Dear Members, Partners and Friends of ICLEI,

We are pleased to send you the latest news on ICLEI in Europe and our partners for urban sustainability!

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1. ICLEI Member News

ICLEI welcomes Hungarian city of Kaposvar as new member

Dedicated to creating a higher quality of life for citizens, the City of Kaposvar (Hungary) has recently become a full ICLEI member and will work with the organisation to achieve its ambitious sustainability goals.

The city intends to improve the efficiency of its resource usage, lower the city’s energy use, and enhance public services; its impressive waste management scheme — which encourages high rates of recycling — is a testament to its vision. The city is also placing an emphasis on using alternative, clean sources of energy, with a strong desire to move towards energy independence.

Currently, citizens benefit from the city’s district heating system, with biogas used for heating purposes. In the future, the city hopes to expand the use of biogas to power public buses. Through its actions, the city intends to grow its green economy and establish itself as an exemplary green city in Europe.

For more information on Kaposvar, download the city profile [PDF].

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Geneva lowers public transport prices to reduce air pollution

To improve air quality, Geneva (Switzerland) is temporarily reducing public transport ticket prices, encouraging citizens to leave their cars at home. This was spurred after higher than normal levels of ozone were detected last month in Geneva’s suburbs and city centre.

“Without wanting to trigger panic, this pollutant represents a real risk to children, the elderly and those suffering from respiratory problems,” said Luc Barthassat, a cantonal official in Geneva. The measure is expected to cost 33 000 Swiss francs (€ 31,000) per day. Depending on its impact on air pollution, the measure may be extended.

For more information, visit ETH.

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Freiburg improves tram service

Six brand new trams have gone into operation in the German city of Freiburg, with six more to come in 2017. The trams are emblematic of the city’s commitment to sustainable mobility and to providing a modern and accessible public transport service. The new trams will serve lines 3 and 5, which reach the south-west and north of the city.

The trams are CAF Urbos 100 LRVs, which are low-floor models that crucially offer easy access to people with mobility problems. Each tram has a maximum capacity of 66 seated passengers and 241 standing. The trams joining Freiburg’s fleet this year will help to manage capacity in preparation for the completion of a tram link to the city’s exhibition centre.

For more information, visit ETH.

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TAP showcases local activities to help cities and regions access funding

A new video released by ICLEI outlines the Transformative Actions Programme (TAP), an initiative designed by local government networks and their partners to highlight and accelerate local climate action and to improve access to funding. Cities and regions are invited to submit their most ambitious, cross-cutting and inclusive climate action projects to TAP no later than 15 September 2015, which will then be promoted towards potential investors.

Collecting and showcasing up to 150 of the most ambitious climate projects, TAP will make the important work cities are doing visible to relevant financial institutions (development agencies, funding bodies and banks, etc.), increasing the chance of securing funding. It will also scale-up the involvement of cities and regions in global climate financing mechanisms.

As well as bolstering the level of investment in climate action at the local level, TAP will help cities to design bankable projects, and work to lower the perception of risk some investors have regarding climate projects at sub-national level. Local governments will also be given support to measure their progress in reducing carbon emissions. The TAP was developed in response to the “Positive Agenda” promoted by the French government towards COP21.

To view the video, click here.

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White House urges cities to join Compact of Mayors

US President Barack Obama has announced sweeping new actions on renewable energy and energy efficiency, and urged city mayors to publicly commit to measurable, reportable and verifiable climate action by joining the Compact of Mayors.
The Compact of Mayors is a global coalition of mayors and city officials pledging to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance resilience to climate change. The Compact of Mayors is working with the Local Government Climate Roadmap, developed by ICLEI, to enhance the visibility of local action in international processes.

For more information, visit [ICLEI USA](https://www.iclei.org).
The new network will be launched at the upcoming event primarily aimed at local governments, ‘Green Infrastructure for and with Citizens: How can Local Governments Make it Happen?’ which will focus on how to govern and maintain green infrastructure in cities in a participatory way. It will take place in Mundo B in Brussels (Belgium) on 13 October 2015.

This event, taking place on 14 October 2015 during the Open Days in Brussels (Belgium), aims to share solutions and inspiration, and provide insight into communities increasingly important role in sustainable energy. The event will discuss how to spur low carbon investments to implement climate policies, as well as the general of local employment through utilising Structural and Cohesion Funds and innovative financing models involving citizens and business participation.

The event will be followed by a one and a half hour networking session during which the Mayors in Action and 50000&1 SEAPs projects will present best practices. Registration will remain open until 28 September.

To register for the event, visit the Open Days website.

Vienna conference offers discount to ICLEI members

ICLEI members can avail of a reduced fee when registering for the European Urban Green Infrastructure Conference, set to take place in Vienna (Austria) from 23 - 24 November 2015. The conference will look at ways to improve the sustainability of Europe’s building stock, and will showcase the impressive work being done in the Austrian capital through study tours. The conference language will be English.

The event will put a particular emphasis on the role of people, business, and technology in developing and supporting green infrastructure, and will explore how a greener building stock can improve quality of life, reduce harmful emissions, and provide new business opportunities.

Policy makers, urban planners, developers, contractors, city architects, builders, manufacturers, community groups, utility companies and NGOs are all expected to attend the event. To avail of the reduced ticket price, ICLEI members should select “special Fee for members of selected associations” when registering online.

Cities and regions investing in the Energy Union

Through engaging and committing to initiatives such as the Covenant of Mayors and the Compact of Mayors, cities across Europe are shaping leadership in fostering sustainable development, reducing dependence on fossil fuels, and driving the low-carbon economy agenda. Local authorities are ideally positioned to facilitate the roll-out of policies and planning for the energy transition at local level, while supporting consumers to better participate in markets.

Often a lack of technical and financial capacity, and of a clear legal framework, hinders local authorities from fully engaging and creating local added-value for their communities. This event, taking place on 14 October 2015 during the Open Days in Brussels (Belgium), aims to share solutions and inspiration, and provide insight into communities increasingly important role in sustainable energy. The event will discuss how to spur low carbon investments to implement climate policies, as well as the general of local employment through utilising Structural and Cohesion Funds and innovative financing models involving citizens and business participation.

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Feedback? Questions? Let us know! If you have any further questions, would like to give feedback on ICLEI’s work in Europe or would like to be taken off this mailing list, contact us at information.services@iclei.org.

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