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1. ICLEI Member News

Glasgow adds solar panels to schools



ICLEI Member Glasgow (United Kingdom) is cutting emissions while saving money through installing solar technology on a number of its schools. The move is part of the council's [Energy & Carbon Masterplan](#), which has identified 33 actions that would help Glasgow to achieve its carbon emissions reduction target of 30 percent by 2020.

The installation will provide a saving of £60,000 per year over 13 years due to a Feed-in Tariffs scheme which encourages the uptake of a range of small-scale renewable and low-carbon electricity generation technologies. The amount of carbon saved will be around 130 tons annually.

The leader of Glasgow City Council and chair of Sustainable Glasgow, Councillor Frank McAveety said: "By saving money on our electricity we can ensure more money is going to frontline services. This is Sustainable Glasgow in action. We are using the potential in greener technologies, like these solar panels on schools, to not only cut our emissions but also our energy bills."

For further information, visit Glasgow.gov.uk.

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ICLEI Europe Regional Director meets with Lisbon City Council

ICLEI Europe's Regional Director Wolfgang Teubner was received at the Lisbon City Council by the Green Infrastructure and Energy Councillor José Sá Fernandes, the Municipal Chamber of Lisbon team, and the Energy and Environmental Agency Lisboa-e-Nova during a trip to the Portuguese capital earlier this month.

The meeting focused on the environmental, climate and energy work being developed by the Municipal Chamber, with particular attention paid to the City of Lisbon's targets on mitigation and adapting to the impacts of climate change, including energy and water security. The ongoing green infrastructure implementation process was also discussed, along with the solar potential of the city, nature-based solutions and opportunities for enhancing cycling as a means of sustainable mobility.



Mr. Teubner was complementary towards the strategy followed by Lisbon and noted the importance of enhancing cooperation between the city and ICLEI. The new [Covenant of Mayors](#) targets were discussed, as well as other projects where the City of Lisbon and ICLEI could actively collaborate.

For more information, visit www.cm-lisboa.pt [in Portuguese]

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ICLEI welcomes Chinese Member Foshan New City



Foshan New City (China) has officially become a Member of ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability. ICLEI hopes to develop closer ties with the Chinese city and will promote its sustainable development and cooperation with European local governments. Foshan New City is located in the south-central area of the Guangdong province and is one of the world's most influential bases for advanced manufacturing.

The city is a signatory of the "Joint Declaration to Further Advance Two-way Investment", an agreement signed by the Chinese and German Governments. It is also one of two EU-China urbanisation cooperation demonstration areas approved and supported by the Chinese government and by the governments of a number of European countries.

ICLEI built its relationship with Foshan New City through the first Sustainable Urban China conference which was held in Berlin (Germany) in 2015. On 31 May 2016, at the second edition of the Sustainable Urban China conference, an agreement on membership and cooperation was signed by Mr. Gao Guoping, representative of Foshan New City, and Monika Zimmermann, ICLEI's Deputy Secretary General. In the future, ICLEI will support the long-term sustainable development plan of Foshan New City and will connect the city with its network of cities, experts, organisations and relevant industries.

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Rotterdam and Denver exchange on sustainable procurement strategies in scope of the GLCN

Representatives of the cities of Denver (USA) and Rotterdam (The Netherlands) have met to exchange experiences on implementing sustainable procurement activities. Both cities are part of the [Global Lead City Network on Sustainable Procurement](#), pushing to drive a transition to sustainable consumption and production by purchasing sustainably.

Denver is rewriting its executive order on procurement and is looking to other cities' policies and plans to shape its procurement actions. As Denver and Rotterdam have similar populations, Jerry Tinianow, Chief Sustainability Officer of the City of Denver, and Léon Dijk, Coordinator of Sustainable Public Procurement of the City of Rotterdam, have held discussions to compare how both cities have organised their procurement activities and introduced sustainable criteria.



"It was great to get together and talk about our procurement systems, challenges and goals. We learned a lot from each other. Collaboration and peer support is a real benefit of being part of the Global Lead City Network," said Léon Dijk. Jerry Tinianow found the meeting very beneficial saying: "It was fascinating to compare the procurement structure of Rotterdam with our own. I have brought back a lot of fresh ideas to Denver and look forward to continued idea sharing and knowledge exchange with Léon".

2. EU Urban Agenda launched in Amsterdam



The Pact for the Urban Agenda was adopted by EU ministers in Amsterdam (The Netherlands) on 30 May. Titled the Pact of Amsterdam, the EU Urban Agenda was introduced to improve the effectiveness of EU and national policies through involving local and regional authorities in their design. The EU Urban Agenda will allow local and regional authorities to work with EU and national institutions to develop action plans in response to major urban challenges such as air quality, the inclusion of refugees and migrants, urban poverty, and housing. The pact will allow the different levels of government to launch joint initiatives and shape new legislation and improve existing EU rules.

