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Online

Beneficiaries:

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North
Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey

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Aim of the Workshop:

The overarching objective of the workshop is to support and further promote the exchanges between Beneficiaries and urban areas through sharing knowledge and good practices on local vulnerability, impact and risk assessments, Cost/benefits of adaptation solutions, local adaptation planning and implementation of solutions as well as local disaster risk reduction strategies and their implementation.

The regional event will support urban adaptation in terms of promoting climate change adaptation actions at municipal level and fostering cooperation with the Covenant of Mayors initiative and Making Cities Resilient 2030.

EU Member State Speakers:

- Ms. Sylvia **Berndorfer**, City of Vienna, Austria
- Mr. Sergio **Barroso**, Centre for Studies and Urban and Regional Development, Portugal
- Mr. Joao **Dinis**, Environment Department, City of Cascais, Portugal
- Mr. Giovanni **Vicentini**, Municipality of Padova, Italy

Other Speakers

- Mr. Sevi **Bodur**, Environmental Engineer, Environmental Protection and Control Department, Muğla Metropolitan Municipality
- Ms. Daiva **Matonienė**, Team Leader, Central Project Management Agency (CPMA)
- Ms. Sarah **Duff**, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) Green Cities initiative
- Mr. Hiroyuki **Ito**, EBRD, Green Cities initiative
- Mr. Vasileios **Latinos**, International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) Europe
- Mr. Markus **Leitner**, TRATOLOW Expert
- Mr. Dragan **Licanin**, Making Cities Resilient 2030, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction – Europe and Central Asia (UNDRR-ROECA), Brussels, Belgium
- Ms. Ana **Mitić-Radulović**, Research Coordinator at Centre for Experiments in Urban Studies – CEUS, Serbia
- Ms. Petya **Pishmisheva**, Climate Alliance, Brussels, Belgium
- Ms. Angelika **Tomasova**, European Environmental Agency
- Mr. Ali **Tulumen**, Head of Environmental Protection and Control Department, Samsun Metropolitan Municipality

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DAY 1: Wednesday, 3rd November 2021

Chairs: Mr. Markus **Leitner**

09:00 – 09:30	Arrival of Participants Short technical introduction to the webinar platform
09:30 – 09:45	Welcome, opening remarks and workshop objectives Mr. Markus Leitner
09:45 – 10:00	Welcome on behalf of DG CLIMA Ms. Violeta Philippitsch
10:00– 10:30	European overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban adaptation in Europe: how cities and towns respond to climate change Ms. Angelika Tomasova <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of Urban Adaptation – Examples from Europe Mr. Vasileios Latinos
10:30-11:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covenant of Mayors – focus on adaptation component and the Urban Adaptation Support Tool (UAST) Ms. Petya Pishmisheva <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making cities resilient 2030 – linkage to Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) with adaptation component Mr. Dragan Licanin Q&A
11:20 -11:40	<i>Comfort Break</i>
11:40 – 13:00	Urban adaptation activities within the TRATOLOW region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turkey: Samsun Metropolitan Municipality Mr. Ali Tulumen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turkey: Muğla Metropolitan Municipality Ms. Sevi Bodur <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EBRD Green cities initiative – Overview Mr. Hiroyuki Ito / Ms. Sarah Duff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covenant of Mayors for the Western Balkans and Turkey Ms Daiva Matonienė
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:00 – 14:30	Urban adaptation and resilience experience from cities outside the region Examples from Italy and Austria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience in urban adaptation by the city of Padua, Italy Mr. Giovanni Vicentini <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptation in the city of Vienna Ms. Sylvia Berndorfer
14:30 – 15:15	Discussion in 2 break out group(s) The project team together with the previous speakers will collect and compile experiences from participants with urban adaptation and collect relevant issues that create a positive environment to strengthen efforts towards urban adaptation, based on the following guiding questions:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •What are your experiences in urban adaptation? •What is already being done to reduce those risks? (examples) •What is needed to respond to increasing risks? •What support is needed from the national level? •How to address urban adaptation within the National Action/Adaptation Plan (NAP)?
15:15 – 15:30	Summary and outlook day 2 Mr. Markus Leitner

DAY 2 Thursday, 4th November 2021

Chair: Mr. Markus Leitner	
09:00 – 09:30	Arrival of Participants Short technical introduction to the webinar platform
09:30 – 09:45	Overview of main break out group results
09:45 30 – 10:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usefulness of support provided and what helped – experience from cities and municipalities in Portugal Mr. Sergio Barroso
10:10 – 11:10	Implementation of urban adaptation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experiences in climate change adaptation planning and implementation in Cascais Mr. Joao Dinis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efforts from Belgrade within the CLEVER Cities project Ms. Ana Mitić-Radulović Q&A session
11:10 – 11:30	<i>Comfort Break</i>
11:30 – 12:45	Interactive Exchange on promoting urban adaptation and climate resilience in the beneficiary region (based on the following guiding questions): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the most relevant climate-driven hazards and risks in your city? • Which are likely to increase due to climate change in the future? • What are the most relevant benefits to become active in adaptation? • What is needed to increase the number of cities/urban areas to start working on or further progress on adaptation? • How can more cities become signatories to the Covenant of Mayors? • What are the main gaps, and what is needed to respond to increasing climate-related risks in the future? Representatives from Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey
12:45 – 13:15	Summary of interactive exchange and next steps to promote urban adaptation in the beneficiary region. Feedback from Participants and Closing remarks Mr. Markus Leitner

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