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## **Conference of the Assembly of European Regions**

**“Regional answers to climate change”**

**Limoges, Limousin (F)**

**30 – 31 March 2009**



## CONFERENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF EUROPEAN REGIONS

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### DRAFT PROGRAMME

As at 6 March 2009

#### MONDAY 30 MARCH INTRODUCTORY SESSION (13.30 – 15.30)

#### 13.30 Welcome

Jean-Paul Denanot, *President of Limousin Region (F)*

Håkan Sandgren, *President of AER Committee “Economy and regional development”*

#### 13:45 Presentation of the keynote speakers by the moderator:

Geneviève Lecamp, *Director of the Communication Agency Zesst SAS, Member of Team Europe*

#### 13:55 Introduction of the Conference: ‘Impacts of Europe’s changing climate – The need to develop adaptation strategies at EU, state, regional and local levels’

Stéphane Isoard, *European Environment Agency – Impacts, vulnerability and adaptation*

#### 14:15 How to illustrate the impacts of climate change – case study from Midi-Pyrénées

Didier Houi, *Director of the Regional Agency for the Environment of the Midi-Pyrénées (F)*

#### 14:35 From mitigation to adaptation: What can Regions do?

Councillor Mel Kendal, *Executive Member for Environment, Hampshire County Council (UK)*

#### 14:55 Round table and question/answers session,

15.30 Coffee break



**THEMATIC SESSIONS (16.00 – 18.00)**  
**CLIMATE CHANGE ON OUR TERRITORIES: PREVENTION AND ADAPTATION**

**Workshop 1 on Spatial Planning, vulnerability assessments and risk prevention:  
Climate change policies for spatial planning**

**TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS**

**Public transports, infrastructure and changing travel behaviors. Presentation of projects and activities in northern Sweden**

*Gustav Malmqvist, Senior International Advisor, Västernorrland County Council (S)*

**GREEN BUILDINGS**

**Energy-saving buildings in the region of Midi-Pyrénées – outcomes of the PRELUDE II Program**

*Intervention by a representative of Midi-Pyrénées County Council (F)*

**SPACE TECHNOLOGIES AND RISK PREVENTION**

**Innovative tools helping regions cope with climate change: the added value of satellite information and services for risk management**

*Jean Bruston, Secretary General, Eurisy (European Association for Bridging Space and Society)*

**Forest fire vulnerability assessment and protection in Northern Corsica**

*Henri Retail, Provincial Agriculture and Forestry Directorate of Northern Corsica (F)*

**RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND SPATIAL PLANNING**

**Regional action margins and policy measures for climate change adaptation**

*John Smith, Coordinator of the AER Platform on Emergency Planning, Devon County Council (UK)*

**Workshop 2 on forest resource management:  
Our forests – real victims of climate change?**

**BIOMASS, BIO-FUELS AND WOOD**

**Strategies and policies that can be carried out at regional level to increase production and use of alternative sources of energy**

*Jean-Bernard Damiens, vice-president of Limousin region (F)*

**SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT**

**Policies to be defined for effectively balancing ecological and socio-economic benefits**

*Intervention by Kenneth Backgård, member of the County Council Board and vice president of AER climate and energy group, Norrbotten County Council (S)*

## IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON FOREST BIODIVERSITY

### **Innovative tools helping regions cope with climate change: the added value of satellite information and services for natural resource management**

*Intervention of a representative of Eurisy*

### **Forest protection policies in Alsace: the contribution of satellite information and services**

*Alain Lefeuvre, Alsace Regional Wood Department (F)*

## REGIONAL POLICIES FOR PROTECTING FOREST RESOURCES

### **Policy measures and regional programmes for forest protection and adaptation to climate variations**

*Intervention of a representative of West Sussex region (UK)*

### **Workshop 3 on water management: Water management, as a key indicator of climate degradation and the changing relationship between water and territories**

## WATER AND THE ENVIRONMENT

### **Water stress in Europe – Challenges and Solutions**

*Dr. Maria Helena F. Marecos do Monte, professor at ISEL, Lisbon (P) and former president of the European Water Association (EWA)*

