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Smart Cities Initiative debated in Munich

The Climate Alliance members debated the new Smart Cities and Communities Initiative during the Annual Conference in Munich. The outcomes were integrated into the Climate Alliance response to the consultation of the EU on this new initiative. Throughout the discussion the crucial role of planning as the “backbone” was emphasised: development of a compact city, local and renewable energy supply, efficient and integrated transport composition, and establishment of low-energy districts.

[http://www.climatealliance.org/309.html?&L=0&tx_ttnews\[tt_news\]=1019&tx_ttnews\[backPid\]=308&cHash=320beb00945b7e60593b8c5234c28e16](http://www.climatealliance.org/309.html?&L=0&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=1019&tx_ttnews[backPid]=308&cHash=320beb00945b7e60593b8c5234c28e16)

The Smart Cities Initiative starts with a conference at 21 June 2011 in Brussels:

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/technology/initiatives/20110621_smart_cities_conference_en.htm

Climate Alliance resolution for a turning point in power generation handed out to EU Commissioner

Consultations on EU level concerning the form of the planned nuclear power station stress testing have been the opportunity to hand over the Climate Alliance resolution for a turning point in power generation “decentralised renewable energies instead of nuclear power” to EU Commissioner for Energy Oettinger. Both the Commissioner and the Director General of DG ENER attended this meeting directed to the civil society about the risks of nuclear power plants. The Climate Alliance resolution confirms the necessity of a nuclear phase-out and the build-up of a more efficient and decentralised power supply based on energy savings and renewable energies.

http://www.climatealliance.org/fileadmin/inhalte/dokumente/2011/CA-Resolution_decentral_instead_of_nuclear.pdf

Ten-year jubilee of the ZOOM campaign “Kids on the move”

Since ten years the Climate Alliance campaign has motivated little climate activists in whole Europe to move in a climate-friendly way and to collect “Green Footprints” for the protection of the global climate. Each every day way travelled by sustainable means on foot, with the scooter or bike, via bus or rail counts a Green Footprint. Climate Alliance will hand over the Green Footprints of all participating children to the participants of the UN Climate Summit in South Africa in December.

On the occasion of the ten-year jubilee of the ZOOM campaign the website was new designed. There you find all campaign info and material as downloads as well as a new video, that could be realised thanks to the friendly support of astramedia and the class 4b of the Hardtwaldschule from Friedrichsdorf.

<http://www.kindermeilen.de/home.html?&L=0>

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RES Champions League: Awards 2011 and current newsletter

The second European award ceremony of the champions for renewable energies took place on 2 June 2011 in Prague. Altogether, twelve cities and municipalities were displayed, thereof each three local authorities from Italy and Germany, two municipalities from Poland and one from Bulgaria, France, the Czech Republic and Hungary. Read more about their projects in the current newsletter.

<http://www.res-league.eu>

Smart-e Buildings – Take your energy back!

The campaign Smart-e Buildings wants to call homeowners for reinforced investments in the area of energy efficiency and renewable energies. The official start of the campaign took place on an event in Brussels; the new website is activated.

<http://www.takeyourenergyback.eu>

Member of Climate Alliance – your new sign at the entrance into town

You want to show that your city or municipality is member of Climate Alliance? It is quite easy now: We have created a print file with the Climate Alliance logo and the writing “Member of Climate Alliance”. You can hand it over to your local service provider and he will manufacture the sign for you. It can be fortified at the entrance into your municipality. You find the print file in the members only section of our website.

<http://www.climatealliance.org/305.html?&L=0>

Climate Alliance events

Congress “Local and regional energy concepts”

30 June 2011 in Ludwigsburg, Germany

The congress takes place in the framework of the EU project Sustainable NOW.

http://www.ludwigsburg.de/servlet/PB/show/1291133_11/kongressenergiekonzepte.pdf

European Mobility Week

16 – 22 September 2011 throughout Europe

[http://www.climatealliance.org/events-details0.html?&L=0&tx_ttnews\[tt_news\]=906&tx_ttnews\[backPid\]=314&cHash=eef072d359ea89dc741607db2fb46b0c](http://www.climatealliance.org/events-details0.html?&L=0&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=906&tx_ttnews[backPid]=314&cHash=eef072d359ea89dc741607db2fb46b0c)

International Annual Conference and General Assembly

23 – 26 May 2012 in St. Gallen, Switzerland

Please save the date.

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Peru: no agreement concerning REDD+ signed

The indigenous peoples of Quechua, Shawi and Awajún in the province of San Martín have decided to sign no agreements concerning the compensation programme REDD+ before national and international regulations about rights, laws and distribution of profits have been finalised. Also before that the indigenous territories and especially the collective tenures must be secured. This decision was set during a workshop in San Martín, reports the national umbrella organisation of indigenous peoples in Peru AIDSESP, which is member of COICA.

