures in new building projects and the renovation of existing buildings, with measures focussing on energy saving and the use of renewable energy for electricity, heating and cooling.

The cities of Växjö* (Sweden), Grenoble (France) and Delft (Netherlands) are participating in the SESAC project.

From 21 to 24 May 2007 the City of Delft hosted a conference for administrators and energy experts from all over Europe, where the **climate statement** was drafted. On 24 May the Mayors of Delft, Växjö, Grenoble, Miskolc (Hungary) and Vastseliina (Estonia) signed a declaration to strongly urge the European Union (EU) to take action on climate issues. The declaration is intended as a policy recommendation, urging that taxation be used to encourage the wider use of RES, and discourage the use of fossil fuels. This can for example be done by a combination of:

- imposing a high tax on all fossil fuels,
- stopping direct and indirect subsidies for all types of fossil fuels, and
- reducing or even abolishing tax on RES.

The funds generated this way should be invested in sustainable energy measures on a local level.

In the framework of SESAC, the City of Växjö developed a **'Demand Side Management (DSM) method'** for energy. This is used for building tenants, first creating useful sustainable energy options and later encouraging behaviour change (e.g. saving energy). The aim is to lower tenant energy consumption by 10%, which will have the largest impact on energy in the long run. Apartments are equipped with system for individual energy measuring (a display), used to create an incentive for tenants to lowering their energy consumption. First results show that electricity consumption has dropped by 13,6 % in apartments where the DSM method is used.

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Mayors signing the climate statement

Finnish town of Kotka effectively reduces CO₂ emissions

Kotka (Finland) has achieved remarkable energy investments in support of climate protection, working with the local energy utility. Kotkan Energia Oy (Kotka Energy Ltd) is 100% owned by the town of Kotka. The company concentrates on district heating and combined heat and power production (CHP) by renewable and recycled energy sources as well as natural gas. In 2006 the provision of district heat was 379 GWh, process steam 142 GWh and electricity 264 GWh in 2006.



In 2003 Kotka Energy built a biofuel power plant of 65 MW in Hovinsaari. The total investment was 25 Mio €. As the plant is situated near downtown Kotka special attention was given to the purification of combustion gases.

The biofuel boiler plant burns wood fuels (e.g. bark, saw dust, wood chips, wood residues, recycled wood and energy crops). In addition to this milled peat and REF1 (recycled fuel) are burned. This CHP-plant produces the base load of district heating in Kotka, as well as process steam and electricity for the Danisco xylitol factory and electricity for Norpool.

Kotka has achieved remarkable results in combating climate change through district heating and CHP. Over a

40 year period district heating has become the most important heating system in Kotka, with the market share of 55%. Annual CO₂ reductions of 180.000 tons are achieved.

Kotka Energy has also implemented important changes in fuel usage of the Hovinsaari power plant, changing from coal to a combined cycle gas turbine using natural gas. In 2003 they invested in a biofuel boiler plant. These investments lead to annual reduction of 100.000 tons of CO₂ emissions. Kotkan Energia also invested in wind power of two 1 MW units. Energy crops for fuel production - some 500 ha field – are grown in agreement with farmers. A new modern municipal waste incineration plant is in development to produce industrial steam, electricity and district heat in the CHP-process. This plant will decrease CO₂ emissions annually by 80.000 tons.

All together the above mentioned activities lead to **annual CO₂ reductions of 390.000 tons** - about 30% of the total emissions from all energy and industrial production in the region of the municipality of Kotka.

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Middlesbrough groundbreaking climate change conference

More than 240 delegates came to Middlesbrough in March to discuss climate change and local action to make a difference. The conference "Local Action on Climate Change" focussed on the need for us all to think about the impact we have on the environment and how we can reduce the damage we are causing.

Middlesbrough Council jointly hosted the conference with Renew Tees Valley and Forum for the Future. Both these organisations are leaders in the field of promoting sustainable development. The Council takes a leading role in the Middlesbrough Climate Change Partnership, committed to reducing carbon emissions and the impact that climate change has on the local environment. Through its Community Action Plan, the partnership works with all sectors of the Middlesbrough community to tackle climate change.

Mayor Ray Mallon referred to the town's action on curbing climate change: "Middlesbrough has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by over 1% a year for three consecutive years, but we need to do more and the key to it is education. It is local authorities like Middlesbrough which can offer the information and support needed for people to make the changes."

Following a welcome by the Mayor the participants heard hard-hitting presentations by Sir John Harman, Chair of the Environment Agency, Sara Parkin, Founder Director of Forum for the Future, and Maryke van Staden from ICLEI Europe's Cities for Climate Protection Campaign. These speakers outlined the causes and effects of climate change, and stressed the urgency of taking action to reduce the risk of the most damaging and disruptive impacts.

