

Editorial



Dear guests and Energy Cities' members,

Welcome to Zagreb, the old central European city and to Energy Cities' Annual Rendezvous. Zagreb is the cultural, scientific, economic, political and administrative centre and capital city of the Republic of Croatia. The historical legacy of Zagreb, the 'white city' and its rich natural resources, are the heritage we want to leave to future generations.

In this respect, a local sustainable energy policy, strongly linked with local development and environmental issues, and involving our citizens is essential.

Therefore, Zagreb has adopted an Energy Policy Statement, signed the Covenant of Mayors whose commitments are being implemented practically, and we are officially recognised as a Supporting Structure by the European Commission.

Energy Cities' Annual Rendezvous is a great opportunity for the representatives of befriended European cities and regions to exchange information and experiences. Only the integrated action of all subjects allows for the achievement of common goals for the benefit of future generations.

To all our guests I express a sincere welcome, wishing you a comfortable stay, successful work, good memories and an early return to our beautiful City.

MILAN BANDIĆ, Mayor of Zagreb



Dear Energy Cities' members and friends,

Local energy actions that will succeed, both now and in the future, are the ones that embrace creativity and experiment with different ways of involving people. And indeed, behind voluntary engagements such as the Covenant of Mayors, hundreds of practical actions are already paving the way. They all

aim to transform our cities into even greater places to live.

With an innovative conference concept, our 16th Annual Rendezvous will shed light on a diverse range of practical solutions for low-energy cities. The meeting framework will spur creativity and motivate you to try out some new approaches: whatever the scale or origin, bold ideas are testimony that an energy transition is possible.

The Festival of Actions that we want to celebrate with you during the conference will cover a number of topics linked to sustainable energy, with a special focus on three questions:

- *How does energy contribute to territorial cohesion?*
- *Which methods to get people involved?*
- *Where does money come from?*

I invite you to add your own story to the melting pot during the Annual Rendezvous! Enjoy meeting peers and showcasing your local solutions in Zagreb.

ECKART WÜRZNER, Mayor of Heidelberg, President of Energy Cities

Wednesday 6th of April 2011

14.00 – 17.00 || SIDE EVENTS / SITE VISITS



19.00 – 21.00 || COCKTAIL OFFERED BY THE CITY OF ZAGREB





Thursday 7th of April 2011



8.30 – 8.45 || REGISTRATION & COFFEE



8.45 – 9.15 || OFFICIAL OPENING & WELCOME TO THE RENDEZVOUS

- ◆ Milan Bandić, Mayor of Zagreb (HR)
- ◆ Eckart Würzner, Mayor of Heidelberg (DE), President of Energy Cities



9.15 – 10.15 || WHAT'S NEW SINCE LAST YEAR?

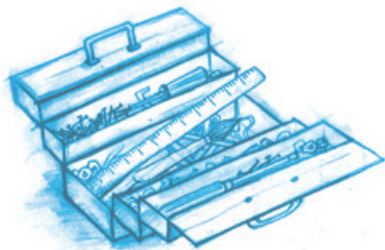
- ◆ Facilitator: Gérard Magnin, Executive Director, Energy Cities with:
 - ◆ Christof Schoser, European Commission, Deputy Head of Unit, DG ENERGY
 - ◆ Brook Riley, climate justice and energy campaigner, Friends of the Earth Europe
 - ◆ Åsa Karlsson Björkmarker, Commissioner, City of Växjö (SE)

The panellists will be shown some images and provide – via their comments – an unconventional review of what has happened during the last year.

10.15 – 10.30 || "ZAGREB CITIES GRAND PRIX": HOW TO VOTE?

- ◆ Facilitator: Ian Turner, Energy Cities

This award for local actions will be handed over during the conference. Participate in this session to know the criteria to vote for the "most interesting actions".



10.30 – 12.15 || FESTIVAL OF CITIES' ACTIONS:
HOW DOES ENERGY CONTRIBUTE
TO TERRITORIAL COHESION?



What does territorial cohesion mean for cities? And how does it link to energy? Urban and regional planning issues still remain disconnected from energy issues. Why? And how do sustainable energy issues benefit territorial cohesion?

- ◆ Facilitators: Kinga Kovacs & Stéphane Dupas, Energy Cities

→ Panel discussion focused on practical solutions

1 Zero carbon historical centre for Utrecht

- ◆ Inge Van de Klundert, City of Utrecht (NL)

2 Effilogis: Experimental buildings renovation programme

- ◆ Martine Péquignot, Franche-Comté Region (FR)

3 Zero emission district Bahnstadt in Heidelberg

- ◆ Hans-Wolf Zirkwitz, City of Heidelberg (DE)

→ Announcement of the members' actions to be presented in the exhibition

→ Open discussions around posters... and coffee

Participants are invited to visit the poster exhibition.



