

CLISP

Climate Change Adaptation by Spatial Planning in the Alpine Space

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COMMON CLISP-CLIMALPTOUR MIDTERM CONFERENCE: ACQUI TERME, ITALY 26TH 27TH MAY 2010

The Italian Ministry for the Environment, as Information and Publicity responsible within both the ClimALpTour and CLISP projects, is assuring its supervision in the organisation of both the ClimAlpTour and CLISP midterm conferences.

In order to enhance the visibility of the two Alpine Space projects and focussing on their common goals and possible synergies, the midterm conferences will be held jointly, following the hints of the Alpine Space Programme. The joint Conference will be organised with the supervision of the Italian Ministry for the Environment, and in strict cooperation with UNCEM (which is the responsible partner according to the Application Form of the ClimAlpTour project), and the Province of Alessandria (responsible partner for the CLISP project).

Furthermore, in order to better make visible the project activities in other key-areas of the two projects, a second international event will be promoted in February/March, 2011, in the surroundings of Cuneo.

The Ministry deems very important to bring the two conferences together so to assure organisational and communication efficiency to a joint single event.

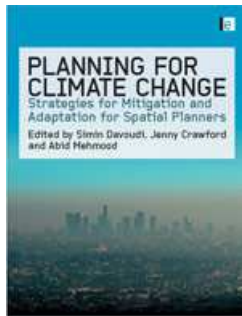
The Acqui Terme area (located in the Province of Alessandria) has historically been subject to floods, and is well prepared to respond to this kind of natural hazards with appropriate planning tools. Aiming at focussing also on a more tourist area, the decision was taken to organise a second event in the vicinity of some of the pilot areas of the ClimAlpTour project, near the town of Cuneo.

Both the dimension of the joint event and the innovative message which it will bring in the region are very likely to attract a remarkable public and to involve local stakeholders in a sound discussion on climate change and its consequences on the Alps and the closest valleys and surrounding territories.

CLISP PARTNERS MEETING

On the 8th and 9th of March 2010, the CLISP Project Partners will gather in Ljubljana for the 5th Project Partners Meeting. Hosted and organized by the Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia, the meeting will be opened by the members of the Slovenian Spatial Planning Directorate and the Slovenian Government Office for Climate Change. In this occasion the Partners will compare on project activities. The new available results will be discussed and next steps will be planned on this occasion!

A NEW GUIDE ON HOW CAN SPATIAL PLANNERS COPE WITH CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGES



Is climate change likely to change the context of spatial planning and shaping its priorities? This issue is addressed by Simin Davoudi, Jenny Crawford and Abid Mehmood in "Planning for Climate Change" a recently published book aimed at providing authoritative guidance for spatial planners on how to meet the economic, social and environmental challenges that climate change raises for urban and regional development.

According to the authors, coordinating actions and integrating different policy priorities has become a primary issue when climate change and its consequences are involved.

This book is based on recent research and scholarly works on the role of spatial planning in combating climate change, but includes an updated overview of emerging practice too. Planning issues and opportunities at different spatial scales are analysed, both in the UK and outside. The importance to link global and local responses to shared risks and opportunities clearly emerges from this publication.

Planning for Climate Change
Strategies for Mitigation and Adaptation for Spatial Planners
Edited By Simin Davoudi, Jenny Crawford and Abid Mehmood
Earthscan Publishers
2009

Read more:

<http://tinyurl.com/NL210-Book>

THE RUDI WEBSITE. A RESOURCE FOR SPATIAL PLANNERS WITH A GROWING FOCUS ON CLIMATE CHANGE



Useful for both practitioners and scholars, the Resource for Urban Design Information (RUDI) provides an independent unbiased service concerning urban design and placemaking. RUDI web database is a primary resource for all the people and institutions involved with spatial planning. Moreover, it commissions, researches and creates materials for professionals in the public and private sector. Often articles and information on climate change and how it might be addressed by spatial planning appear on this valuable website.

Read More:

<http://tinyurl.com/NL210-RUDI>

A CLIMATE PROOFING APPROACH FOR ADAPTATION FROM THE NETHERLANDS



Supporting practitioners on the challenge posed by climate change in the field of sustainable spatial planning is the mission of the "Climate **changes** Spatial Planning" programme. This national programme - launched by the Dutch government - aims at delivering internationally competitive scientific results and establishing a solid knowledge on how to cope with climate change. The mission of the programme is to introduce climate change and climate variability as one of the guiding principles for spatial planning in the Netherlands. The programme recognises the importance of applying the findings of climate research in land-, water and nature management.

Read more:

<http://tinyurl.com/NL210-CCSP>

ALPINE SPACE EXPERT WORKSHOP SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE 4-5 MAY 2010 IN INTERLAKEN, SWITZERLAND



The Alps are much earlier and more strongly affected by climate change than other regions in Europe. Coping with the various effects of climate change is a key challenge for the Alpine Space. Joint efforts and cooperation are indispensable to adapt and to mitigate impacts and which calls for a dynamic exchange between all the on-going projects in the Alpine Space. The workshop organised by the Alpine Space Programme will bring together experts – practitioners, policy makers and scientist - in the field. They will analyse the state of achievements, to identify gaps and scope for improvements to support mitigation and adaptation measures in the Alpine Space. Potential new project ideas for the Alpine Space Programme will be identified as well as opportunities for further capitalisation and synergy building between existing initiatives.

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THE ESPACE PROJECT EXPERIENCE - A REFERENCE POINT FOR SPATIAL PLANNING IN THE TIME OF CLIMATE CHANGE



The ESPACE project closed a few years ago. Though, it represents a milestone in the history of climate-responsible approaches to spatial planning. Its results, available on the project web site, can be an interesting source of information for scientists, practitioners and public administrations involved in the management of spatial planning in presence of climate change. It mainly focuses on experiences from Uk, Belgium and the Netherlands, but useful suggestions emerge for other areas too. The ESPACE project has since its launch in 2003 had a major influence on the spatial planning agenda across Europe

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