



RAISE - Raising Citizens' and Stakeholders' Awareness, Acceptance and Use of New Regional and Urban Sustainability Approaches in Europe

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The project aims at raising the awareness and testing the acceptance and usability of results achieved by the recently closed or ongoing EU research projects on urban sustainability.

Objectives

RAISE is a project funded by the European Commission in the 6th Framework Programme for Research, within the sub-priority on Global Change and Ecosystems.

The project aims at raising the awareness and testing the acceptance and usability of results achieved by the recently closed or ongoing EU research projects on urban sustainability.

This will be done by arranging a *citizens' conference process* that will involve 25 citizens, one from each EU Member State, selected from those submitting their application via the project web-site (application forms will be available in January 2005).

The participants will represent the "average citizens" from the different countries of Europe. They will be asked to formulate their view on the acceptance and use of selected urban sustainability approaches, technologies and solutions coming from EU research findings in a sequence of three preparatory meetings, whose results will be presented in a final conference in Brussels, involving also stakeholder representatives and politicians.

Consortium

- ISIS (Italy) Coordinator
- ICCR (Austria)
- Ramboll Management Brussels (Belgium)
- IMPACT Consulting (Romania)
- CIMPAN (Poland).



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Citizens Conference

An important part of the RAISE project is the organisation of a citizens conference. This conference will involve 25 randomly selected citizens, one from each EU Member State.

The citizens will meet several times during the project's running time and will finally formulate a "Citizens Declaration on the European City of Tomorrow". This declaration will then be presented to EU policy-makers in Brussels.

The questions discussed by the selected citizens will be centred on the concept of "urban sustainable development" – in line with the EU Sustainable Development Strategy issued at the Gothenburg Council – and they shall be related to a portfolio of concrete options (not only "one" option) that appear to be offered by some of the 5th Framework City of Tomorrow and Cultural Heritage Key Action research projects, as well as by some projects on urban sustainability funded under the 6th Framework Programme.

Citizens Conference Dates & Locations

First Citizen Panel Workshop

Developing a vision of what 'urban sustainable development' is, using the ten Bellagio Principles.

9-10 September 2005, Vienna, Austria

Second Citizen Panel Workshop

Evaluation of what possible answers are provided by the current EU-research on urban sustainable development.

30 September - 1 October 2005, Rome, Italy

Third Citizen Panel Workshop

Drawing up a 'Citizens Declaration on the European City of Tomorrow'.

21-22 October 2005, Brussels, Belgium

Final Citizen Panel Workshop

Presentation of the Declaration to EU policy makers.

Between 14-18 November 2005 (dates to be confirmed), Brussels, Belgium

Citizens Conference Application

Applications for participation can be submitted by filling out an application form that will be posted on the RAISE web-site in January 2005.