<http://womblog.de/2011/06/02/peru-quechua-shawi-und-awajun-unterzeichnen-keine-abkommen-ber-redd>

Colombia: constitutional court strengthens indigenous rights

On the 3 March 2011 the constitutional court has decided a Tutela (complaint of unconstitutionality because of injury of basic rights) of two indigenous Embera communities and has decided in favour of the claimants: three big “development projects” must be stopped until a correct hearing of the concerned indigenous communities has been arranged. Those are a street between Unguía and Acandí, an electric overland power line for the connection with Panamá and a mining licence for an area of 40.000 hectares.

<http://womblog.de/2011/06/01/kolumbien-historisches-urteil-verfassungsgericht-strkt-indigene-rechte-auf-ihre-kultur-und-ihre-territorium>

Brazil: environment agency Ibama gives license for Belo Monte

End of May the Brazilian federal environment agency Ibama has given the definitive construction license for the controversial dam project Belo Monte at the Rio Xingu in the Amazon federal state of Pará although eleven of 40 conditions that should be implemented before start of work were not fulfilled. The environment agency Ibama emphasized that each condition will be fulfilled in the corresponding construction phase. Amnesty International demands a stop since the government should not ignore indigenous rights.

<http://amerika21.de/meldung/2011/06/34178/ibama-lizenz-belo-monte>

Brazil: Yanomami seize plane in health protest

Yanomami Indians in the Brazilian Amazon have captured an airplane used by health workers, in protest at corruption within the health service. The Yanomami are outraged by the nomination of a new indigenous health coordinator, who has little connection with indigenous peoples, and who is thought to be favoured for political reasons. Yekuana Indians have also joined the protest. In a letter sent from the Yanomami organization Hutukara to the Minister of Health, the Indians state, “We are very angry... the politicians did not consult the leaders in the Yanomami territory. We do not know what the authorities are up to behind closed doors, when it comes to the health situation”.

<http://www.survivalinternational.org/news/7346>

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Start of UN Forum on Indigenous Peoples

In New York the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has opened the yearly forum of the UN on strengthening and increase of the rights of indigenous peoples. In this year the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) seeks above all the present progress in the areas economy, social affairs, environment and political participation of indigenous peoples. In his opening speech Ban motivated the participants to raise their voices so that the world will hear about the threats and risks of indigenous peoples. The COICA, partner organisation of Climate Alliance, took part in the meeting, too.

<http://www.unric.org/de/schlagzeilen-archiv/26481-auftakt-des-uno-fo>

Worldwide

IPCC Special Report on Renewable Energy Sources and Climate Change Mitigation

The Working Group III of IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) has presented a Special Report on Renewable Energy Sources and Climate Change Mitigation. In the in advance published “Summary for Policymakers” the IPCC presents the essential results.

<http://www.ipcc.ch>

Further events

Public Procurement of Innovation

27 – 28 June 2011 in Turin, Italy

<http://www.comune.torino.it/relint/PPI>

Governance dedicated to observation & mitigation of climate change

29 June 2011 in Lille, France

http://www.fedarene.org/index.php?option=com_jevents&task=icalrepeat.detail&evid=81&Itemid=13&year=2011&month=06&day=29&title=governance-dedicated-to-observation-a-mitigation-of-climate-change-&uid=e40f0e3787cac390b04a2ad2a56e7c9b&lang=en

Consense “Sustainability for Existing Buildings”

29 – 30 June 2011 in Stuttgart, Germany

<http://www.messe-stuttgart.de/cms/105081.0.html?&L=1>

Forestry and Climate Change – Thinking One Step Ahead!

30 June – 1 July 2011 in Interlaken, Switzerland

http://www.cipra.org/en/alpmedia/news-en/4319/?set_language=en

Cities for Mobility World Congress 2011 “Urban Mobility and the Social Space Challenge”

3 – 5 July 2011 in Stuttgart, Germany

http://www.cities-for-mobility.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=146&Itemid=260

European Conference “Smart Grids and E-Mobility”

17 – 18 October 2011 in Munich, Germany

<http://www.otti.de/veranstaltung/id/3rd-european-conference-smartgrids-and-e-mobility.html>

European Electric Vehicle Congress

26 – 28 October 2011 in Brussels

<http://www.eevc.eu>

Local Renewables Conference Freiburg 2011

27 – 28 October 2011 in Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany

<http://www.local-renewables-conference.org/freiburg2011>