

Local governments and decentralised cooperation in the EU's climate action

Description :

Climate and environmental issues are now a major focus for local and regional authorities. At the local level, they are at the forefront of the fight against climate change and are implementing innovative policies capable of providing responses that are equal to the challenges posed. In their international actions, the cooperation they undertake or the coalitions they form also provide relevant solutions to climate issues.

However, the role played by local and regional authorities is not always understood and their voices not always heard. In this respect, the absence of decentralized cooperation from the new European financial framework for development aid is a striking example.

This workshop will therefore be an opportunity for elected representatives involved in the fight against climate change, at local and international level, to discuss the actions they are carrying out, including with their European and non-European partners; to raise the issue of support and funding from the State and the EU; to take stock of this support, with representatives of European networks of elected representatives.

At the end of the workshop, proposals will be formulated for institutional decision-makers, starting with the European Commission and the Member States

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Moderator :

Speakers :

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- Anthony Berthelot, Member of the Metropolitan Bureau, Nantes Métropole
- Hélène Hampartzoumian, Head of Climate projects, Agriculture and European Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France
- Eva Baños de Guisasola, Adviser Global Agendas, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Climate, Council of European Municipalities and Regions
- **Dan Lert**, Deputy Mayor of the City of Paris for Ecological transition, climate planning, water planning and energy

Summary of discussions :

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N°	Торіс	European policy	Proposal
1	Integrating local governments in NDCs		The regulatory framework and EU funding must be adapted to enable effective engagement of local governments in climate action, so that their results can be taken into account in nationally determined contributions.
2	Financing		Promote the establishment of a regulatory framework more adapted to the development and effective mobilisation of financial instruments dedicated to local governments and other non-state actors, particularly in the context of their international action.
3	Climate Justice		EU regulatory frameworks and funding must be adapted to enable local governments and communities to strengthen their actions for climate justice, including in their international actions.
4	International Governance		A better consideration of local and regional authorities and their experience in international action is essential in the governance of European climate action (international negotiations, EU calls for projects) in order to achieve the objectives of the European Green Pact.