



Political training academy on climate adaptation

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European Committee of the Regions, Brussels
2, rue Van Maerlant, room VM 3

European Week for Regions and Cities

Climate adaptation measures can require substantial investment that can only be secured if there is political buy-in. This session organised by EURO CITIES in the framework of the EU Urban Agenda partnership on climate adaptation, building on a first edition in May 2019, consists in a training designed specifically for local politicians to raise their awareness of adaptation issues.

The training will:

- Provide general information on what adaptation means for cities
- Raise awareness of the costs of inaction
- Inform about the risks of maladaptation.
- Provide knowledge of the co-benefits of adaptation actions

The session targets local politicians (Mayors, Deputy Mayors, elected Councillors) from all over Europe.

The training will cover the following topics:

1. How climate change already affects European cities. Evidence from latest events and their impact (casualties, economic losses).
2. How will climate change affect European cities, the physics of climate change, evolution of temperatures and precipitations, evidence from latest science
3. Mitigation cannot free us from the necessity of adaptation. Will climate change quickly halt if we decrease emissions? (Emissions in Europe vs. emissions in the rest of the world)
4. What does adaptation mean? From understanding the risks and the vulnerability of your people and your infrastructure to climate hazards, to prioritizing critical facilities.
5. If we do not act, or do not take sufficient measures, what will happen?
6. Other benefits of adaptation, long-term economic benefits, immediate quality of life/job creation benefits
7. What tools exist to concretely adapt? Covenant of Mayors initiative, climate-Adapt, funding for adaptation



Agenda:

Moderator: Stefania Manca, Urban Resilience Strategy Office of the City of Genova and Climate Adaptation Partnership Coordinator

Welcoming words by EUROCIITIES (Nathalie Guri, Projects and knowledge sharing director)	5 minutes
Keynote talk by climate expert Jean-Marc Jancovici addressing challenges, facts, impacts, supporting by eye-opening slides and visual support	45 minutes
Presentation by Janus Christoffersen (Head of Division in Center for Climate Adaptation, City of Copenhagen): why our city decided to take action on climate adaptation	15 minutes
Q&A from the audience to the speakers, moderated by Stefania Manca	15 minutes
Conclusions: by DG CLIMA, European Commission (Elena Višnar Malinová, Head of Unit)	5 minutes

This session builds on a first Political Training Academy on climate adaptation to be held in Oslo during the Urban Future Global Conference on 23 May 2019 and local Political Training Academies to be organised in several EU cities, including Glasgow in June 2019 and Genoa in Autumn 2019.

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The [EU Urban Agenda partnership on climate adaptation](#) brings together city representatives of cities, regions, national governments and EU institutions to addresses obstacles to adaptation to climate change. Through proposals in the areas of better regulation, funding and knowledge exchange, the Partnership wants to achieve a common awareness level of urgency climate change carries and develop progressively city capacities adapt to the impacts of such change. Find our [action plan](#).



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