## WATER AND ECONOMY

### **Benefits of wastewater treatment for society and business**

*Barbara Ehrle-Mathey, Regional Council of Hesse, Ministry of Environment, Energy, Landscape and Consumers Protection*

## WATER – GOVERNANCE - TECHNOLOGY

### **Water policies and technological measures to mitigate climate change**

*Théodora Avgoulidou, Expert Advisor to the Secretary General, Central Macedonia (GR)*

## FACING WATER SCARCITY

### **Ability of regional authorities to reduce water consumption on their territory and overcome water scarcity: main issues and challenges**

*Intervention by a representative of the Valencia Region (ES)*

## PREVENTING FLOODS

### **Actions taken at regional level to adapt the territory to flood risks and new approach to urban planning**

*Intervention by Annemarie Moons, Chairman of the AER working group on climate change and energy and Regional Minister, Noord-Brabant (NL)*

**Monday 30th March: 20.00**  
**Official dinner, at the kind invitation of Limousin**

**TUESDAY 31 MARCH**  
**PLENARY SESSION (09.00 – 12.45)**

**SEMINAR ORGANIZED IN COOPERATION**  
**WITH THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP)**

**“A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN REGIONS:**  
**TOWARDS A TERRITORIAL APPROACH OF CLIMATE CHANGE”**

**9.00 Importance of involvement of regional authorities in the global fight against effects of climate change**

**Blaise Compaoré**, *President of the Republic of Burkina Faso*

**Alain Joyandet**, *State Secretary for Cooperation and the Francophonie,*  
France - tbc

**Abdourahime Agne**, *Minister of Spatial Planning and Decentralized Cooperation, Senegal*  
**A representative of European Commission, DG Regio** - tbc

**9.50 A partnership between United Nations and Regions: « Towards Low Carbon and More Resilient Territories »**

**Yannick Glemarec**, *Director for Environment Finance, UNDP, New York*

**Christophe Bouvier**, *Director of the Regional Office for Europe, UNEP, Geneva*

**10.10 The commitment of Associations of Regions to strengthening the role of local authorities in the Post-Kyoto” negotiations**

**Michèle Sabban**, *President of Assembly of European Regions*

**Christian Guyonvarch**, *Co-President of the Nrg4SD Network*

**Luc Bas**, *Head of the European Office, Climate Group*

**10.35 – 11.05 Coffee Break**

**11.05 Risks and Opportunities for Regions from emerging and developing countries in the face of climate change challenge**

**Abdoulaye Sene**, *President of the Regional Council of Fatick, Senegal*

**Marcos Carámbula**, *President of the Congress of the Departmental Authorities, President of Canelones Department, Uruguay*

**Louis du Breuil du Pontbriand**, *Head of Environment Sector, EuropeAid Cooperation Office, European Commission*

**11.40 Readiness of regions from industrialized countries to share their experience on how to tackle climate change**

**Jean-Philippe Bayon**, *Vice-President of the Regional Council of Rhône-Alpes, France*  
**Representative of the region of Andalusia**, Spain  
**Representative of the region of Bavaria**, Germany  
**Representative of the Basque Country**, Spain

**12:20 Declaration on commitment of AER and UNDP to strengthening the international cooperation on climate change between Regions of the world**

**Jean-Paul Denanot**, *President of the Regional Council of Limousin, France*  
**Christophe Nuttall**, *Director of the Hub for Innovative Partnerships, UNDP, Geneva*  
**Michèle Sabban**, *President of Assembly of European Regions*

**12:45 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK**

**CONCLUDING SESSION (14.00 – 16.45)**

Moderated by Geneviève Lecamp

**14:00 Feedback from the workshops**

**14:30 The AER Emergency planning platform: what action can be taken at a territorial level to cope with the consequences of climate change?**

Intervention by John Smith, Coordinator of the platform, Devon County Council (UK)

**14:55 Effective and efficient governance as a crucial element for successful climate change mitigation and adaptation measures – Regions are paving the way to smaller communities**

Intervention by a representative of ICLEI

**15:20 Roundtable debate**

**16:15 Discussion**

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