Global Knowledge for Local Sustainability

Seville, Spain; Tuesday 20 March 2007



Expert meeting on the future of EU International Cooperation for Research and Knowledge Transfer

Mid-Term Seminar Susta-Info

The Expert meeting is co organized between the Susta-Info project and the European Commission, DG Research.

INVITATION ONLY EVENT PLEASE MAKE YOUR INTEREST KNOWN







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Susta-Info is an EU DG Research supported project in the context of the Sixth Framework Program, with priority 1.1.6.3: Global Change Ecosystems.



Morning program

Subject: The future of EU international cooperation for research and knowledge transfer on

local sustainability.

Chair: Han Verschure, Catholic University Leuven

The morning session is from 09.30 – 12.30.

Objective

The meeting aims to formulate an advice to the European Commission on which critical issues relevant in the international cooperation context should be supported as a priority by the EU research activities for urban sustainability during the 2007-2013 funding period (7th Framework Programme).

Concretely, this advice may take the form of specific recommendations for themes or research topics deserving specific attention in terms of new knowledge generation or support and coordination activities stimulating the dissemination and uptake of existing knowledge on the international scene.

The future exploitation of Susta-Info in cooperation with other partners could be a central element in this advice.

09.30 - 09.45 What is the realm of the debate: setting the scene by: Speaker: Vincent Favrel, European Commission DG Research

09.45 - 10.00 Research needs and knowledge transfer in the context of international cooperation by UN-Habitat

Speaker: Naison Mutizwa-Mangiza, UN-HABITAT

10.00 – 11.00 Is the list of Susta-Info themes sufficient for matters of urban sustainability or should this list be altered?

- Urban Governance
- Water Management and Sanitation
- Building Sustainable Cities
- Transport and Mobility
- Energy
- Poverty Reduction
- Waste Management
- Air Quality
- Culture / cultural assets

What are the priorities of developing cities within the themes established?

Creative sub-sessions with the people present to discuss priorities and concrete projects within the themes are foreseen.

Introduction + debate: Ewa Ciuk, ICLEI

11.00 - 11.15 Coffee

11.15 -11.30 What might be supported within FP7 in the light of the previous discussion and topics we may already have identified.

Speaker: Vincent Favrel, European Commission DG Research

11.30 – 11.45 What requirements exist for a global database on sustainable development of validated case studies and publications?

Speaker: Marc Stemerding, Goudappel Coffeng

11.45 – 12.00 What can the role be of the European Commission in terms of organizing accessibility of knowledge for local sustainability on a global scale; which other partners then Susta-Info should be involved?

Speaker: Gerard Schouw, NICIS

12.00 – 12.30 End conclusions and 'Declaration of Seville'

Afternoon program

Susta-Info Mid Term Seminar

The afternoon session is from 15.30 - 18.30.

Chair: Pascal van den Noort, Master Plan

Bring your own lap top with WIFI if possible for this hands on demonstration.

Objective

To introduce the Susta-info Data Base System and to get feedback from the audience.

15.30 - 16.00 Introductions

A mayor to be invited

Vincent Favrel, European Commission DG Research

Naison Mutizwa-Mangiza, UN-HABITAT

Marc Stemerding, Goudappel Coffeng

16.00 - 16.20 System demo

Speakers: Daan van Tassel, Catholic University Leuven; Vanessa Foo, GHK

16.20 - 18.00 Workshop; break up in small groups and system test

Moderators: Various Susta-info partners

18.00 - 18.30 Conclusions, future of Susta.Info

Speaker: Maarten van Bemmelen, Goudappel Coffeng

VENUE

The meeting will take place in Seville, in the: Ronda 'Global Knowledge for Local Sustainability' Room at the ICLEI Seville Europe 2007 Conference.

FIBES - Conference Centre Sevilla

Avenida Alcalde Uruñuela 1,

Sevilla-Spain

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Who will be invited to attend?

The 'invitation only' debate in the morning will be attended by experts on local sustainability from Local Authorities visiting the ICLEI Europe 2007 Conference, Universities and Experts, Associations of NGO's, and similar organisations, from Europe and beyond.

Debaters in the audience should be researchers from all over the world; 10-15 guests from outside Europe will be invited by the European Commission; politicians with twin city relationships are encouraged to attend.

European Commission -DG Research, UN-Habitat, and Susta-info will be represented.

<u>Please let us know if you would like to be invited to this event, and state your field of expertise.</u>

Copy this text in an e-mail and send to <u>Urbania@xs4all.nl</u>:

Yes I would like to attend to the Susta-Info:

- □ Expert meeting on The future of EU International Cooperation for Research and Knowledge Transfer in the morning.
- □ Mid-Term Seminar Susta-Info in the afternoon

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Institute / City / NGO / Company:
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