12.15 – 12.45 || REGENERATIVE CITIES
SUSTAINABLE CITIES & ENERGY: A METABOLIC APPROACH

- ◆ Herbert Girardet, Co-founder of the World Future Council

12.45 – 14.15 || LUNCH BUFFET



14.15 – 14.45 || ENERGY & CLIMATE GOVERNANCE IN LOCAL AUTHORITIES
INTERACTIVE PLAY WITH THE PARTICIPANTS

- ◆ Facilitators: Ian Turner & Jean-Pierre Vallar, Energy Cities

A source of inspiration for a different way of thinking about where your organisation stands: find out which level you are at in terms of political commitment, participation, financing, evaluation...

14.45 – 16.30 || **FESTIVAL OF CITIES' ACTIONS:
METHODS TO GET PEOPLE INVOLVED?**



Involving people is a critical issue to achieve our commitments. New ways of local governance have to be invented. Are there already inspiring examples?

◆ **Facilitators:** Ian Turner & Jean-Pierre Vallar, Energy Cities

→ Panel discussion focused on practical solutions

1 **Energy as a cross-cutting issue: the consulting process of the Barcelona Energy, Climate Change and Air Quality plan**

◆ Gerard Pol & Irma Soldevilla, Barcelona Energy Agency (ES)

2 **On the road to a 2000 Watt society**

◆ Christian Tiszberger, City of Zurich (CH)

3 **Zagreb Energy Week: networking for sustainability**

◆ Marijan Maras, City of Zagreb (HR)

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16.30 – 18.30 || **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FOR ENERGY CITIES MEMBERS ONLY**



20.30 || **GALA DINNER**



Friday 8th of April 2011

9.00 – 10.45

|| **FESTIVAL OF CITIES' ACTIONS:
HOW TO FINANCE PROJECTS?**



Actions need to be financed. Financial scarcity is growing. Money can come from banks, from national and EU subsidies, from innovative financial schemes... and also from an internal shift of municipal priorities. What to do?

◆ **Facilitators:** Jana Cicmanova & Christophe Frering, Energy Cities

→ Panel discussion focused on practical solutions

1 **Benefitting from all the resources: experience of COMBAT project**

◆ Inete Ielite, Riga Energy Agency (LV)

2 **Pay as you save**

◆ Cllr Colin Hall, Sutton Borough Council (GB)

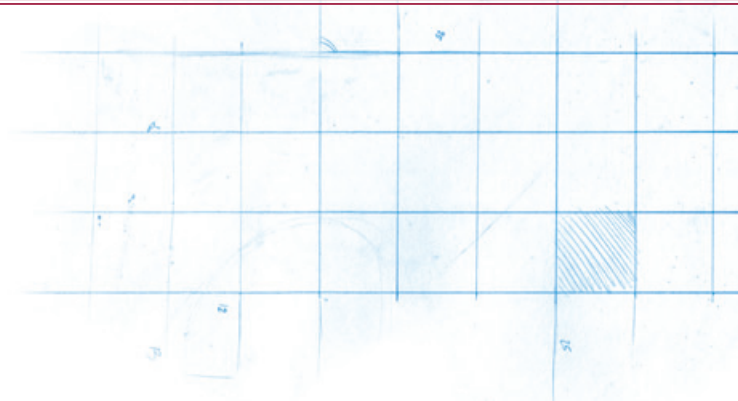
3 **Financing a 24MW PV plant**

◆ Giancarlo Savino and Raffaele Lupacchini, City of Salerno (IT)

→ Announcement of the actions to be presented in the exhibition on this theme

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10.45 – 12.45

STRATEGY SESSION: MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE, HOW NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS CAN HELP LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO TRANSFORM THEIR OBJECTIVES INTO REALITY?

◆ **Facilitators:** Miriam Eisermann & Peter Schilken, Energy Cities

→ **Introduction:** The EU Climate Policy Tracker

◆ **Jason Anderson**, Head of European Climate and Energy Policy, WWF
The Climate Policy Tracker for the EU is a comprehensive review of EU Member States (commissioned by WWF) that affect greenhouse gas emissions. It provides an overview of the policy situation of each Member State broken down by sector and policy area. In addition, it includes a rating to measure the impact of these policies via indicators.

→ **Panel discussion**

1 Panellists are representatives from European bodies which have an excellent knowledge of what is going well and poorly in European countries. They will be asked to provide 2 stimulating and 2 discouraging practices of Member States in their field of action/interest.

- ◆ **Christine Lins**, General Secretary, EREC, European Renewable Energy Council
- ◆ **Sabine Froning**, Managing Director, Euroheat and Power
- ◆ **Claire Roumet**, General Secretary, Cecodhas Housing Europe
- ◆ **Ella Stengler**, Managing Director, CEWEP, Confederation of European Waste-to-Energy Plants
- ◆ **Jan Geiss**, Executive Director, Eufores, The European Forum for Renewable Energy Sources
- ◆ **Gérard Magnin**, Executive Director, Energy Cities



2 Panellists, among them Covenant of Mayors signatories, are invited to react and to make suggestions to strengthen local action thanks to appropriate national support.

