

Agenda

Monday, 1st December 2014

9:00 Registration

Plenary Session "Renaturing Cities: Research and Innovation Policy Priorities for Systemic Urban Governance"	
<i>Venue: Aula Magna, Polytechnic of Milan</i>	
<i>Chair: Birgit de Boissezon, Head of Unit, EC, DG RTD</i>	
<p>The point of departure for this session is the common assumption that cities have to increasingly rely on systemic governance, advanced planning capacities and effective management to address complex and interrelated economic, social and environmental challenges. Therefore, the aim of this session is to discuss what R&I actions are needed in the field of sustainable urban development in order to steer appropriate governance structures and mechanisms able to link urban and peri-urban areas while promoting economic growth, social cohesion and environmental sustainability.</p>	
10:00 - 10:15	Giuliano Pisapia, Mayor of Milan
10:15 – 10:30	Maurizio Martina, Minister of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (tbc)
10:30 – 10:45	Kurt Vandenberghe, Director Climate Action and Resource Efficiency, EC, DG RTD.
10:45 – 11:00	Sorlini Claudia, President of the Scientific Committee for EXPO – Municipality of Milan
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:30 – 11:45	Paola Clerici-Maestosi, Vice Chair of the Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) Urban Europe
11:45 – 12:00	Alessandro Balducci, Vice-Rector of the Polytechnic of Milan
12:00 – 12:15	AJJ Arnold van der Valk, Wageningen University
12:15 – 12:30	Stefano Boeri, Polytechnic of Milan
12:30 – 13:00	<i>Discussion</i> Main discussant: Prof. Coen Ritsema, Wageningen University

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

SESSION 1 "Innovating Cities with Nature for Economic Profitability and Social Cohesion: A Dialogue with Local Authorities"

Venue: Aula Magna, Polytechnic of Milan

Chair: Guy Duke, Director, The Environment Bank

The aim of this session is to present how local authorities in selected European cities are adopting nature-based solutions in order to improve urban socio-ecological and economic functioning while developing innovative business and financing models. In addition, the two parallel world café discussions will offer the opportunity to debate both the role of 'civic universities' and civil society in innovating cities with nature as well as to investigate regulatory bottlenecks and market obstacles to be overcome while using nature-based solutions at city level.

14:00 – 14:15	Shafique Shah, Mayor of Birmingham (tbc)
14:15 – 14:30	Gérard Collomb, Mayor of Lyon (tbc)
14:30 – 14:45	Ahmed Aboutaleb, Mayor of Rotterdam (tbc)
14:45 – 15:00	<i>Q&A Session</i>

Break: Participants will be divided into two groups for the parallel sessions

15:15– 16:15	<p>World Café Discussion 1</p> <p>Topic: The Role of 'Civic Universities' and civil society in Innovating Cities with Nature</p> <p>Venue: Room tba, <i>Polytechnic of Milan</i></p> <p>Moderators: Niki Frantzeskaki, Dutch Research Institute for Transitions (DRIFT) Ugo Guarnacci, <i>EC, DG RTD</i></p>	<p>World Café Discussion 2</p> <p>Topic: Regulatory bottlenecks and Markets Obstacles to be addressed while Innovating Cities with Nature</p> <p>Venue: Room tba, <i>Polytechnic of Milan</i></p> <p>Moderators: Luc Bourdeau, Member of Smart City Roadmap Group and Secretary-General European Technology Platform Maria Yeroyanni, <i>EC, DG RTD</i></p>
	<p>Main presentation to introduce the topic by: Ulrika K. Stigsdotter, University of Copenhagen</p>	<p>Main presentation to introduce the topic by: Paris Sansoglou, European Dredging Association</p>

16:15 – 16:30 *Closing of the first day by Niki Frantzeskaki & Luc Bourdeau*

Tuesday, 2nd December 2014

SESSION 2 "Renaturing Cities for Healthier, Happier and Safer Societies"

Venue: Aula Magna, Polytechnic of Milan

Chair: Nikolaos P. Nikolaidis, Deputy Rector of Finance, Planning & Development Technical University of Crete

The aim of this session is to show the positive effects of nature-based solutions for improving human health, enhancing wellbeing and making cities a safer place to live in, taking into consideration both intra- and inter-generational justice. Therefore, the session will also focus on the link between renaturing cities and the decline in healthcare and security spending.

09:30 – 09:35	Short Video "Wild Thing" by David Bond
09:35 – 09:55	Ricardo García-Mira, Social and Environmental Psychology, University of A. Coruña
09:55 – 10:15	Ophelie Durand, AGE Platform Europe
10:15 – 10:35	Denia Koloktsa, European Cool Roof Council
10:35 – 10:50	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:50 – 11:10	Elena Mozgovaya, NextHamburg, "My Smart Neighborhood"
11:10 – 11:30	Scira Menoni, Polytechnic of Milan and Adriana Galderisi, University of Naples Federico II
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Discussion</i> Main discussant: Jürgen Frick, Professor, Indoor air quality, University of Stuttgart

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch break

Session 3 "Social Innovation for a Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development"

Venue: *Aula Magna, Polytechnic of Milan*

Chair: *Mart Grisel, Director, European Urban Knowledge Network (EUKN)*

The aim of this session is to highlight the importance of citizen engagement and creativity for promoting the adoption of nature-based solutions at the local level. Social innovation will thus be analysed as a key factor for innovating cities with nature, since it creates a sense of ownership and commitment needed to foster participative environments where citizens, businesses and the public sector are willing to contribute and cooperate.

13:00 – 13:20	Bettina Koehler, University of Vienna "The Right to the City"
13:20 – 13:40	Renato Galliano, Milan Smart City Initiative
13:40 – 14:00	Jesper Steenberg, Head of innovation, City of Copenhagen (tbc)
14:00 – 14:20	Pierdomenico Baccalario, President of Book on a Tree
14:20 – 15:00	Discussion Main discussant: Cecil Konijnendijk van den Bosch, University of Copenhagen

15:00 – 15:30 Concluding remarks by Ugo Guarnacci and Maria Yeroyanni, EC, DG RTD

15:30 – 17:30 Side event by the FP7 Project ARTS on "How much information is enough? Mapping transition initiatives to sustainability"