"Having waited over a decade, the EU Urban Agenda is a milestone for Europe. By integrating important EU legislation whilst engaging every level of government, laws and policies can better meet the needs of our ever expanding cities. The Urban Agenda shows that the EU is committed to better – not more – regulation. But we are at the very beginning and its success depends on the continuous commitment from all decision makers including the EU institutions, Member States, cities and regions. I call on all pioneering cities to take now the lead," said Markku Markkula, President of the Committee of the Regions.

[The Basque Declaration](#), acclaimed by around 900 participants of the 8th European Conference on Sustainable Cities & Towns, held in the Basque Country from 27-29 April 2016, supports the alignment of the EU Urban Agenda with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Climate Agreement. The Declaration provides pathways for European Cities and Towns to create productive, sustainable and resilient cities for a liveable and inclusive Europe.

For more information, visit [cor.europa.eu](#).
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3. Procura+ Awards invites applications from public procurers

The Procura+ Awards recognise successful sustainable and innovative public procurements that lead to the improvement of public goods, services, processes, and infrastructure. Public procurers are invited to apply for the awards until 9 September 2016. To be recognised, the procured solutions must have a strong potential for replication and should be an excellent showcase for using sustainable and innovative procurement instruments.



The awards are separated into three categories: 'Sustainable Procurement of the Year', 'Innovation Procurement of the Year', and 'Tender Procedure of the Year'. Winners will receive free entry and a presentation at the next [EcoProcura conference](#), a case study on the [SP Platform](#) and [PPI Platform](#), publicity in a variety of ICLEI publications, a trophy and the title 'Best sustainable procurement/innovation procurement/tender procedure of 2016', one year free participation in the [Procura+ Network](#), and the right to use the Procura+ Award logo in their email signature.

For more information and to apply, visit [procuraplus.org](#).
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4. FIESTA project promotes energy efficiency in homes



The European project FIESTA (Families Intelligent Energy Saving Targeted Action) is encouraging energy efficiency by providing information to citizens through unconventional initiatives. The European cities that joined the project committed to carrying out free energy audits for families, and are now launching lotteries in which prizes can be won, including electric bikes and energy efficient televisions. Lottery tickets are given to families who take part in the energy audits, or to those who attend a FIESTA workshop. All initiatives encourage the reduction of energy consumption and energy expenditure within households.

Local purchasing groups have also been promoted, with the idea of gathering users who need to order products and technology that improve energy efficiency in the home, enabling them to purchase goods at a cheaper price. The outcome of the first year of the Fiesta project is positive: 506 energy audits carried out in the five European countries involved (Italy, Spain, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus) leading to potential electricity consumption savings of 2,110,429 kWh, and potential fuel consumption savings of 2,027,049 kWh.

It is still possible to apply for energy audits through the [project website](#), or by calling or visiting the FIESTA points in the municipalities involved. FIESTA is coordinated at the European level by AREA Science Park, the science park of Trieste, and includes five technical partners (one for each participating country) and 14 cities with more than 50,000 inhabitants. A FIESTA stand will be present in Larnaka (Cyprus) during the Kataklysmos Fair from 17 – 22 June 2016.

For more information, visit the [FIESTA website](#) or watch the FIESTA animation series on [YouTube](#).
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5. Small actions can lead to big changes writes ICLEI President in UNEP article

Park Won Soon, Mayor of Seoul (South Korea) and President of ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, outlined the transformative measures needed to improve air quality and address climate change in an article in a recent edition of the UNEP publication [Our Planet](#). Mayor Park uses Seoul as a strong example of an urban area that is embracing change to meet environmental and social challenges.



In the article, Mayor Park discusses how Seoul is on the road toward a "new urbanisation" which creates a sustainable city that enables humankind and nature to coexist, tackles climate change and establishes a foundation for energy self-reliance. Mayor Park concludes the article by highlighting the importance of cities acting together, citing his leadership within ICLEI and engagement with the [Compact of Mayors](#) as important steps in coalition building among cities.

To read Mayor Park's article in full, click [here](#).
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6. ICLEI encourages cities to join European Sustainable Tropical Timber Coalition



Public authorities in Europe use enormous amounts of timber-based products, whether in the construction of infrastructure such as buildings and bridges, or for furniture and office-equipment needs. Through increasing the demand for sustainable products, and in particular sustainable timber, public procurers have the power to stimulate green growth. To help bring this message to cities, ICLEI has partnered with the [European Sustainable Tropical Timber Coalition](#) (STTC), a Netherlands-based initiative for sustainable trade and responsible forest management.

The STTC is a broad alliance of industry, business, local and regional governments and NGOs working in close partnership with the European Timber Trade Federation to increase European demand for sustainably sourced tropical timber. Through joining the coalition, members can benefit from expert support and networking opportunities with like-minded purchasers. They will also have access to tens of thousands of Euros of funding to implement sustainable sourcing strategies and to enhance sustainable procurement of tropical timber.

Purchasing responsibly sourced tropical timber is one of the best ways for European governments to combat deforestation and to prevent the clearing of the world's most important rainforests. The sustainable management of tropical forests provides significant employment opportunities and economic benefits to local communities in developing countries, lifting many people out of poverty. It also contributes to preserving unique biodiversity, such as endangered animal and plant species.

