

# Sustainable energy solutions in the urban and regional context – reflection on EU support

An informational event of Urb.Energy in cooperation with the Representation of the Land Brandenburg in Brussels and the INTERREG IVB projects Public Energy Alternatives and Longlife



Wednesday, 25 May 2011, 14:30–19:00 h, Brussels

## Background and objective of the event

Reducing energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions by more efficient energy use is among the main goals of the European Union. The EU Energy Policy underlines that especially urban areas and in particular the enhancement of energy performance in the building sector offer high potentials to realise energy savings. At the same time the further application of renewable energy resources to supply for example residential areas with heating energy is required. The energy supply of cities has to be seen in the context with the endogenous potentials of the hinterland.

Hence, the local and regional level play a key role to reach the 'EU 20-20-20' objectives: On the one hand it is one of the most important fields of activity to implement sustainable energy solutions and on the other hand municipalities as well as local and regional authorities have an important coordinating and steering role.

The informational event "sustainable energy solutions in the urban and regional context – reflections on EU support" aims to discuss innovative approaches in the field of greenhouse gas reduction and to assess the implication on the European policy level as well as reflect on the strategy 'Energy 2020', the 'Energy Efficiency Plan 2011' and the existing EU support (e.g. by structural funds). With the help of specific experiences of three INTERREG IVB projects – addressing the building, the urban and the regional level – the event is dedicated to initiate an exchange between experts from European Commission, the European Parliament, representatives from cities and regions as well as other relevant European stakeholders on the question:

## How to promote the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction in our cities and municipalities in broader scale?

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## PROGRAMME

14:30	<b>Registration</b>
<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	
15:00	<i>Dr. Gundula Herwig</i>   Representation of the Land Brandenburg
15:10	<b>Sustainable energy solutions in the urban context</b> <i>Christian Huttenloher</i>   German association for housing, urban and spatial development
15:30	<b>Renewable energy resources and energy efficiency in urban development – potentials and fields of activities of energy related urban renewal</b> <i>Lars Porsche</i>   German Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development (BBSR)
<b>Practical experiences from transnational cooperation projects</b>	
15:50	<b>Integrated approaches for the energy efficient upgrading of residential areas: Experiences from the INTERREG IVB project Urb.Energy</b> <i>Britta Schmigotzki</i>   Housing Initiative for Eastern Europe (IWO) e.V.
16:05	<b>Promotion of renewable energy sources as driving force for the development of rural regions: Experiences from the INTERREG IVB project Public Energy Alternatives (PEA)</b> <i>René Daszenies</i>   atene KOM GmbH
16:20	<b>Optimized methods for the construction of energy efficient buildings: Experiences from the INTERREG IVB project Longlife</b> <i>Prof. Klaus Rückert</i>   Technical University Berlin
16:35	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>Panel Discussion</b>	
16:50	<b>Lessons for the European support of local and regional authorities to promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy solutions</b> <b>Moderation:</b> <i>Hans-Jörg Duvigneau</i>   Competence Centre for Major Housing Estates  <i>Michaela Holl</i>   DG ENER C.3 energy efficiency & intelligent energy <i>Maud Skäringer</i>   DG REGIO D.2 thematic coordination, innovation <i>Andrzej Rajkewicz</i> (Vice President)   National Energy Saving Agency (Poland) <i>Peter Busch</i>   Ministry of Infrastructure, Land Brandenburg (Germany)
18:00	<b>Come together / Reception</b>

## Registration

We would be delighted to welcome you at the event. However, please note that due to the limited space at the conference venue, we will reserve the approx. 50 seats on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Please register for the event online at:  
[www.urbenergy.eu/193.0.html](http://www.urbenergy.eu/193.0.html)

The closing date for the registration is:  
**Monday, 16 May 2011**

## Venue

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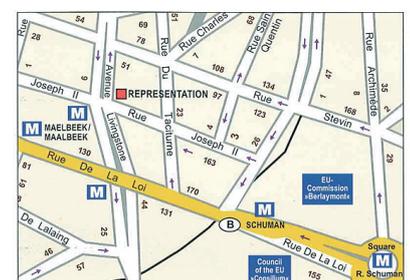
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