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Save energy, save money, save the climate – local and regional actions

CEMR seminar on climate change at EU Sustainable Energy Week

31 January 2007

Charlemagne building, room S1
170 Rue de la Loi, Brussels

DRAFT PROGRAMME

09h30: Registration

10h00: Opening and welcome address: ***Oldrich Vlasak***, MEP, CEMR executive President: *The importance of energy and climate change policies for local and regional authorities*

10h20: Setting the scene: *The scale of climate change. Its expected impact at local and regional level*: Expert from the “Climate Change, Energy and Transport” Unit of the **OECD** Environment Directorate

10h50 **What local and regional authorities are already doing to mitigate climate change and adapt to it?**

Presentations of case studies and best practices

- ***Jannie Visscher***, Environment Councilor, City of Groningen (Netherlands): *The evidence and challenge of climate change for local and regional authorities. Integrated planning as a key response*
- ***Ian Mearns***, Councilor, Vice Chair of the Local Government Association Environment Board (UK): *Actions by local authorities in the UK including the Nottingham declaration and action plan*
- ***Joachim Lorenz***, Permanent City Councillor, Munich: *The local contribution of the City of Munich to fight against climate change and the impacts / consequences of climate change.*
- ***Hannu Penttilä*** Executive Director of the Helsinki Metropolitan Area Council: *The climate change strategy of the Helsinki Metropolitan area*
- **City of Vienna**: *The climate protection programme (KliP)(tbc)*
- ***Ronan Dantec*** Deputy Mayor of Nantes and Vice President of the Urban Community “Nantes Métropole” for Sustainable Development “*The Climate action plan of Nantes Métropole and its financing*”

----- 12h30-14h00 Lunch-----

14h00 How to improve the cooperation between all levels of governance in effectively implementing mitigation and adaptation policies?

Round table discussion

Chair: Councillor **Alison Hay**, Spokesperson on Environment, Sustainability and Community Safety at the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA)

Opening by **Alison Hay**: *Climate change and local and regional authorities: What role for CEMR to play as a European organisation of regional and local governments*

Address by **Mogens Peter Carl**, Director-General of Directorate General Environment, European Commission: *EU climate change policies: mitigation and adaptation (tbc)*

Address by **Chris Davies**, Member of the European Parliament: *Energy and climate change policies: what the EU should do, what the national level should do, what the local and regional levels should do (tbc)*

Debate with invited elected representatives:

- Climate Alliance: **Manuela Rottmann**, deputy mayor for environment and health, city of Frankfurt
- **Alain Coleman**, Councilor, Cork County Council, member of the Board of Energie-Cités
- **Rein Ratas**, Chairman of the Environmental Commission of Tallinn City Council, Estonia
- **Lene Langemyr**, Councilor, city of Oslo
- Representatives from local or regional authorities from:
 - Latvia
 - Greece
 - Norway

16h40 Conclusions by **Alison Hay**

17h00 End