

# URBAN-NEXUS

2012 DIALOGUE  
CAFE

GLASGOW 29th & 30th May



## AGENDA: Urban Climate Resilience - Partnership Approaches

This first URBAN-NEXUS Dialogue Café will be an opportunity to:

- **share knowledge** with other researchers, urban professionals and practitioners from across the public, private and third sectors;
- **identify complex issues** shared by European cities in building resilience to climate change;
- **develop connections and networks** with other organisations to explore priorities and potential options for future cooperation and collaboration.

### Tuesday 29th

9:00 Registration

9:30 Welcome, about URBAN-NEXUS and what to expect.

10:00 Session A: "Starting the Dialogue – who are we, what can we share and why?"

Please bring an image or an object that symbolises what urban climate resilience means for you.

Aim: to acknowledge the diversity, composition and shared issues for participants:

- What does urban climate resilience mean for us, our organisations, roles and responsibilities?
- What is the state of the art across Europe?
- What are the critical evidence and knowledge gaps and the priorities for future strategic research?
- What can we share, what issues do we have in common, are there conflicting agendas, what do we stand to gain or lose?

12:30 Buffet lunch

13:30 to 16:30 Session B: "City Futures – doom and gloom or hope and glory"

How would it feel to live, work and play in a climate resilient city? What would it look and sound like? We will explore what changes are needed, by whom, how and when?

- Where are the conflicts of interest - who or what is at risk?
- How can critical information gaps be overcome to support improved decision-making?
- What are the needs, challenges and opportunities for trans-national cooperation and data exchange?
- What are the potential challenges and implications for other social, economic and environmental agendas?
- Who needs to be involved in developing and agreeing solutions and at what stage?

19:30 Buffet reception: Riverside Museum

### Wednesday 30th

9:00 Recap of yesterday and overview of today

9:10 Frihamnen (Free Port), Göteborg – retreat or defend? Adapting cities to climate-induced risk. Sofia Thorsson, Associate Professor in Physical Geography, Göteborg University

9:30 Session C: "Catalysing City Connections"

Identify interests and opportunities for continuing the dialogue as URBAN-NEXUS evolves. Explore priorities and options for potential cooperation and collaboration in longer-term strategic partnerships. Format will include "open microphone" and "Partners' Market".

12:00 Conclusions and next steps

12:15 Buffet lunch

13:00 – 16:00 Site visits

Please indicate your preference at

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/UrbanNexusSiteVisit>

[Clyde Gateway](#) - coach tour with commentary and stops around parts of the [Clyde Gateway](#) programme of regeneration and development underway in the east end of Glasgow.

[Clyde Waterfront](#) – ferry trip along part of the Clyde Waterfront regeneration area which brings together the public and private sectors to rejuvenate a 20km (13 miles) stretch of land along the River Clyde.

[Seven Lochs Wetland Park](#) - walking tour of wetland habitat providing important ecosystem services for Glasgow, facing development pressure in socio-economically deprived peri-urban area of north east Glasgow.

#### About URBAN-NEXUS

URBAN-NEXUS enables knowledge transfer and stimulating dialogue to form long-lasting partnerships amongst researchers, practitioners, policy makers, civil society and SMEs; and promotes integrated approaches to sustainable urban development. It is a Coordination and Support Action funded by the European Framework Programme 7 from 1st September 2011 until 31st August 2014.



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