



LIFE SEC ADAPT PROJECT

***Upgrading Sustainable Energy Communities in
Mayor Adapt initiative by planning Climate
Change Adaptation strategies***

Report networking event:

***LIFE Platform Meeting on Climate Action
in Urban Areas***

Municipality of Ascoli Piceno



**LIFE SEC ADAPT
LIFE14 CCA/IT/000316**



PROGRAMME	LIFE 2014 - 2020 - Climate Change Adaptation
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General information

Select typology:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Conference</i>• <i>Working group</i>
Title:	<i>LIFE Platform Meeting on Climate Action in Urban Areas</i>
Name of the organisation proposer:	<i>Life Clinomics</i>
date:	<i>21-22/06/17</i>
SEC ADAPT partners participating	<i>Municipality of Ascoli Piceno</i>
Website info:	<i>http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/news/events/events2017/june.htm</i>

Specific information

Main thematic addressed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Climate Adaptation</i>• <i>Climate Mitigation</i>• <i>Energy Saving</i>• <i>Environmental protection</i>• <i>Agriculture and Forest</i>• <i>Biodiversity</i>• <i>Smart economies</i>• <i>Sustainable development</i>
type of stakeholders involved (specify numbers if possible)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Public Administration</i>• <i>Academic Institution</i>• <i>Business sector – professional/industry association</i>• <i>Business sector - Individual Consultant or companies</i>• <i>Individual Citizen</i>
Territorial level	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Europea</i>
specify territories	





Report:

Aim of the event:

The two-day event will bring together LIFE project beneficiaries, competent authorities and other stakeholders from across Europe to discuss specific actions to advance climate change adaptation and mitigation in the European and international urban context. The LIFE programme has an important role to play in supporting initiatives in this area.

Continuous efforts to mitigate climate change by reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions across Europe are now increasingly combined with manifold adaptation strategies that subsequently increase resilience in urban areas.

The LIFE platform meeting will be an opportunity to learn about the measures that have been carried out under LIFE, the problems that have been encountered and the solutions that have been found. It will moreover be an ideal chance for project teams to exchange experience and know-how with other key actors on diverse themes relevant to urban adaptation and mitigation to climate change and to develop contacts.

Working group sessions will focus on case studies and will allow for the presentation and exchange of good practices in specific sectors, while the plenary sessions will address overall policies, support and coordination mechanisms.

The meeting is hosted by the Provincial Council of Barcelona, the coordinating beneficiary of the LIFE Clinomics (**LIFE15 CCA/ES/000102**) project and is being organised in cooperation with the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME) and the Directorate-General for Climate Action (DG CLIMA) of the European Commission.

Specific SEC ADAPT Partners activity (presentation, participation to workshop, poster etc)

The municipality of Ascoli Piceno attend at the first working group:

Implementing Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans. Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAP) are voluntary commitments by signatories of the Covenant of Mayors initiative supported by the European Commission (EC). Each Plan defines the activities and measures undertaken by a municipality to achieve the EU targets regarding climate action until 2030, together with time frames and assigned responsibilities. Numerous LIFE projects aim at mapping the climate change impacts in a city or region and proposing measures to increase resilience. Other projects aim at reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, achieving better energy efficiency and increasing the use of sustainable energy sources, which correspond to the three goals of the EU's 2030 Climate and Energy





Framework. The aim of this session is to discuss how your project contributes to the SECAP in your area and what best practices could be shared with others working on similar issues.

In this working group Miss Silvia Renda (Svim) talked about the life sec adapt project and Mister Marco Cardinaletti talked about life act project.

Lesson learnt to spread with LIFE SEC ADAPT partners:

Urban areas are already experiencing the effects of climate change: increased temperatures, extreme weather events including floods, freshwater shortages, sea level rise, food insecurity, are directly affecting urban populations worldwide.

Cities are highly exposed to all the abovementioned impacts, in different ways and degrees according to their geographic location and morphological structure, infrastructure and preparedness.

Cities also contribute to climate change, through greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for heating, cooling, lighting and transport, as well as through the consumer choices of their inhabitants.

Efforts to mitigate climate change by reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions have become a common feature across European cities and these are now increasingly combined with measures focused on climate change adaptation and increased resilience.

LIFE CLINOMICS aims to increase climate change resilience of selected territories and economies within the Province of Barcelona. Proposed actions are in line with the Spanish climate change strategy. The project will also contribute to EU policy on biodiversity, natural catastrophes, agriculture, fisheries, infrastructure, tourism and forests. To promote knowledge and awareness about climate change adaptation, the project will involve local administrations and people working in the agriculture, silviculture, fishery and/or tourism sectors.

The main objective is to build the resilience of Mediterranean local authorities through interventions in the counties of Montseny, Alt Penedès and Terres del Ebro within the Province of Barcelona. Specific objectives are:

- To draft climate change adaptation action plans and strategies, and to create the appropriate conditions so that material and financial implementation is carried out in the





short term, with the added strength of social participation;

- To give local authorities tools that allow them to affordably launch climate change adaptation processes;
- To develop a climate change adaptation planning model that can be replicated in the Mediterranean area and southern Europe and which could be useful in other European countries;
- To establish criteria to attract private investment and launch local investment processes with private-public partnerships, as part of a drive to modernise local economies to adapt to climate change, increase their competitiveness, improve the market position of businesses and create new jobs;
- To improve the competitiveness of farming, forestry, fishing and tourism businesses through investment in climate change adaptation;
- To demonstrate, through the implementation of six pilot actions, possibly adaptation measures, their costs and their benefits;
- To create knowledge, capacity and information about the impacts of climate change in the participating counties and economic sectors, as well as about the actions that reduce or eliminate these impacts;
- To raise awareness among citizens, stakeholders and local authorities on the impacts of climate change and to promote their active participation in both private and public adaptation actions;
- To inform businesses of the long-term financial consequences of not adapting to climate change (e.g. insurance costs); and
- To extend participation in the Covenant of Mayors scheme among the municipalities of Catalonia.

The project expects to achieve the following results:

- Draft climate change impact studies for Montseny, Alt Penedès and Terres del Ebro;
- Draft an analysis of the economy of each of the three counties, including chapters on enterprise, farming, forestry, fisheries and the workforce;
- Create a territorial platform for each county and three sectoral platforms (enterprise/agriculture/public and private sector employees) in order to face climate change impacts in a participatory way;
- Feed the work of the territorial and sectoral platforms into the drafting of an intervention strategy and action plan for each of the three counties;





- Implement 2 pilot climate change adaptation measures in each of the three counties;
- Hold 10 training courses (900 attendees) for specific groups of workers (farmers, entrepreneurs, public and private sector employees) and specific sectors of the economy (tourism, agriculture, forestry);
- Build the capacity of 75 European stakeholders from the Mediterranean area so they can replicate the project model;
- Communicate the effects of climate change and the importance of adaptation to 50% of farmers, business people and public and private sector workers in the 3 participating counties; and
- Attend 24 events to disseminate the work of the project and organize 12 sector-specific sessions.

Communication and Media information

communication channels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/news/events/events2017/june.htm• elena.gomez@neemo.eu
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