



TURAS ANNOUNCES FIRST SHOWCASE EVENT: "RESILIENT CITIES - NOVEL TOOLS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES"

Brussels, 24th November 2014: TURAS announced today the first in a series of European showcase events "Resilient Cities: Novel tools for local authorities" which will take place in Brussels on 13th January 2015. At this conference and exhibition local authorities from Dublin, Stuttgart, London, Rome, Brussels, Aalborg, Sofia and Rotterdam will showcase for the first time some of the outcomes from the TURAS initiative to build resilience in European cities.

From innovative "Green Living Rooms" in Stuttgart to "Beetle Bumps" in London and "Agri incubators" in Rome, this event is organised **by** local authorities **for** local authorities. Over the last three years TURAS has brought local authorities from 10 European cities together with communities, researchers and business partners to come up with novel tools and approaches to help European cities build resilience from the inside out. A number of diverse challenges will be addressed in detail in the parallel workshop sessions at this conference. These include:

- New climate change mitigation measures in particular looking at flood adaptation strategies and the use of heat atlases to improve energy efficiencies;
- Novel green infrastructure (walls, roofs and living rooms) solutions to build resilience and preserve biodiversity;
- How to improve community engagement in particular relating to optimisation of vacant space?
- Supporting local economic development and short circuit economies through innovative approaches such as agricultural incubation;
- Understanding resilience challenges relating to urban sprawl patterns in particular in new members states.

The "Resilient Cities: Novel tools for local authorities" conference is hosted by IBGE, the Brussels Institute for Environment Management in cooperation with EBN, the European Business and Innovation Centre Network at the brand new offices of IBGE at Tour et Taxis in Brussels (Belgium). TURAS is coordinated by UCD and funded by the European Commission.

For more information about TURAS, the TURAS showcase event or to register, visit <http://www.turas-cities.org/> or

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