



Third general Political Training Academy on Climate Adaptation, an action of the Climate Adaptation Partnership of the EU Urban Agenda

Online training for politicians

Hosted by CEMR 4th December 2020, 11-12:30 CET time (connection available as from 10:30, meeting starting at 11:00)

Please register in these two links:

- Your name – position – organization – city – email. Register [here](#):
- To join the meeting from your computers on the 4th December: register in advance for this meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckcOqhrz0vEt1dtiILDLPqa-PTKNomMeitA>.
 After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Target group: Local politicians and political advisers on climate from the EU and outside the EU
Objectives:

Create awareness for the needs of climate change adaptation and knowledge of adaptation measures/ options so politicians can adopt strategies and plan with more sound knowledge on adaptation.

Overview on climate change impacts and challenge, also in the time of the pandemia; options to act; benefits of early action; where to find support; way forward

Agenda:

10:30 - 11:00	Connection, audio test	30'
11:00 - 11:05	Welcoming words by: Frédéric Vallier, SG of CEMR, lead of the political training academy on adaptation Stefania Manca, Genoa Municipality, Climate Adaption Partnership Coordinator - Urban Agenda for the EU	5'
11:05 - 11:10	SLIDO moment	5'
11:10 - 11:40	Keynote talk by climate expert Sergio Castellari, Expert on climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, European Environment Agency. Address on challenges, climate resilience, relevance of to consider in adaptation and resilience, key data, impacts on cities and consequences, facts, projected climate change exposure, benefits of adaptation action and costs of inaction,...With supporting by slides	30'

11:40 - 12:00	Share experience from politicians on their work on adaptation, resilience plans, lessons learnt from COVID linked to climate, climate justice, different approaches to tackle adaptation, new SEACAPS,...(short interventions by politicians): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Anna Richardson, Political Sustainability Spokesperson, City of Glasgow, host of one local academy in 2019 • Matteo Campora, Deputy Mayor, resilience, environment, sustainable development and mobility portfolio from Genoa Municipality, host of one local academy in 2019 • Mayor Mario Guarente, City of Potenza, member of the Adaptation Partnership, host of one local academy in 2020 • Mayor Belinda Gottardi, City of Castelmaggiore, CEMR spokesperson on climate • Mayor outside the EU: Mr John Leo Chome, CEO of Lilongwe City, Malawi, future member of Covenant of Mayors in Sub Saharan Africa 	20'
12:00 - 12:25	Q&A from the audience to the speakers, moderated by CEMR	25'
12:25 -12:30	Conclusions by Liviu Stirbat, Deputy Head of Unit on Adaptation, DG Clima, European Commission	5'
12:30	End of training	

Information to be covered during the training:

- Present the report which has collected material from previous local and general academies within the Urban Adaptation Partnership
- Present current climate adaptation challenges, resilience concept
- Refer briefly to the new EU Adaptation Strategy (by the Commission)
- Refer to the EEA report on cities released recently
- How COVID is impacting climate change: competition of crisis, complementarity, opportunities
- Have an exchange of views with politicians based on this information

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Lead of the training academies within the Urban Partnership on adaptation of the Urban Agenda:

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Background of the Climate Adaptation Partnership

The [Urban Agenda](#) for the EU was launched in May 2016 with the [Pact of Amsterdam](#). It represents a new multi-level working method promoting cooperation between Member States, cities, the European Commission and other stakeholders in order to stimulate growth, liveability and innovation in the cities of Europe and to identify and successfully tackle social challenges.

The Urban agenda has 14 partnerships, and one of them focuses on [Climate Adaptation](#). This one was set up in 2017 as a multilevel and cross-sectoral cooperation instrument and delivery mechanism for the priority theme Climate Adaptation. The objective of the Partnership has been defined as: “*To anticipate the adverse effects of climate change and take appropriate action to prevent or minimise the damage it can cause to Urban Areas. The focus will be on: vulnerability assessments, climate resilience and risk management (including the social dimension of climate adaptation strategies).*”

The Partnership has developed an Action Plan to provide concrete proposals for the design of future and the revision of existing EU legislation, instruments and initiatives relating to the adaptation to climate change in urban areas in the EU. Its purpose is to operationalise suggested policy and governance solutions for the identified key bottlenecks hindering successful adaptation to climate change in the EU urban areas consists of 10 actions for Better Regulation, Better Funding and Better Knowledge.

The climate adaptation Partnership continues now implementing all the activities of the action plan. And one of the actions is (Action K3): "Political Training Academy on Climate Adaptation". This action has been led by the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) in collaboration with other partners: EUROCITIES and cities of Glasgow, Genova, Loulé and Potenza.

Not every local politician has in-depth knowledge of what climate adaptation means to a city and its' citizens. Politicians can thus benefit from a targeted training dedicated to them on climate adaptation in the urban context. Multiple training sessions for politicians are therefore organized by the Climate Adaptation Partnership to provide general information on what adaptation means for cities, raise awareness of the costs of inaction and provide knowledge of the co-benefits of adaptation actions.

There have been 3 general and 3 local academies: **General academies:** Oslo, 22nd May 2019 in the context of the Urban Future Forum; Brussels, 9 October 2019, in the context of the European Week of Cities and Regions; Online (hosted from CEMR in Brussels) on 4th December 2020. **Local academies:** Glasgow 19th June 2019; Genova, 26 November 2019; Potenza, 17 February 2020. This last (online) training general academy will be the last one of these series of academies and will present some general conclusions from the process.

