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### LG Action launched as platform for European local governments active in climate and energy

**Copenhagen, 03 June 2009.** With a focus on European developments, the Local Government Climate Roadmap process is actively supported by the project “**Networking action to involve Local Governments in the EU and international energy and climate debate**” (LG Action), under coordination of ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability and co-funded by the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme.

LG Action was started in May 2009 to provide a voice for European local governments, to improve local-national dialogues, and capture local government (LG) needs to empower and support them in climate and sustainable energy action.

One important event in this process and held in the framework of the Local Government Climate Roadmap is the Local Government Climate Change Leadership Summit, taking place in Copenhagen from 2 to 4 June 2009. ICLEI, facilitator of the international Local Government Climate Roadmap, closely cooperated with Local Government Denmark in the organisation of this important Summit.

During this Summit representatives from local, regional and national governments are gathering to engage in national-local dialogue concerning the role local and regional governments need to play in the post-2012 agreement. The issues identified by European LGs during this event will feed into a process of developing positioning for effective future local climate action, through LG Action. The project focuses on:

- Provide information: making LGs aware of their powers for change;
- Mobilise: linking LGs to national, European and international climate protection processes;
- Support positioning: identifying LG needs, develop LG positions, and presenting these to national and EU governments;
- Call for recognition: advocacy on behalf of LGs towards national and EU governments, to recognise the essential role LGs play in the climate and energy debate.

The project partners are ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, European Secretariat; Local Government Denmark (LGDK), Denmark; Association of Cities and Regions for Recycling sustainable Resource management (ACR+), Belgium; The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC), Hungary; and Coordinamento Agende 21 Locali Italiane (CA21L), Italy.

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