



SESSION DESCRIPTION

B3 Can't see the forest for the trees? City experience meets integrated planning for resilience, with launch of the global UrbanByNature programme

Workshop

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Time: 16:00-17:30

Rooms: S30-32

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OBJECTIVE

This session brought together firsthand municipal experience with imaginative reflections on the value of an integrated, cyclical planning and management approach to building resilience. The international standard 'Sustainable development in communities – Management System for Sustainable Development' (ISO 37101) aims to guide the holistic management of sustainable development policy and practice, with a view to ensuring consistency across diverse geographical locations, assessing progress, and providing a channel to demonstrate and communicate achievements.

A fundamental basis of the standard is the concept of an integrated management cycle, which conceptualizes planning and implementation as a series of interlinked, iterative phases towards sustainable urban development. Using this approach as a departure point and framing device, speakers from local authorities told their stories of adapting to climate and building resilience in a conversation-style format.

The session ended with the launch of the global [UrbanByNature programme](#), developed through the Connecting Nature project by ICLEI Europe and DRIFT. This unique programme will bring aspiring urban nature pioneers together in facilitated capacity-building webinars and workshops over a year, enabling participants from local governments to develop a nature-based action plan through an [integrated planning approach](#).

The programme's curriculum is developed together with more than 30 city, research and business partners from Connecting Nature as well as ICLEI offices in the [regional hubs](#) of South America, China, Korea and the Caucasus. UrbanByNature is hosted by [CitiesWithNature](#), an initiative by ICLEI, The Nature Conservancy and International Union for Nature Conservation, which recognises and enhances the value of nature in and around cities across the world.



OUTCOMES

Participants left the workshop session with:

- A first understanding of an integrated, cyclical approach to planning for sustainability and its relevance to adaptation and urban resilience, in line with the international standard “Sustainable development in communities - Management system for sustainable development” (ISO 37101);
- Insights into how cities are planning and implementing adaptation measures;
- Identification of interlinkages to other steps of the management cycle;
- An insight into the global UrbanByNature programme and details of how to get involved with particular focus on Brazilian, Chinese, Korean and cities from the Caucasus.

METHODOLOGY

Total time: 90 minutes + 30 minutes for launch of UrbanByNature

Moderator *Alice Reil, ICLEI European Secretariat, Freiburg, Germany*

16.00-16.05 Setting the scene

16.05-16.15 Ice-breaker activity

Eleanor Chapman and Vasileios Latinos, ICLEI European Secretariat, Freiburg, Germany

16.15-16.25 *Guiding questions for the audience, to be answered with neighbour in 5 min:*

1. *Are you representing a city or region?*
2. *Do you have experience with integrated management approaches for adaptation/resilience planning?*
3. *Are you familiar with ISO37101?*
4. *Do you use any global or national standards? Why? Why not?*
5. *Why link a management standard to resilience?*

16.25-16.45 Reflections from European cities: Conversation with 3-4 municipalities with each input to be framed in terms of resilience-building and adaptation. No presentations, though each speaker may use one slide or image (ideally no or low text). Speakers will be invited to consider their work in relation to one of the integrated management cycle phases: e.g. baseline review, strategy development; political commitment; implementation and monitoring; and evaluation and reporting.

Guiding questions for conversation:

1. *What problem were you looking to solve?*
2. *What did you do to address it?*
3. *What was the result?*

- **Baseline Review** – *Lorenzo Bono, Ambiente Italia/Master Adapt LIFE project/ confirmed*
- **Strategy Development** - *Gillian Dick, Spatial Planning manager, Development and Regeneration Services, Glasgow City Council, United Kingdom / confirmed*



- **Implementation** - Sebastian Schlecht, Project manager, Green Capital 2017, City of Essen / confirmed
- **Monitoring** - Susanna Kankaanpaa, Environmental planner, Adaptation to Climate Change, City of Helsinki, Finland / confirmed

16.45-17.15 Participants will divide between three tables corresponding to the stories told. Each table will address one phase of the cycle and be hosted by the presenting city and a supporter (ICLEI staff or researcher). Questions will be invited based on the short inputs, and these will then be 'workshopped' in relation to the phases of the IMS framework immediately before and after; e.g. baseline review, strategy development; political commitment; implementation and monitoring; and evaluation and reporting. The aim is to sensitise the group to the broader framework established by the ISO standard and identify actions needed across 2-3 phases, drawing on expertise from within the small groups.

Guiding questions for tables:

1. What significance does the integrated management cycle have to this story?
2. Where does this story fit into the cycle?
3. What actions were involved in this phase?
4. What worked? What didn't?
5. What came before? (prev. step in the cycle)
6. What actions needed to take it further? (next step in the cycle)

17.15-17.30 Summary of break-out sessions and conclusions by participants with take-home messages. Results recorded visually as partial cycles.

30' Introducing the global UrbanByNature programme and opportunities for cities worldwide to take an integrated planning approach for implementing nature-based solutions

Alice Reil and Daniela Rizzi, ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability

Further recommended reading

<https://www.iso.org/standard/61885.html>