- ◆ **Rob Kool**, Manager Energy & Climate Cooperation Europe, NL Agency (NL)
- ◆ **Heikki Väisänen**, Senior Advisor, Finnish Ministry of Employment & Economy (FI)
- ◆ **Kristina Čelić**, Head of Department for Strategic Planning and Energy Balance, Croatian Ministry of Economy, Labor and Entrepreneurship (HR) (tbc)
- ◆ **Ovidiu Teodor Crețu**, Mayor of Bistrita (RO)
- ◆ **Denis Baupin**, Deputy Mayor of Paris (FR)
- ◆ **Evelyne Huytebroeck**, Minister of Environment of Brussels Capital Region (BE)
- ◆ **Eckart Würzner**, Mayor of Heidelberg (DE)
- ◆ **Jason Anderson**, Head of European Climate and Energy Policy, WWF

12.45 – 13.15

“ZAGREB CITIES GRAND PRIX”



Welcome to the Award Ceremony!

13.15 – 13.30

CONCLUSION & OUTLOOK TO THE NEXT RENDEZVOUS

- ◆ **A representative of the City of Guimarães** (PT)
- ◆ **Eckart Würzner**, Mayor of Heidelberg (DE), President of Energy Cities

13.15 – 13.30

LUNCH BUFFET

14.30 – 17.00

COVENANT OF MAYORS NETWORKING SESSION: HOW TO FULFIL OUR COMMITMENTS?

With City testimonies

- **Meet** your fellow Covenant of Mayors Signatories.
- **Discuss** the latest initiative developments with the members of the Covenant of Mayors Office.
- **Learn** more about Energy Cities' activities helping you to succeed.
- **Share** your concerns, solutions and results arising from the Covenant implementation at local level.
- **Shape** the future of the Covenant.



Practical information

Agenda, location of the Rendezvous & transports

**Thursday 7th April &
Friday 8th April: RENDEZVOUS**

HOTEL THE WESTIN ZAGREB

Izidora Kršnjavoga 1,
Zagreb 10000, Croatia
Phone: +385 (0) 1 489 2000
www.westinzagreb.com

**Wednesday 6th April at 7.00 pm:
WELCOME COCKTAIL**

PALACE DVERCE, Katarinski trg 6, Zagreb

**Thursday 7th at 8.00 pm:
GALA DINNER**

HOTEL THE WESTIN (see address beside)

REGISTRATION - Online at www.energy-cities.eu/registration

Registration fees:

- 250€
- Free for speakers and for members of Energy Cities (2 people maximum)

LANGUAGES

- **Plenary sessions:** simultaneous translation into English, French, Croatian
- **Festival sessions:** without translation

TO COME TO ZAGREB

Useful links:

- Zagreb Airport: www.zagreb-airport.hr/en
- Croatia Airlines: www.croatiaairlines.com
- Zagreb Tourist Info: www.zagreb-touristinfo.hr
- Taxi Zagreb: www.zgtaxi.com

The Municipality of Zagreb will organise a shuttle service from Zagreb Airport to the Hotel Westin.

OTHER SOLUTIONS

Plane

To get from Zagreb Airport Pleso (Zračna Luka Zagreb Pleso) to The Westin you can either take a 20-25 minutes long bus ride with Zagreb Airport bus (Pleso prijevoz) to Zagreb Central Bus Station (Autobusni kolodvor Zagreb), details on how to get from Central Bus Station to The Westin are given just below in the 'bus' section, or you can take a taxi.

Train

To get from The Main Zagreb Railway Station to The Westin, exit the terminal via main entrance and take a tram route nr.4 headed towards Savski Most, or nr.2 headed towards Črnomerec, or nr.9 headed towards Ljubljana. Get off the tram at the 2nd stop called Vodnikova. After exiting the tram take a left, walk straight and cross the road then turn right. Keep walking along the road and you will see The Westin on your left.

Bus

To get from the Zagreb Central Bus Station to The Westin, exit the terminal via main entrance and take a tram route nr.2 headed towards Črnomerec. Get off the tram at the 4th stop called Vodnikova. After exiting the tram take a left, walk straight and cross the road then turn right. Keep walking along the road and you will see The Westin on your left.

ACCOMODATION

Please book your room directly to the hotel, list available online at:

www.energy-cities.eu/Zagreb-2011-Croatia

Suggested hotels (please see details of the tariffs on the document on line):

HOTEL WESTIN

Izidora Kršnjavoga 1,
Zagreb 10000, Croatia
Phone: +385 (0) 1 489 2000

www.westinzagreb.com

special link for the reservation:

www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1101289045&key=1163F

HOTEL INTERNATIONAL

Miramarska 24
Zagreb 10000, Croatia
Phone: +385 (0) 1 610 8800

www.hotel-international.hr

HOTEL CENTRAL

Kneza Branimira 3,
Zagreb 10000, Croatia.
Phone: +385 (0) 1 484 1122

www.hotel-central.hr



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