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COVENANT OF MAYORS: THE CONTRIBUTION OF LOCAL ACTORS FOR A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The new, ambitious European Commission initiative of bringing together in a permanent network the mayors Europe's largest and most pioneering cities, the "Covenant of Mayor", opened last 28th of January in Bruxelles, during the second edition of European Union Sustainability Week (EUSEW).

The aim is to exchange and apply best practices thereby improving energy efficiency significantly in the urban environment, where local policy decisions and initiatives are important, including transport.

The Commission recognises Municipalities as necessary partners in the fight against climate change, recognises as well their role in communication and information activities as crucial and the unique capacity of undertaking broad initiatives putting together disparate sectors and stakeholders.

The Covenant of Mayor is based on the voluntary decision of cities to join the initiative, and will supply the cities with technological and financial support in every step of the programme.

The Covenant of Mayors will be supported by other several initiatives already involved in the Sustainable Energy Europe Campaign, as CERM, Eurocities, Energie-Cités.

The Mayors submitting the agreements should commit, within the scope of their competence, to meet or exceed certain energy objectives, related to the Energy for a Changing World package: increasing their energy efficiency by 20% or more, having a relevant share of RES in the local energy mix, reduction of CO2 emissions as a consequence of both by at least 20%.

Rome joined with great interest, giving this the occasion to share the knowhow implemented in fighting climate change at local level via RomaperKyoto Project and in improving sustainable development in the city of Rome. Almost 100 cities, among those 15 are Capitals, showed their willing to adhere.

For Italy, Rome, Milan, Turin, Venice and other minors will join the initiative.

For more info, see the following website: <http://www.energie-cites.eu/Covenant-of-Mayors>

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“UN BOSCO PER KYOTO” AWARDS THE ENVIRONMENTAL DEPUTY MAYOR OF ROME MUNICIPALITY

For the strong commitment in environment protection, for promoting and supporting climate change fight via RomaperKyoto Project, Accademia Kronos (Italian Environmental Association) awards the prize “Un Bosco per



Dario Esposito, Grazia Francescato e Vincenzo Ferrara at Un Bosco per Kyoto

Kyoto” to Dario Esposito, Deputy Mayor for the Environmental Department of the city of Rome. The event took place last 11th January, in the prestigious Protomoteca Room at Campidoglio Palace. There, together with Deputy Mayors, politics, scientists, religious and other personalities were awarded; and more mayors, Olympic athletes, national parks directors received the prize for their commitment in environment.

From the Ministry of Environment of Congo to the host Licia Colò, from the nobel prize Vincenzo Ferrara of IPPC to New York City mayor, this giving proof that environment is, always more, a cross problem of everyone’s interest.

The Deputy Mayor Dario Esposito, showing its gratitude to Ennio La Malfa, Accademia Kronos’ President, for the prize received, highlighted the importance that all contributions at national, international, as well as local level, hold in dealing

with such a global issue.

ROMA PER KYOTO IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL ITALIAN OUTLINE DESCRIBED BY EURISPES

The Life Project RomaperKyoto was inserted in the last Report “Italia 2008” edited by EURISPES, an important Italian research agency on policy, economics and social studies. The report was presented last 25th January and the chapter concerning environment this year dealt also with the perception of environmental issues by the public opinion. The outline coming out was not much

encouraging on waste issue and water consumption: indeed in Italy values of water consumption are the highest in the world. Actually public opinion perceives the waste problem as the most urgent issue, whilst the climate change and the global warming are less worrying but anyway of great interest. Air pollution and energy supply follow in the worries of people. However there is an important positive data: most part of Italians is willing to change their lifestyle in order to save energy and water, and are more and



more confident in the houses best practices like waste separation, use of low energy lights, switching off of the devices.

In this encouraging picture of the environmental awareness raising of Italian citizens enters the Roma per Kyoto project, which bringing the environmental issue near to citizens, shows the importance of involving municipalities. The innovative tool of the Voluntary Agreement is an example, bringing together in the same table city’s stakeholders, Deputy Mayors of several department and citizens representatives to sort out climate change and drawing up the Action Plan that will make possible the cut of 6.5% of 1990 GHG emissions.

ROMA PER KYOTO ATTENDING THE IEA CIEMEG FIRST MEETING



Which is the future trend of energy use in cities? How much energy will cities globally need in 2030 and which will be the size of CO2 emissions related? Which the potential of energy saving/clean energy supply within cities? And how to define a "city" nowadays?

Those and other very important issues were discussed in the first CIEMEG (Cities Energy Modelling International Expert Group) meeting held in Paris, last 30-31st of January.

The CIEMEG is a new born group of world-leading experts in the area of energy use in cities, that IEA, International Energy Agency, put together in order to provide the forthcoming World Energy Outlook 2008 with a global analysis of energy use in cities.

Roma per Kyoto LIFE project had the honour of being called to give contribution to such valuable workshop to identify the scope for city actions to promote and achieve improvements in energy efficiency (demand and supply side) and renewable energy.

Claudio Baffioni (Roma per Kyoto Project Manager) and Sergio La Motta, from ENEA (New Technologies, Environment and Energy Agency), technical partner of Roma per Kyoto, came to attend the workshop bringing the know-how developed so far in Rome energy use and GHG mitigation actions.

"RADIO COCKTAIL" AT VILLA WOLKONSKY

It's not so common to see radio speakers and ambassadors working together: this is what a cross-problems like environment made possible last 28th of January.

Caterpillar, the popular radio program of RAI Radio 2 and the British Embassy in Rome worked together in order to bring international adhesions to the energy-saving campaign "M'illumino di Meno", that from this year will be named "M'illumino di Meno International".

In order to promote the spreading of the initiative into British embassies ` European network, in this occasion a special episode of Caterpillar went on air exceptionally from Villa Wolkonsky, ambassador's residence in Rome. The event was the "Radio Cocktail of Energy Saving", where took part several



Alfonso Pecoraro Scanio and Dario Esposito at Radio Cocktail in Villa Wolkonsky

personalities involved in environmental issues. Among those present, there were the Minister of the Environment, Alfonso Pecoraro Scanio and the Deputy Mayor for the Environmental Department of the City of Rome, Dario Esposito, which, in the short radio speech, reminded of the importance of RomaperKyoto Project for fighting climate change in Rome.

During the broadcasting were officially announced the "turning off actions" of Foreign and Commonwealth Office of London and Edinburgh Castle as well as the important adhesion of Paris and others gained from Caterpillar editorial staff. The international date for turning off lights and saving energy ("Energy Silence", as renamed by Caterpillar) is the 15th of February at 18:00.

In Rome Colosseum, Fontana di Trevi, Montecitorio e Madama Palace, and, of course BritishEmbassy in Porta Pia will be turned off during this 30 minutes of Energy Silence.

Follow at 6:00 p.m. the broadcasting program on the radio website of Caterpillar: <http://www.radio.rai.it/radio2/caterueb2006/>