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☐ Sustainable mobility: regions in action!

Global carbon dioxide emissions by road transport have remained around 130Mt since 2001 (17% above their 1990 level*), making it necessary to take action over urban and interurban traffic in order to regulate this growth. The ClimactRegions project aims to develop regional policies to fight against the greenhouse effect and reduce greenhouse gas emissions across Europe.

To help meet these aims, ClimactRegions project partners Rhônaldéveloppement-Environnement (RAEE) and the Rhône-Alpes Region organised a conference on sustainable mobility, on **Wednesday October 19th**.

The conference **'Sustainable mobility: regions in action'** gathered European partners to talk about their experiences and give examples of good practice that have been initiated. The conference dealt with three concrete themes aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport:

- How to reduce transport emissions in urban areas.
- Tools to develop sustainable mobility in rural areas.
- Alternative engine types and fuels.

For more information on the conference and the ClimactRegions project, please visit www.climactregions.eu

☐ Delivering affordable low carbon development in Kent

As part of the second INTERREG IVC POWER programme being delivered by the SILCS (Strategies for Low Carbon Settlements) Partnership, The Institute of Sustainability on behalf of Kent County Council has produced an in-depth summary looking at the creation and delivery of low carbon sustainable development. Questions relating to four key themes around this are addressed in the report:



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Proposal for the Energy Efficiency Directive: an indispensable step in the achievement of the 2020 target

At the meeting of the ENVE (Environment, Climate Change and Energy) Commission of the Committee of the Regions, on 3rd October 2011, in Malmo, Jean-Louis Joseph, Rapporteur for the Committee and President of FEDARENE (which is a partner of the ClimactRegions project) presented advice on the Energy Efficiency Directive.

As from today, it calls for a more ambitious policy for economies of energy and for the reinforcement of the role of the regions and cities of Europe. These are two key factors essential for achieving the objective of 20% energy efficiency by 2020.

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- **Participation:** how are stakeholders to be involved within experiments and what types of community participation activities are possible and viable?
- **Financing:** what kind of approaches can successfully enable change and have maximum impact on the way financial analyses are made and decisions taken?
- **Organisation:** how can the building process (planning, designing etc) deliver sustainable results?
- **Technologies:** which technologies are most effective and successfully achieve innovative low carbon solutions?

A number of key goals, and barriers to delivering affordable low carbon development and living were identified for each of the four themes, along with solutions to overcoming these barriers. Several important issues were identified, including the need for strong leadership and co-ordination in delivering and sustaining low carbon development projects; and the need to work with and engage communities over the whole lifetime of the project. Addressing these issues will form an integral part of meeting national targets to reduce domestic carbon emissions by 80%, each year, for the next 40 years.

From a Kent County Council perspective, the detailed actions and recommendations outlined in this report will help develop a clear and shared understanding of how to deliver affordable new build and retrofit low carbon programmes across Kent, as part of the move towards affordable low carbon living. It is hoped that a similar impact will be possible in other regions, both in the UK and in the partner countries.

For more information on the report and recommendations made by the SILCS Partnership, please e-mail climate.change@kent.gov.uk

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