INVITATION
to a meeting chaired by Jan Olbrycht
President, URBAN Intergroup

on
EU LEVERS TO ACCELERATE CITY ACTIONS ON CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION

17 November 2010, 18:00-20:00
Venue: Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Place du Congrès 1, Brussels

The meeting will identify the various ways forward for the EU to provide support to cities for sustainable development strategies and climate change commitments. It will focus first on governance and second on tools and instruments.

Panel of speakers:

- Denis Baupin, Deputy Mayor of Paris
- Karima Delli, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-President URBAN Intergroup
- Marie Donnelly, Director Energy Efficiency, DG Energy
- Jean-Claude Banon, Executive Representative with the EU institutions, Veolia
- Representative from Covenant of Mayors Office, Brussels
- Laurence Tubiana, Director of the Institut du Développement Durable et des Relations Internationales (IDDRI) and Chair of the CEPS Task Force and Christian Egenhofer, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Co-Rapporteur

The meeting is the official launch of a new CEPS report on “EU levers to accelerate city actions on climate change mitigation”, which presents the findings of a multi-stakeholder CEPS Task Force, chaired by Laurence Tubiana, Director of the Institut du Développement Durable et des Relations Internationales (IDDRI). The report identifies the key issues relating to the role that cities and local governments can play in the fight against climate change. It is the first time to our knowledge that a study comprehensively surveys the policy changes required in the EU to “empower” territories to undertake sustainability policies, financial and budgetary issues, regulatory tools and measurement, reporting and verification systems. The report also provides a number of concrete recommendations.

The meeting will be structured in a way to leave time for discussion, and to allow participants to comment on the issues and the views expressed by the different speakers. Copies of the Report will be available at the meeting. For further information on the meeting or the report, please contact Isabelle Tenaerts Isabelle.Tenaerts@ceps.eu Tel +32 2 229 3956 or the CEPS website (www.ceps.eu).
Draft Agenda

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18:00 Welcome
CEPS, Covenant of Mayors and other Sponsors

18:05 Keynote speeches¹:
Denis Baupin, Deputy Mayor of Paris
Karima Delli, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-President URBAN Intergroup

18:35 Introduction by the Chair:
Jan Olbrycht, MEP, President, URBAN Intergroup

18:45 Introduction to the CEPS Task Force Report on “EU levers to accelerate city actions on climate change mitigation”

Laurence Tubiana: Director, IDDRI and Chair of the CEPS Task Force
Christian Egenhofer, Senior Research Fellow and Head of the Energy and Climate Change Programme, CEPS

Comments (10 minutes each):

19:00 Marie Donnelly, Director Energy Efficiency, DG Energy
Jean-Claude Banon, Executive Representative with the EU institutions, Veolia

19:20 Discussion

19:50 Conclusion by Jan Olbrycht, President, URBAN Intergroup

20:00 (at the latest) End of meeting

Followed by informal press contacts

¹ 12 to 15 minutes each