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7. Event news

5th Informed Cities Forum puts the spotlight on transition initiatives

The Informed Cities Forum is set to bring together activists, local governments, artists, researchers, entrepreneurs and actors for transition from 16-17 June in Dresden (Germany). The Forum focuses on transition initiatives in cities and the conditions that can accelerate change towards a sustainable low-carbon society. The diverse mix of speakers span the political, academic, research and activist worlds, including Ricard Gomà, Professor of Political Science, UAB Barcelona and former Mayor of Barcelona (Spain), Mayor of Dresden (Germany) Kristin Kaufmann, Professor Derk Loorbach and Associate Professor Niki Frantzeskaki of DRIFT.

The conference also considers the interaction between art, activism and social transition. The event takes place in a former church reconfigured into a theatre; field workshops will lead participants around Dresden's urban gardens, zero-packaging shops, and a former rail workshop repurposed into an artistic hub, before convening in the evening for an all-vegan meal. The Forum is the final conference of the [ARTS project](#), which is committed to understanding the role and impact of transition initiatives in cities and examining the conditions that can accelerate change towards a sustainable low-carbon society. The programme is available online for [download](#).

For more information, visit the [website](#).

Urban Transport Roadmaps tool offers multilingual training webinars

The [Urban Transport Roadmaps](#) tool was launched at the close of the 3rd Conference on Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMP) in ICLEI Member Bremen (Germany). The tool allows cities to explore which measures and policies are necessary to meet their sustainable urban mobility goals, and plan realistic and feasible roadmaps for implementation.

To support users of the tool, the [Urban Transport Roadmaps](#) project is running a series of webinars in different European languages. The webinars will demonstrate how the tool functions and what the outputs mean for a city's transport policy. There will be opportunities to ask questions and give feedback about the tool.

The webinars are available in English, French, German, Italian, Polish, and Spanish and will take place throughout June. Each webinar will be led by a member of the Urban Transport Roadmaps project consortium and will last around one hour. Participation in the webinars is free of charge.

For more information about the webinars, consult the [event posting](#).

Programme for Open European Day at Bonn Resilient Cities now available

The new Open European Day (OED) [programme](#) has been released, providing details of how the event will facilitate discussion and exchange of experience on climate resilience between cities. Set to take place in Bonn (Germany) on 5 July, the event will precede the opening of the [Resilient Cities conference](#). Cities contributing to the Open Day include London (United Kingdom), Paris (France), Madrid (Spain), Thessaloniki (Greece), Edinburgh and Newcastle upon Tyne (United Kingdom), Bologna (Italy) and many more.

The OED is supported by key EU projects on climate resilience such as [RESIN](#) and [PLACARD](#) and by European institutions including the European Investment Bank, DG CLIMA and DG Research. Topics to be discussed during the event include climate services, nature-based solutions, mainstreaming adaptation and financing adaptation. The European Environment Agency Report "Urban adaptation to climate change in Europe 2016" will be launched at the evening reception. The event is free of charge and online registration is now available. Places are limited, so early registration is recommended.

For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Registration opens for Local Renewables 2016

Registration is now open for the [Local Renewables Conference 2016: Energising the Smart City and Region](#), set to take place in Freiburg (Germany) and Basel (Switzerland) from 26 – 28 October 2016. Those who [register now](#) can take advantage of the reduced Early Bird fee. Organised by the [City of Freiburg](#), the [City of Basel](#) and [ICLEI Europe](#), the conference will bring together leading and learning cities, policy-makers from European and national governments, business, finance institutions and researchers.

The EU Energy Union recognises the importance of putting cities and regions at the centre of making energy more secure, affordable and sustainable. European cities are searching for innovative ways of meeting energy demands, whilst responding to citizen needs. The [programme](#) for the event aims to address such questions as what role can, and should, smart technologies play in the search for improved energy efficiency and quality of life in a city? What are the opportunities and limitations of new technologies for urban energy transformation? And what is the role of social innovation and citizen engagement?

Updates on the conference can be found on Twitter by following [@LR_Series](#) and the hashtag [#LocalRenewables](#).

To register for the event, click [here](#).

8. Event Calendar

[Urban Transport Roadmaps 2030 Webinar Series](#)

1 - 30 June 2016 - Webinar

[Energy Union - What Local Leadership can tell us about Energy Transition](#)

15 June 2016 – Brussels (Belgium)

[5th Informed Cities Forum](#)

16 - 17 June 2016 – Dresden (Germany)

[Real impact through timber purchasing policies](#)

23 June 2016 - Rotterdam (The Netherlands)

[Study Visit: Building Renovation](#)

24 June 2016 - Madrid (Spain)

[Open European Day at Bonn Resilient Cities](#)

5 July 2016 - Bonn (Germany)

[RAMSES 3rd Stakeholder Dialogue](#)

4 October 2016 - Rome (Italy)

[Procura+ Seminar 2016](#)

13 - 14 October 2016 – Rome (Italy)

[Local Renewables 2016: Energising the smart city and region](#)

26 - 28 October 2016 - Freiburg (Germany) & Basel (Switzerland)

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