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Fourth Forum for the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change Provisional Agenda

Monday 19 May 2025

09:15 - 13:00 – Site visits in and around Wrocław

Location: Various. Participants who are enrolled on a site visit should refer to their confirmation email.

13:30 - 17:30 – Pre-forum Workshop for Community of Practice

Location: Concordia Design, Wyspa Słodowa 7, 50-266 Wrocław, Poland

An exclusive session for the Community of Practice to allow Members to network, exchange experiences, and discuss common challenges and needs. Welcome words will be provided by Elina Bardram (Mission Manager, Director, Directorate-General for Climate Action, European Commission)

19:00 - 21:00. Evening reception

Location: Wrocław Town Hall, Sukiennice 14/15, 50-029 Wrocław, Poland

Food and drinks reception with opening addresses from Jacek Sutryk (Mayor of Wrocław), Paulina Hennig-Kloska (Minister of Climate and Environment, Republic of Poland) and Wopke Hoekstra (Commissioner for Climate, Net Zero and Clean Growth, European Commission).

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Location: Wrocław University of Technology Congress Centre, Building D-20 Janiszewskiego 8/pok. 809, Wrocław, Poland.

08:30-09:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee
09:00-09:30	Welcoming words
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcoming words by master of ceremonies• Wopke Hoekstra, Commissioner for Climate, Net Zero and Clean Growth, European Commission• Paulina Hennig-Kloska, Minister of Climate and Environment, Republic of Poland• Prof Arkadiusz Wójs, Rector, Wrocław University of Science and Technology
09:30-09:45	Lightening talk: Katarzyna Szymczak-Pomianowska (Head of Sustainability Department, Municipality of Wrocław) and Katarzyna Chojnacka (Professor, Wrocław University of Science and Technology) Moderated by Barbara Widera (Associate Professor, Wrocław University of Science and Technology)

09:45-11:00	<p>Panel 1: Accelerating regional resilience <i>Focus: address growing climate risks, such as heatwaves and flooding.</i></p> <p>Moderated by Elina Bardram, Mission Manager, Director, Directorate-General for Climate Action, European Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hanna Zdanowska, Mayor of Łódź and member of the European Committee of the Regions María Cruz Ferreira-Costa, Head of the Autonomous Secretariat at the Regional Ministry, Región de Murcia (ES) Pascal Lansink-Bastemeijer, Vice-Mayor, Municipality of Rotterdam (NL) Dr. Christof Voßeler, Head of the Climate Adaptation Unit, City of Bremen (DE) <p>Audience Q&A</p>
11:00-11:05	Workshop introduction
11:05-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-13:00	<p>Workshop: Our greatest achievements <i>Goal: learn of the actions and experiences of Mission participants and the measures implemented by different cities and regions.</i></p> <p>Four thematic breakout sessions. Moderated by Mission Board members. In each breakout session, several regions will present short pitches. List of regions in Annex 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Water management Risks & planning A Risks & planning B Heat management
13:00-14:15	Networking Lunch
14:15-14:30	<p>Conclusion of Workshop 1 Plenary summary by group representatives and discussion.</p>
14:30-15:45	<p>Panel 2: Shaping financial models to support adaptation <i>Focus: explore financial models and approaches for building resilience</i></p> <p>Moderated by Irene Bonvissuto, Team Leader – EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change, European Commission. Three pairs of presentations. Each pair consists of a financial institution speaking on a funding approach and a project/region demonstrating experience of that approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joanna Węgrzyn, Director of the Department of Cooperation and International Business, BGK Magdalena Młochowska, Director and Coordinator for Green Warsaw, City of Warsaw (PL) Michael Finucane, Climate Office - Operations Directorate, European Investment Bank Nele Janssen, Project Coordinator, City of Leuven (BE) Cécile Goubet, Managing director, French Institute for Sustainable Finance Aymeric Noel, Project manager - Adaptation to Climate Change, City of Strasbourg (FR) <p>Q&A and interactive discussion</p>
15:45-16:15	Coffee break
16:15-17:30	<p>Panel 3: Innovation is key <i>Focus: learn of the achievements and adaptation solutions of regions involved in Mission projects</i></p> <p>Moderated by Philippe Tulkens, Deputy Mission Manager, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Research & Innovation, European Commission Six regions present short pitches on innovative solutions developed by participating in Mission projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Silvia Ghiretti, Project and Policy Manager, ERRIN (BE) Raitis Madžulis, Project Manager, Zemgale Planning Region (LV) Minna Kivimäki, RESIST Project Manager, City of Turku (FI) Alessandro Attolico, Resilience Hub Coordinator, Province of Potenza (IT) Yohana Cabaret, NBRACER project Regional Coordinator, Region Nouvelle Aquitaine (FR) Grzegorz Synowiec and Monika Pec-Święcicka, LifeCoolCity, Municipality of Wrocław (PL) <p>Q&A and interactive discussion</p>
17:30-17:45	<p>Key takeaways and future challenges Elina Bardram, Mission Manager, Director, Directorate-General for Climate Action, European Commission</p>
17:45-18:30	Networking reception

Annex 1

List of speakers showcasing during 'Workshop 1: Our greatest achievements' (11:30-13:00, during the Forum)

First name	Last name	Region	Country	Theme	Room
Dina	Del Tosto	L'Aquila	IT	Water management	1
Francisco	Carvalho	Guimarães	PT	Water management	1
Jacek	Wiśniowski	Warmia	PL	Water management	1
Katariina	Yli-Heikkilä	Southwest Finland	FI	Water management	1
Saskia	Gall-Röhrig	County Euskirchen	DE	Water management	1
Christos	Polyzos	Thermi	GR	Risks & planning A	2
David	Hoepfl	North Rhine Westfalia	DE	Risks & planning A	2
Inigo	Urrutikoetxea	Basque Country	ES	Risks & planning A	2
María	López Sanchis	Andalucía	ES	Risks & planning A	2
Rory	Sheehan	Louth	IE	Risks & planning A	2
Aitor	Zulueta	Vitoria-Gasteiz	ES	Risks & planning B	3
Anna-Marie	Elmkær Chwastek	Climate Office North Denmark	DK	Risks & planning B	3
Pedro	Neto	Fundão	PT	Risks & planning B	3
Raúl	García Brink	Gran Canaria Island Government	ES	Risks & planning B	3
Yann	David	Normandie	FR	Risks & planning B	3
Patrycja	Stawiarz	City of Warsaw	PL	Heat management	4
Alban	Mallet	Nantes	FR	Heat management	4
Claire	Tatsi	Penteli	GR	Heat management	4