

Newsbit

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for European local governments and their associations

Towards COP 16: pool your community data

Make use of a major European data collection effort and share your community's climate and energy developments, needs and challenges - in the City Climate Catalogue. This collection centralises facts and figures. It will be used to substantiate the argument that local governments play a key role in addressing climate change mitigation. Results will be used for advocacy during COP 16 and for a summarised analysis in the European Local Government Positioning through the LG Action project. Take a look at the Copenhagen Community Summary to get inspired! Pool your community data on www.climate-catalogue.org today!

Contribute to the Dunkerque 2010 Conference message

The Dunkerque 2010 Conference message will be vital for the European climate and energy debate, highlighting current perspectives of local governments. This message will be sent through LG Action, an advocacy and networking project for cities and towns across Europe. Join us in Dunkerque in May 2010 - www.dunkerque2010.org

Covenant of Mayors hits two new records

More than 1400 cities and towns have already signed up to the Covenant of Mayors, while 61 Supporting Structures are ready to support their communities. Visit the redesigned website - now easier to navigate, with up-to-date information about the initiative - www.eumayors.eu. Those communities that have not joined the CoM - please sign up or let us know why you can not do so through LG Action.

Funds are starting to flow the right way - ELENA in action

The European Commission and European Investment Bank (EIB) expect the European Local Energy Assistance (ELENA) facility launched in December to support more than EUR 1 billion of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in 2010. A first agreement with the province of Barcelona will be signed in April. The EIB is currently in detailed discussions with 16 other cities or regions about their investment plans to increase energy efficiency and develop renewable energy. More details on www.eib.org/elena

Launch of the Local Renewables Web Portal – information gateway on generating and using renewable energy at the local level

The Renewable Energy Policy Network (REN21) has just launched the Local Renewables Web Portal. It provides information for and about local governments - addressing renewable energy and energy efficiency. It offers a growing range of guidance and tools, concentrates policy options and other relevant information. More details on <http://local-renewables.org>

The climate change agenda need the Local and Regional authorities contribution

On the behalf of the Rapporteur on Climate Change Mr. Henning Jensen the message was clear when Mr. Knud Andersen presented the summation of the international and European climate change strategy at the Committee of the Region (CoR) Bureau Meeting 11 of March. The local authorities need to work their way in to the climate change agenda and the deadline is COP17 2011. Read more in the 'News' section of www.lg-action.eu about why local authorities need to fill the void of Copenhagen.



Networking action to involve Local Governments in the EU and international energy and climate debate

Commissioner Janez Potcnik and Chairman of the European Parliament committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) Jo Leinen confronted with crucial local governmental questions

On the behalf of Local Government Denmark (LGDK) and the LG Action consortium Mr. Per Bødker Andersen did not yield when he got the chance to confront the high-level politicians on the matter of climate change and the future strategy for Europe. First of all Mr. Andersen stressed the need for the local level's involvement in the development of sustainable climate policy at international and European level. As well as the need for the recognition of the local and regional level in a global post 2012 climate agreement. Furthermore Mr. Andersen underlined the necessity for a broad bottom-up strategy in the process of developing a future agreement on the ground work of the Copenhagen Accord – a need which has been pointed out by many local governments LG Action project consulted with. Get the full story and conclusion of the meeting at www.lg-action.eu

Reminder: The Premier EE & RES Event in South-East Europe

The most influential event for South-East Europe in the field of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency will be held from 14th to 16th April in IEC - Sofia. Take your chance and network with 500+ high level representatives from the South-East European region. The new trend topic is: Municipality Energy Independence – Cases of 100 % energy independent cities from Austria, Sweden, Germany and Denmark. Meet us at the LG Action booth. Check the programme at www.viaexpo.com



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