Workshops were held throughout the day to discuss the best way of making local action more effective. Delegates accepted that the debate on climate change has moved on from whether we need to act, to considering how much needs to be done and by when this has to be achieved.

<http://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/ccm/content/environment/climate-change-conference.en>

PROJECTS UPDATE

Biofuel Cities – European Platform in development

A European Partnership on Biofuels for transport is under development, with the aim to demonstrate the broad scale use of new and innovative biofuel technologies. Biofuel Cities is a project that covers the complete chain from feedstock to biofuels production, distribution and utilisation in vehicle fleets.



Over the next few days an interactive project webpage will be launched with a wide range of support and offers, e.g. a resource centre on biofuels with information about policies, legislation, and technology. It will include databases on European projects and good practice examples, as well of relevant contacts.

You are invited to join the European Partnership – news is shared through a mailing list, with a range of interaction options: www.biofuel-cities.eu

One of the current offers for local authorities is **biofuels twinning opportunities**. If your local authority wants to learn more, or share experiences through a city-to-city partnerships in the field of biofuels for transport, please contact us.

The first event for biofuel end-users was held in Stockholm in May 2007. Here experts working for local authorities, transport companies and industrial/commercial end-users discussed the challenges and opportunities facing them. A summary of the workshop will be available on the website soon. The results will help to guide the project elements relevant to end-users. The next workshop for end-users will take place in Eastern Europe in early December 2007. Interested in attending? Contact us: ccp@iclei-europe.org.

Conference 'Local Renewables 2007 - Powerful local action for secure and sustainable energy in Europe'



Tours to interesting projects in the SolarRegion Freiburg

ICLEI, together with the City of Freiburg, organised the conference 'Local Renewables 2007 - Powerful local action for secure and sustainable energy in Europe' from the 13th to 15th June 2007.

The Lord Mayor of Freiburg, Dr. Dieter Salomon, welcomed local decision-makers and politicians, representatives from utilities, businesses and the research and development community from all over Europe and beyond, urging them to work together on solutions for future urban development and a sustainable energy supply.

The event took place against the background of a changing climate, the need for a secure energy supply and sustainable local development.

It addressed energy conservation, energy efficiency (EE) and renewable energy sources (RES) in the urban environment – from policy to implementation, also considering aspects such as local economic development and framework conditions needed to support widespread and effective implementation.

Successful examples from over 60 initiatives in Europe and abroad provided motivation for further action.

The patron of Local Renewables 2007 was German Federal Environment Minister Sigmar Gabriel, in his capacity as president of the EU Environmental Council, during the German EU Presidency. A message has been sent to this body and several important actors within Europe, calling for stronger support of local governments, as crucial actors for innovative sustainable energy implementation at community level.

Addressing climate change through public procurement - DEEP project results

The Intelligent Energy-funded DEEP project (Dissemination of Energy Efficiency Measures in the Public Buildings Sector), has concluded. It helped to improve awareness on measures public authorities can take to improve energy efficiency in their operations and providing easy-to-use tools to assist in taking concrete steps. Results / tools of the DEEP project are:

- **The DEEP energy efficient procurement toolkit** (www.iclei-europe.org/deep) provides:
 - Guidance on developing and implementing an energy efficient procurement policy
 - A life-cycle cost analysis tool, to help demonstrate cost savings through reduced energy consumption
 - A self-assessment of energy consumption tool (SASESATO), to identify potential energy efficiency improvements in the building stock
 - Purchasing advice and criteria for sustainable construction, green electricity, and energy efficient IT products.
- **The Procura⁺ Manual, A Guide to Cost-effective Sustainable Public Procurement** – providing an introduction to the topic of sustainable procurement, and straightforward advice on implementation. The Manual is available for download at www.procuraplus.org
- **Policy recommendations**, providing advice for European and national decision makers on how to foster the promotion of sustainable construction and green electricity through public procurement. The recommendations are available for download at www.iclei-europe.org/deep

- **The Procura⁺ Campaign** – public authorities may also wish to join Procura⁺, ICLEI's Sustainable Procurement Campaign, which aims to **support** public authorities across Europe in implementing Sustainable Procurement – and help **promote** their achievements. The goal of the Campaign is to bring together a critical mass of public authorities committed to implementation to help drive real change on the market. To learn more please visit www.procuraplus.org

For more information on sustainable procurement: procurement@iclei-europe.org, Tel. +49-761/36892-0

Next CCP Europe conference on climate protection and renewable energy – Rovigo, Italy

2 - 4 April 2008 - make a note of these dates in your diary!

Small and large communities must now face the challenge of a changing climate! European municipalities are invited to meet in Rovigo, Italy, early next year. The conference will take place in a small Italian city, situated between Venice and Bologna, and the natural park on the River Po. Delegates will discuss how to start climate protection actions, which approaches are the most effective in the areas of mitigation and adaptation, and in particular considering what a sustainable energy future should consist of.