Speakers and bio

Frédéric Vallier, SG of CEMR, lead of the political training academy on adaptation



Frédéric Vallier has been Secretary General of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) since February 2010. Expert in European and international affairs at the local and regional levels and city diplomacy, he has over thirty years of experience working with local and regional authorities. As Secretary General of CEMR, he campaigns for the full recognition of local and regional governments as strategic partners of the European integration and calls for a Europe closer to its citizens and their first levels of democracy. He also

represents European Local Governments in the Global Task Force of Local and Regional Governments and United Cities and Local Governments to the United Nations. He holds an Executive Master's Degree in public management from Sciences Po Paris. *The Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), created in 1951, is the largest and most senior organisation representing cities and regions and their associations from 41 European countries, including all EU member states, South-East Europe, Eastern neighbourhood countries and Turkey.*

Stefania Manca, Genoa Municipality, Resilience Manager, Economic Development Innovation Strategic Projects Department. Climate Adaption Partnership Coordinator - Urban Agenda for the EU.

Degree in Natural Sciences at Genoa University, Specialization in Smart City - Territorial Economic Planning and Development, Master in Information Systems for the Territory and the Environment (GIS). Expert Evaluator of proposal LC-CLA-H2020, trainer in EU project submission and management. Employed by the Municipality of Genoa since 2011, from January 2020 officially



appointed as Resilience Manager of the city of Genoa. In charge of developing the urban resilience strategy initiative so-called “Genova Lighthouse City” coherent to international agendas, projects and frameworks, and to operationalise it in the forthcoming Action Plan Genova 2050. Coordinator of the Climate Adaptation Partnership belonging to Urban Agenda for the EU (Pact of Amsterdam 2016). Previously territorial planner involved in urban, environmental and forestry works, ICT developer of services at local and regional scale. Areas of interest: innovation technology, sustainable development, multi-level governance policies and actions, Resilience at 360°, Adaptation to Climate Change, local national and international networking, Doughnut economy application, shared and participatory planning.

Sergio Castellari, Expert on climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, European Environment Agency

Cllr. Anna Richardson, Political Sustainability Spokesperson, City of Glasgow

Matteo Campora, Deputy Mayor of Genoa on Transport, Integrated Mobility, Environment, Waste cycle, Animals, Energy, Resilience and Sustainability, Management and Control of the main in-housing companies (Iren S.p.a., Amiu S.p.a., Amt S.p.a., Genova Parcheggi S.p.a., Farmacie Genovesi S.r.l., Bagni Marina Genovese S.r.l.).



Born in Genoa on January 4, 1971. Law Degree at the University of Genoa in 1995. He has been a civil lawyer since 1999, from 2002 with a law multidisciplinary firm on Civil, Debt Collection, Real Estate / Commercial and Corporate, Labor Agency Contract. Legal consultancy for national trade union agents and representatives, leading national companies in the energy sector, real estate and facility productive sectors. Supervisor Body in many companies. Knight Order of Merit of the Italian Republic.

Mayor Mario Guarente, City of Potenza, member of the Adaptation Partnership

36 years old, born and raised in Potenza. Married to Annamaria, freelance in the insurance consultancy sector. He ran for local elections in 2009 in support of the center-right coalition. Member of the Movement for Autonomies, in 2010 as regional secretary of young members and then as citizen secretary in 2011,



he is a founding member and president of the cultural association "Ennesima Potenza". In 2014 he was elected at the Municipal Council of Potenza in a center-right civic list and he was pro-tempore President of the IV Council Commission, vice-president of the III and IV, member of the Electoral Commission. Since June 2019 he is Mayor of the City of Potenza, capital city of Basilicata Region. Since december 2019 he is an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions. He is vice president of National Association of Italian Municipality of Basilicata (ANCI Basilicata) and the national delegate of ANCI for labor and training policies.

Mayor Belinda Gottardi, City of Castelmaggiore, CEMR spokesperson on climate



Belinda Gottardi, Mayor of Castel Maggiore (Italy), city with a population of nearly 19.000 habitants. She has become one of the two spokespersons on climate. She graduated at Keynes Institute of law and registered as a lawyer since 2002. She entered the municipal council of Castel Maggiore at a very young age as president of the first commission, and worked on the drafting of the Constitution and the consequent Regulations. During her first term as councilor she promoted the creation of the Pro Loco, which still today represents an important reference point for the promotion of their territory. She has shown strong committment with great determination in the field of youth policies and immigration, promoting surveys on the youth population and following the post-emergency migration issues, considered avant-garde at National level. Her working period in the tribunal allowed her to learn about her city, with particular attention to the recovery of tax evasion and starting the path. As Councilor for Public Works, Mobility and the Environment, her task was mainly to deal with the reorganization of the roads and the renewal of urban furniture, but also the reorganization of waste collection, environmental education projects and strengthening separate waste collection that doubled during the mandate. In the administrative mandate 2009-2014, she was Councilor for Culture and Policies for Childhood, Adolescence and Education, Work, Vocational Training and Participation. Elected Mayor of Castel Maggiore in 2017, in 2016 elected President of the Reno Galliera Union, since 2017 member of the Italian delegation at the Congress of local and regional authorities of the Council of Europe and in May 2019, re-elected Mayor of Castel Maggiore

Liviu Stirbat, Deputy Head of Unit on Adaptation, DG Clima, European Commission



From Bucharest, Romania, is Deputy Head of Unit for Adaptation in the European Commission's Directorate-General for Climate Action, where he coordinates work on the new EU Adaptation Strategy. Previously, he was Deputy Head of Unit for Better Regulation in the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation.