



SESSION DESCRIPTION

B3 Reality Check: Adaptation on the ground in Bologna, Italy

Reality Check Workshop

Date: Thursday, May 29, 2014

Time: 16:45-18:45

Rooms: S34-35

Language: English

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OBJECTIVE

In 2012, Bologna started the process of developing its Adaptation Plan under the umbrella of a European co-funded LIFE+ project called BlueAp. As a pilot project in the Italian context the city's ambition is to identify comprehensive and participatory instruments for local adaptation in order to increase urban resilience to climate changes. This is done on the basis of the most advanced EU experiences by adapting their approaches and tools to the needs of the specific southern European situation.

The session's objective is to present and discuss Bologna's Local Urban Environment Adaptation Plan (BLUE AP). Participants will learn about the four main steps that have guided the development of the Plan. These are: Step 1 Local Climate Profile prepared by local environmental agency ARPA, Step 2 Strategic Document and Participatory Process which concluded in March 2014, Step 3 "BLUE AP 2.0", and Step 4 Local Adaptation Plan and Pilot projects. Each panelist will focus on one of the four steps and discuss different aspects and challenges. Afterwards, peer-city representatives from Copenhagen and Almada, and a researcher from Rotterdam will share their experiences, comment on Bologna's adaptation planning steps, and provide critical feedback.

OUTCOMES

- Preparation of a Local Adaptation Strategy and Plan in a medium sized European City.
- Local adaptation and governance: how to set up collaboration among public authorities, local agencies and private companies.
- Methodologies used for the scale down of the climate change impacts using existing climate and meteorological models.
- Adaptive management approach to actions based on greatest impact and cost effectiveness.



METHODOLOGY

Facilitator: *Giovanni Fini, Coordinator of the Environmental Quality Unit, Bologna Municipality, Italy*

Welcome and Introduction

16:45-16:55 *Giovanni Fini, Coordinator of the Environmental Quality Unit, Bologna Municipality, Italy*

Bologna moving forward to Resilient: BLUE AP process and participatory planning

16:55-17:05 *Lucio Botarelli, Area Manager Agrometeorology, Land and Climate, ARPA Emilia Romagna, Bologna, Italy*

The Local Climate Profile: Scaling down the impact

17:05 -17:15 *Piero Pelizzaro, Head of the International Cooperation Unit, Kyoto Club, Rome Italy*

SEAP and LAP development of the participatory process: Critical points and opportunities

17:15 -17:25 *Lorenzo Bono, Climate Change and Urban Sustainability Manager, Ambiente Italia, Milan, Italy*

From a Strategic Document to the Local Adaption Plan for urban resilience

17:25 – 17:35 Questions and answers

Inputs from Peer-Cities, Critical Feedback, and Suggestions

Relevant participants will share their experiences and provide recommendations for the aspects they feel need to be better defined or implemented in the Adaptation Plan.

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How to prioritize climate change adaptation and mitigation actions: A system to guide urban policy makers and planners' decisions in planning for climate change



17:43 – 17:51 *Palle Dannemand Sørensen, Senior Advisor, City of Copenhagen, Denmark*

17:51 – 17:59 *Catarina Freitas, Head of the Sustainable Environmental Management and Planning Department, City Council of Almada, Portugal*

Smart Urban Logistics for a more Resilient Almada

17:59 - 18:07 *Andreas Kress, Mayors Adapt Secretariat, Climate Alliance, Frankfurt am Main, Germany*

18:07 -18:45 Break-out discussion groups

The participants will split up into three groups. Each group will be moderated by a person involved in the development of Bologna's adaptation plan as well as a peer-city representative. Each group will critically analyze and discuss one of the following aspects:

- Adaptation planning steps
- Participatory planning processes involving communities and different stakeholder
- The implementation phase

30th May

18:45 -20:00 Networking Activities COOL!IT!

BlueAp will be hosting a cocktail event on Friday evening. City delegations are invited to present their adaptation efforts and actions at the event in a short 30 minute PechaKucha-style presentation session (10 presentationX3minsX6slide). The attendees will then vote on the best presentation, and the winning City delegation will win a free pass to the final BLUE AP project conference in summer 2015.

Further recommended reading

Bologna Local Climate Profile and BlueAp project documents:
<http://www.blueap.eu/site/documenti/>

Bologna SEAP Sustainable Energy Action Plan:
<http://www.paes.bo.it/>
