

# OPEN EUROPEAN DAY, BONN, 28 MAY 2014

## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

09.00 – 09.30

REGISTRATION

09.30 – 10.30

### OPENING SESSION

- Welcome and Introductions
- Interviews with main event supporters and key stakeholders (EIB, DG RTD, DG Clima)
- Stocktaking city interviews on adaptation progress
- Programme overview

10.30 – 11.30

### THEME1: VULNERABILITY AND RISK ASSESSMENTS – GETTING STARTED AND CREATING A BASIS FOR TARGETED ACTION

#### Session 1A – Integrated vulnerability assessments

*Leading questions:*

- How to organise and implement city-wide assessments that are useful for planning?
- What information and data is needed?
- How can an assessment look like? Which form is sufficient/helpful?
- How can the process be organised? Who should do it? What is a useful level of participation?

#### Session 1B – Sector-based vulnerabilities & solutions

*Leading questions:*

- How to assess the current adaptive capacity/resilience of priority sectors and systems?
- What practical city examples are there for different sectors and climate impacts?
- How can the relevant sectoral stakeholders get involved? What are the current challenges?

#### Session 1C – Climate data & projections in practice

*Leading questions:*

- How to make use of and identify appropriate downscaled climate projections?
- Are there any simple ways/shortcuts one could use?
- How to deal with the inherent uncertainty?
- Which expertise is needed and what useful sources are there for end users?

11.30 – 12.10

MARKETPLACE EXCHANGE AND COFFEE

12.10 – 13.10

### THEME2: ECONOMICS OF ADAPTATION

#### Session 2A – Decision-making, costs, benefits and win-win solutions

*Leading questions:*

- Which criteria for assessing alternative options for adaptation are available?
- How are costs and benefits accounted for and how are they distributed?
- How to move from “adaptation costs” to “investment in a sustainable and resilient urban future”?

## Session 2B – Nature-based win-win solutions

Leading questions:

- How to best work with nature for adaptation?
- How to take into account benefits created by ecosystem services?
- How to ensure an active urban-rural interaction?

## Session 2C – Options for adaptation funding

Leading questions:

- How can urban transitions and change be used to advancing adaptation?
- How can cities access European EU funding options for financing adaptation?
- Which alternative funding options do exist?
- How to use/integrate different budgets?

**13.10 – 14.30**

LUNCH

**14.30 – 15.30**

## **THEME3: MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE APPROACHES AND COOPERATION**

### Session 3A – Mayors adapt – Making adaptation to climate change work

Leading questions:

- How to introduce adaptation in the municipal climate agenda?
- What is needed for concrete local actions?
- What kind of support for cities from the European Commission, from the national or regional governments is needed to enable or reinforce local adaptation action?

### Session 3B – Enabling national and regional frameworks

- How do different existing national frameworks facilitate or constrain urban adaptation?
- Predefining urban adaptation or enabling self-governance – which approach works better?
- How much and which support is needed?

### Session 3C – Multi-level and regional governance in practice

Leading questions:

- What can be learned from concrete examples of multi-level governance?
- What is a successful institutional set-up for regional and multi-level approaches
- Which arrangements and tools work?

**15.30 – 16.15**

MARKETPLACE EXCHANGE AND COFFEE

**16.15 – 17.15**

## **WHAT ARE WE TAKING HOME? LESSONS LEARNED**

- Inspirations from participants' exchange
- Observers' feedback on the day
- Next steps and thank you

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