

CLISP Climate Change Adaptation by Spatial Planning in the Alpine Space

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COMMON CLISP-CLIMALPTOUR MIDTERM CONFERENCE SUCCESSFULLY HELD IN ACQUI TERME, ITALY, 26TH MAY 2010

The common Midterm Conference of the **CLISP** and **ClimAlpTour** projects was successfully held on the 26th of May in Acqui Terme, Piemonte, Italy. The Conference was hosted by CLISP Project Partner Provincia di Alessandria and organised in cooperation with the Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea and UNCEM Piemonte.

The event aimed at enhancing the visibility of the two projects, informing a broader expert and public audience about the ongoing projects' activities and available interim results, and

pointing out potential common goals & synergies between the two projects.

For the first time ever, two Alpine Space projects set to closely collaborate in implementing their public conferences. The idea of integrating the two mid-term conferences derived by the fact that both projects focus on climate change impacts and adaptation strategies, with both spatial planning and tourism being strongly affected by the effects of climate change. By the example of these two key players in climate change adaptation the event aimed at raising awareness on the need of developing new joint and inter-sector strategies in climate change adaptation.

In the first part of the conference – mainly addressed to the general public and mass media – examples have been quoted from the running projects' activities in two CLISP model regions. In the afternoon session, the experts have shared their views in two round table discussions on several topics related to the two projects.

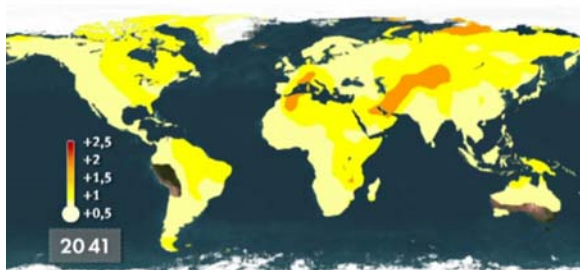
The event – which was attended by an international audience of more than 100 participants from many Alpine Space countries – had also registered a good media coverage, including various national and regional newspapers as well as electronic media, which clearly reflects the growing public interest on climate change related issues.

To get deeper information about the topics discussed during the meeting in Acqui Terme, refer to the presentations of the participants in the conference:

- Welcome and Introduction to the CLISP project (Wolfgang Lexer, Lead Partner, Environment Agency Austria) - <http://bit.ly/bcvkON>
- Welcome and introduction (Alpine Space Programme Joint Technical Secretariat)- <http://bit.ly/9Of0lO>
- Climate change: Impacts on tourism and on spatial development and joint strategies for adaptation (Felix Kolbeck, Munich University & Pier Carlo Sandei, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Regional Office for Europe - Vienna Office) - <http://bit.ly/cGdAJR>

- CLISP - Introduction of Model Regions and work programme:
 - Province of Alessandria: (Claudio Coffano & Cecilia Mosca, Project Partner Province of Alessandria) - <http://bit.ly/byZ8HR>
 - Autonomous Province of Bolzano: (Marc Zebisch, European Academy of Bolzano - EURAC) - <http://bit.ly/cUhDLd>
- CLISP Round Table: "Can spatial planning fulfil a key role in adaptation to climate change in the Alpine Space? - State of the art of the CLISP Project and needs for action towards climate-proofing spatial development". Input presentations by:
 - Wolfgang Lexner (Lead Partner Environment Agency Austria) - <http://bit.ly/butlR4>
 - Stefan Schneiderbauer (EURAC) - <http://bit.ly/9umSYW>
 - Melanie Butterling (Swiss Federal Office for Spatial Development, ARE) - <http://bit.ly/b4eolJ>

CLISP MOVIE NOW AVAILABLE ON CLISP WEBSITE



As a result of the cooperation among CLISP project partners, CLISP movie is now available on the official CLISP project website. The movie has been released and can be watched in three different languages - German, Italian and Slovenian - and provides all who are interested in the CLISP contents with a catchy and interactive tool that allows all the spectators to be easily introduced in the themes concerning Climate Change

Adaptation by Spatial Planning addressed in the project.

To Read More and to watch the movie, go to: <http://www.clisp.eu/content/>

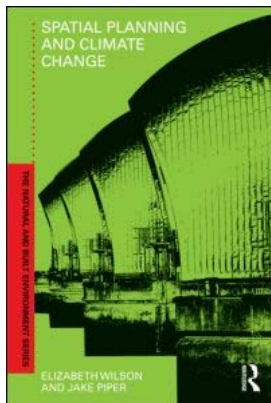
LECTURES ON PLANNING AND CLIMATE CHANGE AT THE IUAV INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL (FELTRE, ITALY, 12TH - 25TH JULY 2010)



The city of Feltre, Province of Belluno, Veneto (Italy) hosted from 12th - 25th July 2010 the International Summer School of the University IUAV of Venice on Planning and Climate Change. The event saw the participation of experts and lecturers from various international universities and institutions involved in the issue of climate change. The International workshop had two main objectives: first, to orientate urban, territorial and environmental planning towards the adaptation of local communities to climate change; second, containing climate change effects in a perspective of sustainability and social justice. The activities of the summer school had been attended by 10 IUAV students and 15 students coming from various European countries in the framework of the Erasmus Intensive Programme and were divided in four modules: 1. The climate is changing: anthropogenic climate-changing factors. Micro and Macro analysis; 2. Risks and vulnerabilities connected with climate change; 3. Climate change: adaptation and mitigation policies; 4. Laboratory activities.

