



**BUILDING LOCAL RESILIENCE
INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND THEIR
IMPACT ON THE RESILIENCE OF CITIES AND REGIONS IN THE WORLD**

**Chieti, Italia – 5th april 2017
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Climate change is one of the most urgent challenges of our time. To deal with this problematic issue, local authorities, associations and other non-state actors are stepping up their efforts through initiatives, networks and constant presence in fora where environmental issues and especially climate change are discussed. Local and regional authorities are most directly involved on the consequences of climate change, representing the level of government best suited to take the measures required to adapt territories and minimize the impacts of climate change.

Never as on the issue of climate change the motto "think global, act local" takes on an extraordinary theoretical and pragmatic accuracy: in recent years in fact, awareness of the deepening interdependence that binds communities from South to North to the planet ecosystem, is growing at the level of international community as well as at local level. The phenomenon of climate change is its most obvious manifestation. The boundaries of states, territories, are increasingly crossed by streams and phenomena that make more and more relatively useless and outdated the systems of the governments based on the principle of the nation and on the concepts inside and outside the boundaries.

Climate change goes beyond the administrative borders of the public authorities. AICCRE, CEMR, PLATFORMA, UCLG, have stepped up efforts to make sure that the needs and strengths of the territories were taken into account in the negotiations on environment and climate change. The European Commission has repeatedly, through documents and initiatives, recognized the role of the territories in the fight against climate change. In its Climate and Energy package, for example, the European Commission has stressed the key role that cities - and more particularly those involved in the Covenant of Mayors - have in the realization of the European strategy for low-emission mobility, which is an industry framework for the coming years.

Although this is a matter of global nature, the interventions for the consequences of climate change are implemented primarily at local level. We came to the awareness that the environment is a complex ecosystem where the local is deeply embedded in the global economy. Communities are rooted and dependent on this ecosystem. Cooperation therefore is necessary to govern together the global and the local village to preserve and improve sustainable living conditions.

Decentralized cooperation is an integral part of this new system of interrelationships. Decentralized cooperation has developed over the years as a new and important dimension of development cooperation. It became more accomplished and specialist because it has gradually institutionalized networks involved in the development field, it has varied the tools for its implementation in all regions of the world and has seen its budgets increase exponentially.

In this context, the seminar of Chieti, inter alia, has the aim to provide an opportunity to the actors of decentralized cooperation, to stress and revitalize their action by raising the quality and therefore the impact on a fair development and attentive to the dimensions of sustainable environment at local and global levels. There is now a

widespread need to participate in the formation of a governance of changing processes by weaving the different levels of action: local, national, international.

In a world marked by strong acceleration in its phenomena of environmental stress and climate change, decentralized cooperation is called upon to strengthen their actions. The seminar is an opportunity for an exchange of know-how between local authorities and will take place in a region, Abruzzo, hit hard by the earthquakes. Recent and authoritative studies link these earthquakes to climate change, which would in fact be able to influence the movements of tectonic plates, which clashing give rise to telluric phenomena.

The seminar also will help to reinforce and increase the participation of the population towards environmental issues and to the identification and definition of their needs and their opportunities of solution. The Abruzzo seminar will seek to foster that "common vision" that would allow to increase the coordination of policies and actions to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, specifically the goal 13 of the Agenda 2030, "To promote action, at all levels, to combat climate change ", in which are reiterated the concepts expressed earlier, namely that climate change is a global challenge that does not respect national boundaries. Emissions are everywhere and affect us all. It is an issue that requires international co-operation and co-ordinated solutions.

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9.30 – 10.00	Welcome address: Registration of participants
10.00 – 10.15	Session presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carla Rey – Secretary General AICCRE
10.15 – 11.30	Thematic session 1 What kind of methodologies exist to foster exchanges of experience and learning opportunities in climate resilience decentralised cooperation ? Why does it make sense for European local and regional government to engage with a partner LRG on climate resilience thematic ? How can such activities/ resilience projects at the local level contribute to the objectives of the Paris agreement for climate ? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emidio Primavera, Director Civil Protection Department – Region Abruzzo• Annalisa Palozzo – Councillor of the Province of Pescara• Francesco Chiavaroli, Director of ARTA• Giampiero Zinzi, President of the Special Committee Terra dei Fuochi, environmental restoration, Ecomafie – Council of the Campania Region• Eugenia Mansutti – Covenant of Mayors• Fabio Colantonio – Geologist The views of Europe: Mercedes Sanchez Salido , International Affairs FEMP, Spanish federation of local Authorities Moderator: Gianluca De Santis , Chamber of Commerce
11.30 – 12.00	Coffee break
12.00 – 13.00	Thematic session 2 How can the EU resilience policies contribute to international exchange of best practices among LRGs? What initiatives exist or could be created to promote international exchanges

	<p>between disaster affected LRGs?</p> <p>How can the Sendai Framework be used at local level to improve disaster risk reductions? What are the obstacles?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vittorio Battocchio, Technical Director local authorities and Health care of AON spa • Luca Tosto – President AIPE • Alfonso Ottaviano – Director of the Italian Farmers Confederation of Chieti and Pescara • Fabio Travaglini, Director of the UN.I.PM <p>The views of Europe:</p> <p>Christophe Chaillou, AFCCRE, General Director, French Association of local Authorities</p> <p>Agita Kaupaza, LALRG, Latvian Association of local Authorities</p> <p>Moderator: Stefano Fricano, Special Company Development Agency</p>
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