

Low-energy cities with a high quality of life for all: a way towards territorial cohesion

Or, how to consider energy, not only as technical issue, but as an economic, social, and cultural issue.

October 6th 2010, 14:30 – 17:00

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Committee of the Regions | Room VM1 | Rue Belliard 99-101 | Brussels



14:30 – 14:40 Introduction and moderation (Stéphane Dupas, Energy Cities)

Presentation of the objectives of the session: Discuss the opportunities and the obstacles of a European bottom-up energy policy based on territorial cohesion. Imagine how stakeholders involved in local energy issues can work together on territorial issues.

14:40 – 15:10 Conceptual inputs by M. Pierre Calame, director of the IRE (International Initiative for Rethinking the Economy)

Pierre Calame will present the conceptual lines of its economic approach of territory, its influence on energy issues and the importance of local governance and institutional arrangements.
On its "Essay on Oeconomy", Pierre Calame explores linkages between economics, territories and ecology. He emphasises on the fact that the "territory" must not be reduced to local authorities and has to be considered, not as a geographic space, but as a system of relations. "Economic life cannot be thought of as series of activities that are separated from one another. [...] In order to save raw material and energy, we must think in terms of services provided rather than in term of products. These two observations lead to a renewed approach to territory and capital."
[-> http://www.i-r-e.org/index_en.html]

15:10 – 15:45 Panel discussions including

- M. **Pekka Sauri**, deputy mayor of the city of Helsinki (FIN), Vice-President of Energy Cities
- Ms **Fiona Riddoch**, Managing Director COGEN Europe
- Ms **Fiona Hall**, Member of the European Parliament, Commission ITRE (Industry, Research and Energy), Member of the Urban Intergroup
- Ms **Magda Stoczkiewicz**, director of Friends of the Earth Europe

With the participation of M. **Michel Delebarre**, Mayor of Dunkerque (FR), President of the Commission for Territorial Cohesion of the Committee of the Regions

The panellists will be asked to state their position on a bottom up approach of territorial energy issues and on the collaboration potential of local stakeholders towards low-energy territories with a high quality of life for all.

15:45 – 16:40 Contributions from the audience

How could a local stakeholders alliance look like?
How to adjust strategic timelines in order to work toward long-run objectives and shared visions?
What is at stake at the European level for local dynamics?

16:40 – 17:00 Closing remarks (Gérard Magnin, Executive Director of Energy Cities)

Local authorities, as coordinating actors and policy makers, have a central role to play. They are at the centre of governance process, though do not favour private interests, but claim to achieve cities with a high quality of life for all. In this light, Energy Cities proposes to start an "alliance of local energy" as a continuity of the IMAGINE initiative partnership.



Under the patronage of M. Michel Delebarre, President of the Commission for Territorial Cohesion of the Committee of the Regions, Energy Cities organises a workshop on **Low-energy cities with a high quality of life for all: a way towards territorial cohesion**, in order to :

- **Build bridges** between Energy and Territorial cohesion,
- **Gather stakeholders** acting directly or indirectly on Energy issues at local and territorial level,
- **Prefigure an alliance of local energy.**

The territory scale, the right scale for energy policies?

IMAGINE: vision, governance and a timeline for change

EU policies and local dynamics: complementary and contradictory at once?

Necessary multilevel governance

Change processes at local level

Looking for a communication channel



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Pierre
Calame



Michel
Delebarre



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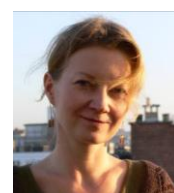
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