Read More: <http://www.iuav.it/Didattica1/workshop-e/2010/summer-sch/index.htm>

A NEW SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTION ON THE TOPIC OF SPATIAL PLANNING ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE IS EXPECTED TO BE PUBLISHED AS SOON AS AUGUST



Spatial planning has a vital role to play in the move to a low carbon energy future and in adapting to climate change. To do this, spatial planning must develop and implement new approaches. This issue is at the core of the new essay by Elizabeth Wilson & Jake Piper “Spatial Planning and Climate Change” which is due to be published on August 19th 2010.

Wilson & Piper explore a wide range of issues in their work with the scope of assessing which is the relationship underlying climate change and spatial planning and to provide reliable ways of addressing the challenges in a long-sighted perspective for better facing climate change future consequences on human settlement and natural resources. The authors will address the various issues in their text using an evidence-based method and provide a well-illustrated book for planning professionals, politicians, students and the interested public.

Spatial Planning and Climate Change
Edited by Elizabeth Wilson and Jake Piper
Routledge
19th August 2010

Read More: <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415495912/>

A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF EUROPEAN ADAPTATION STRATEGIES



An interesting article titled “Europe adapts to climate change: Comparing National Adaptation Strategies” was published in the last number of the scientific journal “Global Environmental Change”. In this paper, several experts from European countries review seven different National Adaptation Strategies which are either formally adopted or currently under development by EU Member States. The article aims at analysing the various Adaptation Strategies under a comparative perspective, following six different themes related with the implementation and the development of such strategies. The article suggests how the role and characteristics of National Adaptation Strategies differ between countries but also how it they represent benchmarks to a new political commitment to adaptation to climate change at the national policy level.

Europe adapts to climate change: Comparing National Adaptation Strategies

Edited by G. Robbert Biesbroek, Rob J. Swart, Timothy R. Carter, Caroline Cowan, Thomas Henrichs, Hanna Mela, Michael D. Morecroft and Daniela Rey

Global Environmental Change
[Volume 20, Issue 3](#), August 2010, Pages 440-450
Governance, Complexity and Resilience

Read More and Purchase the article: <http://bit.ly/bZotYw>

2010 INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONFERENCE. CLIMATE ADAPTATION FUTURES : GOLD COAST, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA, 29 JUNE – 1 JULY 2010



Co-hosted by Australia's National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility and the CSIRO Climate Adaptation Flagships, the 2010 Climate Adaptation Futures Conference held in Gold Coast, Queensland (Australia) from 29th June to July the 1st 2010 was one of the first international forum focused solely on climate

impacts and adaptation. The Conference brought together scientists and decision-makers from either developed and developing countries to share research approaches, methods and results. The Conference showcased leading impacts and adaptation research from around the world and explored the most significant of adaptation science to planning and policy making, showing how a strong adaptation decision making can proceed in the face of uncertainty about climate change and its impacts.

Read More: <http://www.nccarf.edu.au/conference2010/>

PERTH II CONFERENCE "GLOBAL CHANGE AND THE WORLD'S MOUNTAINS": PERTH, SCOTLAND, 26 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2010



Five years after the Open Science Conference of the GLOCHAMORE (Global Change and Mountain Regions) project, the Centre for Mountain Studies (CMS) at the Perth College UHI is organising - in cooperation with the Mountain Research Initiative (MRI) - a second conference on the issues of global change and the relative

impacts on the world's mountains, which will be again held in the city of Perth, Scotland, from the 26th to the 30th September 2010. The conference, which is also endorsed by the Global Land Project of the IGBP and IHDP, UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere (MAB) programme and the Commission on Mountain Response to Global Change of the International Geographical Union, will also see the participation of several CLISP partners who will give presentation on CLISP-related topics.

Read More: <http://www.perth.ac.uk/specialistcentres/cms/Conferences/Perth2010/Pages/default.aspx>

FORUM ALPINUM 2010: MUNICH, GERMANY, 6-9 OCTOBER 2010



The 2010 ForumAlpinum - which is going to take place in Munich, Germany, from the 6th to the 9th October - will scientifically explore the relationship between the Alps and large cities located in the Alpine

Arc in the context of the current EU-wide discussion on macro-regions and spatial policy. Plenary talks

and workshops will focus on topics such as urbanisation, mobility, biodiversity, climate change and geo risks. In this framework, on October the 7th, a common section of the Alpine Space projects CLISP, AdaptAlp, AlpWaterScarce, ClimAlpTour and PermaNet on “Adaptation to climate change in the Alps (Alpine Space Projects)” will be held and chaired by Mrs. Marion Damm (LP AdaptAlp, stMUG).

Read More: <http://www.forumalpinum.org/2010/e/>

MID-TERM CONFERENCE OF THE GERMAN RESEARCH PROGRAMME “SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES FOR CLIMATE CHANGE”: LEIPZIG, GERMANY, 26TH OCTOBER 2010

In the framework of the EUREGIA event, the German city of Leipzig will host the mid-term conference of the German research programme “Spatial Development Strategies for Climate Change” on October 26th, 2010. The conference has been organized by the German CLISP partners, the Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development (BBSR) and the German Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs (BMVBS).

Read More:

http://www.bbsr.bund.de/BBSR/DE/Aktuell/Veranstaltungen/Programme2010/Klimakonferenz_info.html