The conference will be a capacity building event, especially for those communities that are starting planning and actions. Small and medium-sized local authorities will be at the centre of the attention, with advanced European cities and towns sharing experiences and expertise, also on their role of the driving forces for local action and innovation.

Let us know if you are interested in participating, if you have exemplary actions that can motivate others, or if you wish to share know-how and experiences. We will consider this in our programme development.

For more information: rovigo2008@iclei.org

EVENTS LIST

Sustainable City Conference (www.malmo.se/sustainablecity)

12-14 September 2007, Malmö, Sweden

5th European Conference on Green Power Marketing (www.greenpowermarketing.org/index1.html)

13-14 September 2007, Lausanne, Switzerland

7th International BBE-Congress for wood energy (www.bioenergie.de/home.htm)

27-28 September 2007, Augsburg, Germany

2nd Conference on Better Regulation Waste (www.betterregwaste.org)

9 October 2007, Brussels, Belgium

3rd Annual European Energy Policy Conference

(<http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=455c0ca8-3464-4a45-9181-2c24fb62ff74>)

9-10 October 2007, Brussels, Belgium

International conference on “Producer Responsibility COPIDEC (the Permanent Conference of Belgian Waste Management Intercommunal Groups) and ACR+ (www.conferenceacrcopidec.be)

9 - 11 October 2007, Halles des Foires in Liege, Belgium

II International Conference energy from waste and biomass (www.isrcer.org or www.isrtv.org)

24-26 October 2007, Madrid, Spain

Clean Vehicles and Fuels European Symposium and Exhibition (www.cleanvehicles.net)

7-9 November 2007, Stockholm, Sweden

UNECE Energy Week: "Investing in Energy Security", 16th Annual Session of UNECE Committee on Sustainable Energy (www.unece.org)
26-30 November 2007, Geneva, Switzerland

Governance & Mobility 3-day forum (www.governance-mobility.org)
10-12 December 2007, Nantes, France

Bioenergy World Europe 2008 (www.bioenergy-world.com)
7-10 February 2008, Verona, Italy

World Sustainable Energy Days (www.wsed.at)
5-8 March 2008, Wels, Austria

All CCP participants are invited to share their events relevant to climate protection with us!

BOOK REVIEWS

“From Kyoto to the Town Hall”

“From Kyoto to the Town Hall, making International and National Climate Policy Work at the Local Level”, Edited by Lennart J. Lundquist and Anders Biel, Earthscan, 2007

A collection of studies on the challenge of transforming the principles of a national climate strategy into effective local and individual action and behaviour. Focusing mainly on the Swedish example, it analyses several aspects of policy and implementation of climate strategies, from how to communicate climate topics to the public, acceptance of climate taxes, cost effective climate policies, etc. It also gives an insight on the Swedish national climate policy, which is making Sweden one of the few EU countries that will exceed their Kyoto targets. One chapter is dedicated to the EU policy to comply with the Climate Convention and its targets.

Interesting to read for politicians and decision-makers with a basic knowledge of climate and the international negotiations. To purchase the book (now available with a 10% discount): <http://shop.earthscan.co.uk/>.

Cut Carbon, Grow Profits

Low-Carb Leaders - How top organisations are combating climate change

In a new book, published by Middlesex University Press, leading international companies and local governments reveal how they are taking action in preparation for the low-carbon economy.

Cut Carbon, Grow Profits editors Kenny Tang and Ruth Yeoh have convinced major corporations across a variety of sectors to share their business strategies on managing climate change and sustainability.

Business leaders from companies including BT, Ford, Lloyd's, Siemens, Ernst & Young, and Arup, as well as ICLEI and the London Climate Change Agency have contributed to the book. Thirty-nine experts from 30 organisations in 8 countries across 3 continents have united to address what has become an inescapable priority for businesses and cities in every country.

Cut Carbon, Grow Profits shows how forward-thinking businesses are creating sustainable shareholder value, cutting costs, increasing revenues, developing new low-carbon products and services, engaging employees and creating powerful brands through incorporating strategic aspects of carbon thinking into their business strategies.

Cut Carbon, Grow Profits – Business Strategies for Managing Climate Change and Sustainability (ISBN: 978 1 904750 15 4/ 1 904750 15 X) is available in hardback for £40.00 from www.mupress.co.uk and selected bookshops nation-wide.

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The CCP Europe Campaign forms part of a world-wide movement and network started in 1993, which aims to address climate change mitigation (reducing the human impact on global warming, by reducing the release of harmful emissions caused by our day-to-day activities) and adapting to climate change at a local level.

www.iclei.org

Join ICLEI – join the movement!