

A Future with Zero CO₂ Emissions

A European conference for local governments on
climate protection and promotion of renewable energy



15-17 May 2006 Stockholm, Sweden

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

“Urban transport contributes to global warming. More than 10% of all carbon dioxide emissions in the EU come from road traffic in urban areas. The Kyoto protocol calls for an 8% cut in total EU carbon dioxide by 2008–2012 with respect to 1990 levels, but if current trends continue, CO₂ from transport will be some 40% higher in 2010 than it was in 1990.”

From http://europa.eu.int/comm/energy_transport/en/cut_en.html,
(Directorate General, Energy and transport)

What has to be done to decrease these emissions and how can we achieve this goal? Transport and related issues will be rigorously discussed at the conference “A Future with Zero CO₂ Emissions” / 15-17 May 2006 in Stockholm, Sweden.

The aim: identify how radical targets can be applied to transport policy. To do so, advanced cities will demonstrate their best practices on sustainable mobility. They will explain the synergy between energy planning and transport with business and public/private partnership as well as clean fuels. They will tell how, when and why.

The City of Stockholm, host of the conference, has set up a very ambitious target: zero CO₂ emissions by 2050 and making Stockholm a fossil fuel-free city. These efforts started in 1995 when the City of Stockholm began an Action Plan, which aimed at cutting CO₂ emissions by more than 25% by 2006. Having reached this, the city not only aims at the next ambitious target but also to cooperate more closely with other cities in order to assist each other.

The ambitious “target zero” follows a long-standing co-operation with the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign (CCP) of ICLEI. ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability is a worldwide association of local governments leading in the field of climate work.

Supported by the European Commission, the City of Stockholm and ICLEI invite local governments, businesses, youth representatives and scientists to the conference:

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“We invite cities to join us in moving away from the rhetoric and day-to-day pragmatism and concentrate our discussions on the formulation of ambitious agendas and the adoption of radical targets to drastically reduce CO₂ emissions in our cities” says Stockholm’s Vice-mayor Ms Vivianne Gunnarsson.



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At the conference, the “**Stockholm Impulse**” will be launched: a reinforced strategy for the CCP Campaign in Europe. The Stockholm Impulse calls on local governments to intensify their political commitment and implement effective strategies and actions to respond to climate change within their area of jurisdiction.

The Stockholm conference will feature important speakers such as the Deputy Director General of the Directorate General TREN (Transport and Energy), Fabrizio Barbaso and the director of the Intelligent Energy Executive Agency (IEEA), Patrick Lambert, both from the European Commission. A Member of European Parliament, Anders Wijkman, and the Swedish Minister of the Environment, Lena Sommestad, will act as keynote speakers.

The programme, with its impressive list of speakers, is available online at www.iclei.org/itc/stockholm2006. Here, in the media section, short texts in various languages for publication and dissemination purposes are available. Local governments, organisations and representatives of the media interested in the event are encouraged to participate in the conference. For more information:

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