

Climate Star 2004 – Programme of Side Events

Friday, 25 February 2005, Baden near Vienna
Casino Baden im Kurpark, Kaiser-Franz-Ring 1, A – 2500 Baden

9:30 – 12:30 International Seminar European Climate Menu

Introduction: Aims and results of the project “European Climate Menu”
Yolanda de Jager, Ecofys

Potential and application of the Climate Menu in the municipality
Gotelind Alber, Climate Alliance

Presentation of the interactive Internet tool of the Climate Menu
Yolanda de Jager, Ecofys

Experiences of the local project partners with the Climate Menu, impacts on their
climate protection programmes, recommendations for further work

Conclusions and next steps

12:30 Lunch

13:30 – 16:00 International Seminar Gender Equality and Climate Change Policy

Welcome address
Gender Mainstreaming in the climate policy programme of Lower Austria
Representative of Lower Austria

The European project “Climate for Change: Gender Equality and Climate Policy”
Project results – activities of the partner cities – perspectives
Ulrike Janssen, Climate Alliance and representatives of the partner cities

More women in decision-making = gender sensitive climate change policies?
Ulrike Röhr, Life e.V. / FrauenUmweltnetz

Engendering urban planning and development – the example of Vienna
DI Shams Asadi, city of Vienna, department for urban planning and development

Discussion, joint development of perspectives and reflections about a potential fol-
low-up project

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:30 Climate Alliance East-West Partnerships

Presentation of current initiatives
*Lower Austria, Climate Alliance Austria,
and Climate Alliance – Klima-Bündnis – Alianza del Clima e.V.*



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Project "European Climate Menu"

The Climate Menu has been developed in The Netherlands to assist municipalities to formulate and adopt a structured, integrated and practical climate policy in all policy areas. The Menu is grid-like, containing policy themes, ambition levels, targets and typical policies and measures. A municipality can choose how far they want to go in each field of action. The Menu provided the core tool for the Dutch Climate Agreement between national and local government which is linked to a funding programme for local action programmes.

The more practical such a tool is supposed to be, the more specific targets and measures have to be. Thus, the Dutch Climate Menu is not necessarily applicable in other countries in its current form.

The objective of this project was therefore to create, test and disseminate a Climate Menu which is, in principle, valid for all municipalities in Europe. In a first phase, national menus in several countries have been designed, and a European approach has been extracted thereafter. This European Menu has been tested by local partners and refined in a joint iterative process.

The European Climate Menu is now in its final stage and can be utilised as an Internet based tool on the website www.climatemenu.org. Moreover, case studies are linked to the Menu to illustrate good practice. The project which is funded by the European Commission, DG TREN, Altener programme, has been initiated and coordinated by Ecofys, The Netherlands. Partners include the Climate Alliance and a number of cities and agencies in eight European countries.

The project „Climate for Change - Gender Equality & Climate Change Policy“

The long-term goal of the project is to achieve a well-balanced participation of women and men in decision making processes relevant to climate protection, especially in the sphere of local climate change policies. The project is funded by the European Commission, DG Employment and Social Affairs in the framework of the Gender Equality Programme, and the German Ministry for Families, Elderly, Women, and Youth.

The project has been initiated and coordinated by the Climate Alliance. It involves a collaboration with 10 European cities from Germany, Finland, Italy, and Sweden, and Climate Alliance Italy, Union of Baltic Cities and LIFE e.V.

In a first phase, the underlying reasons and conditions impeding gender equality in municipal structures on climate issues have been analysed. The partners researched relevant local and national data on the gender balance and gender equality situation in the relevant authorities and fields of work, held interviews with key persons, and analysed the formal and informal decision making in the area of climate protection. National preconditions, and policies and measures applied to promote equal participation of women have been compiled for national studies to allow for comparisons among the four countries involved.

Based on this survey, "climate for change" strategies for European municipalities, good practice and model projects have been identified. Moreover, for the participating cities, the project also offers the opportunity to learn about other cities' climate policies. An additional issue emerging during the collaboration was the questions whether and how local climate policy can be more effective once men and women are equally involved in decision-making and implementation.

The output of the project will be a toolkit to help sensitising decision-makers, providing good arguments for an improved gender balance, and in particular describing practical ways and instruments to foster the participation of women in local climate policy. Accompanying measures are a database of female experts on climate change issues and a discussion forum on the project website www.climateforchange.net.



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