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International conference and workshop on:

WATER IN URBAN AREAS

March 22nd, 2011
Conference

March 23rd - 24th, 2011
Workshop



Introduction:

In urban economy water can be a precious resource serving not only drinking and sanitary needs of inhabitants, but also enhancing cities' image and adding to their recreational and residential attractiveness. If mismanaged, it can be however a significant cost to local taxpayers and even a threat to their property, health or lives. Local policies with this regard and quality of their implementation will determine what this gift of the nature will constitute for urban population.

An interdisciplinary group of experts: geographers, planners, architects, sociologists, hydrologists, but also the representatives of local actors from Central and Eastern

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European countries will exchange experiences and share their knowledge on various aspects of water use in urban areas with an aim to establish international and interregional cooperation.

Objectives of the event:

Learning Objectives:

1. Participants will explore regional trends and applicable best practices in urban water and waterfront areas management cross Central and Eastern European Municipalities.
2. Participants will apply UNITAR self-assessment tools to compare and rate policies for urban water and waterfront areas management.
3. Participants will explore financing and practical integration of selected practices taking into consideration their specific situation.

Content and Structure:

Module 1: Water and Urban Landscape: a Value or a Threat?

Module 2: Waterfront Planning and Revitalizing

Module 3: Best Practices in Regional Water and Waterfront Areas Management

Module 4: Applying Self-Assessment and Comparing Regional Water and Waterfront Areas Management Models

Module 5: Developing Action Plans for City-to-City Cooperation and Integration of Water and Waterfront Areas Management Practices

Format and organization :

- 1-day conference will be accompanied by 2-day workshop in the spirit of exchange of experience and best practice including: an application of the “City-Share” methodology which consists of various processes of self-assessment, distillation and transmission of experiences and good practices. It is also composed of several tools which provide a common framework for the evaluation of experiences made by the participating cities and offer a common language for the exchange and assimilation of the experiences, as well as a roadmap for action and progress.
- classroom lectures, both by local and international resource persons (senior and experienced officials from relevant institutions, international experts, practitioners from the private sector and other local partners).
- different projects' location visits/field visits.
- presentation of case studies and experiences by participants.

Target group:

- circa 25 participants from Central and Eastern Europe including: Iregional mayors, municipal technical staff, relevant private sector representatives, topical experts, and national and regional water authorities
- not more than 2 people from one institution (can be the same city) - at least one of them should have good working knowledge of English language.
- applications may come from cities in:
ALBANIA, BELARUS, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, BULGARIA, CROATIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, ESTONIA, GEORGIA, HUNGARY, KOSOVO, LATVIA, LITHUANIA,

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Venue:

Opening session:

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Conditions of participation:

- language: the entire workshop will be conducted in English.
- place and date: Płock (Poland), 22nd - 24th March 2011 (arrival is expected on 21st and departure on 25th of March 2011).

Travel arrangement:

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- Participants attending the training course are expected to arrive in Płock on 21st of March and to depart on 25th of March 2011.
- Participants who have provided their travel details in advance will be met by the CIFAL Płock's staff upon their arrival at Warsaw airport or railway/bus station. Please be on the look-out for our staff holding a CIFAL Płock sign. They will subsequently take you to the hotel and will take participants back to Warsaw airport or railway/bus station on day of departure, if travel details were provided at the soonest possible time.

Cost:

The organizers will cover the cost of your accommodation, meals, training materials and local transportation cost (from and to Warsaw) for the duration of the training course; other charges (bar, telephone calls etc.) will have to be covered by the participant. The first meal covered is the dinner on 21st of March at the hotel and the last meal is breakfast on 25th of March 2011.

Working language

English is the official language of the training course.

Foreign exchange:

The currency of Poland is zloty (PLN). The current exchange rate is approximately 1 USD = 3,0 PLN, 1 EUR = 4,0 PLN

Weather:

The temperature in Płock is expected to be between 5 and 15 degrees Celsius, but March is a period with a very variable weather, there may be significant deviation from this.

Food arrangement:

Vegetarian meals will be available per requests.

Others:

Please note that the organizers will assume no responsibility for the following expenditures: the cost of travel from home country to Warsaw

- all expenses in the home country incidental to travel abroad, including expenditure for visa, medical examination, inoculations and other such miscellaneous items as well as internal travel to and from airport of arrival and departure in the home country;
- salary and related allowances for the participants during the period of the training course;
- cost of travel insurance, accident insurance, medical bills or hospitalization fees in connection with attendance in the training course;
- any loss of or damage to personal property of participants while attending the training course, and losses or damages claimed by third parties as a result of any negligence on the part of the participants;
- any other expenses of a personal nature not directly related to the purpose of the training course.

Participant contribution:

A detailed agenda of the training course will be sent to you soon. Please note that you will be expected to share the experiences and lessons of your city/organisation in the area of the workshop. For this purpose, please submit a general description of this issue/case.

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study in your city together with the registration form.

If you would like to participate in the workshop please fill in the registration form attached. It should be filled in separately for each participant and sent back to CIFAL Płock by fax.: +48-24 3671430, or e-mail: cifal@plock.eu, pawel.jonca@plock.eu.

The limited workshop places will be distributed among the participants who will present the best practice study.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE REGISTRATION FORMS:
18th of February 2011**

Please notice:

If a person will be approved as a participant and will not inform the Centre about his/her resignation at the workshop to the 25th of February he/she will be obliged to pay 200\$ fine.

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