

# Sevilla 2007 - Taking the Commitments to the Streets

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SESSION DESCRIPTION *as of Dienstag, 16. Januar 2007*

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## **B04** European Urban thematic strategy - Moving from tools to systems

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**Session language:**

**Time:** 11:30-13:30

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**Room:**

**In cooperation with:**

### **OBJECTIVE**

Implementation of the Aalborg Commitments with Baseline Review, Target Setting, Monitoring and Reporting suggests the application of a Cyclical Sustainable Management System to allow for continuation irrespective of political changes.

In relation to the European Union's Sustainable Development Strategy and the Thematic Strategy on the Urban Environment, principles, guidelines and pilot applications of sustainable urban management systems in support of the Aalborg Commitments have been developed and (co-) funded by the Directorate General of Environment.

This session is the first occasion for comparing and discussing the various systems in order to drawing conclusions for the further development of comprehensive management systems for urban sustainability.

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### **METHODOLOGY**

### **CONTRIBUTORS**

Facilitator *Ian KEDGE, Head of Environment & Health Department, Lewes District Council, United Kingdom* *idea*

Presentation *Björn GRÖNHOLM, Head of Secretariat, UBC-Union of the Baltic Cities, Finland* *idea*  
**Managing Urban Europe 25: Integrated management for urban areas**  
Introduction to the project and its first results (text to be improved). 10 min

Presentation *Christian ZUIDEMA, Promovendus, Faculty of Spatial Sciences, University of Groningen, Netherlands* *idea*

#### **Liveable cities**

"Liveable cities" is one of the projects under the Thematic strategy of urban life. The project partners are Eurocities, ten cities, two universities and one national government. The aim is to give practical guidance for innovative situation-specific policies for urban sustainability. A major result of the project is the Guidance Document on Liveable Cities. This is structured around 7 Ps: Politics, Partnerships, Principles, Process, Plan, and Programs. (10 min)

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- Presentation *Maria BERRINI, President, Ambiente Italia, Research Institute, Italy* *idea*  
**Urban Environmental Management Plans: the experience of the ENVIPLANS project for the South EU area**  
South EU Urban Enviplans ([www.enviplans.net](http://www.enviplans.net)) is a project co-funded by the European Commission and lead by the Coordinamento Agende 21 Locali Italiane whose aim is to encourage--particularly in the southern European area--the conception, exchange and implementation of good practices in the field of preparation of Urban Environmental Management Plans. (15 min joint presentation with Eriuccio Nora)
- Presentation *Eriuccio NORA, Director, Italian Local Agenda 21, Province of Modena, Italy* *idea*  
**Urban Environmental Management Plans: the experience of the ENVIPLANS project for the South EU area**  
See above, joint presentation with Maria Berrini.  
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- Presentation *Alessandra VACCARI, Commune Di Ravenna, Consultant, Italy* *idea*  
**Idems Life Project: towards an integrated environmental management system**  
IDEMS project aims are: to provide four local governments (Developer Cities) with an integrated environmental management system and to obtain the EMAS certification; to improve the urban environment governance through the integration of environmental management and reporting systems (EMAS, CLEAR and EcoBudget®); to produce guidelines for the dissemination of the integrated management system; to structure and coordinate different methods of environmental management systems already established; to furnish the European Commission with preliminary information to explain the realization of the Urban Environmental Management Plan (10 min)  
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**Further recommended reading**

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