



*Forms for: Adapting to Climate change through Territorial Strategies!*

## **F:ACTS! Regional conference Brussels – 29-30 november 2012**

### **Program**

# **Resilient areas**

## **Connecting climate change to peri-urban and rural development**

What started as a survey on how integrated territorial strategies can contribute to adapt regions to the effects of climate change, the Interreg IVC project F:ACTS! realized that a transition towards resilient areas is required to tackle a wide range of challenges such as climate change

Considering integrated territorial strategies as a means for territorial development, it is clear that besides driving forces such as demographic developments, social needs and environmental challenges, unexpected events like natural disasters or financial crises can have a huge impact on the development of areas.

More resilient areas can adapt more easily to these events. Increasing resilience requires a system approach of the area, through stakeholder involvement and new types of governance. But what are the requirements of a resilient area? What are the triggers to develop them? What are the lessons learned within the F:ACTS! project? And how can you use these lessons for the policies and projects you're working on?

Find the answers to these questions at the final **cross-regional conference in Brussels**, where you are invited to share experiences, gather insights and discuss them in a refreshing way with experts, policymakers and students.

## First conference day 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2012 – THE EXPERT VIEW

12.00	<b>Arrival of participants, registration and lunch</b>
13.30	<b>Welcome by Toon Denys, Chief Executive Officer, Flemish Land Agency (VLM), Belgium</b>  <b>F:ACTS! movie</b>
13.50	<b>Introduction to the Interreg IVC project F:ACTS!</b> by <i>Frank van Holst, project leader F:ACTS!, Service for Land and Water Management (DLG), The Netherlands</i>
14.00 – 14.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Pilot De Wijers</b> by <i>Paula Ulenaers, project leader, Flemish Land Agency (VLM), Belgium</i> Area development using the concept of eco-system services</li> <li>○ <b>Pilot Kotychi-Strofylia National Park</b> by <i>Kostas Giotopoulos, Director of the Development Enterprise of Western Greece Region (NEA), Greece</i> Working together on integrated strategies with creative ideas and actions</li> </ul>
14.30 – 14.45	<b>Reflection by the participants and the panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➔ the ecosystem services point of view by <i>Jan Staes, PhD-researcher integrated land- and water management and ecosystem services at University of Antwerp, Belgium</i></li> <li>➔ the spatial planning point of view by <i>Rob Roggema, senior research fellow, the Swinburne Institute for Social Research, Swinburne University of Technology, Australia</i></li> <li>➔ the social innovation point of view by <i>Michael Van Lieshout, Founder &amp; Future explorer at Pantopicon, Belgium</i></li> <li>➔ the new generation point of view by <i>students of University Van Hall Larenstein (NI)</i></li> </ul>
14.45 – 15.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Oil free zone Trentino</b> by <i>Marco Iachetta, Head of Civil Service Department, National Union of Mountain Municipalities, Communities and Authorities (UNCEM), Italy</i> Local communities and private sector working together on sustainable development</li> <li>○ <b>Pilot Varna</b> by <i>Liudmil Ikonov, Executive Director, Institute for Ecological Modernisation, Bulgaria</i> Climate adaptive land use planning for 2022</li> </ul>
15.15 – 15.30	<b>Reflection by the participants and panel</b>
15.30 – 16.15	<b>Story market with a coffee or tea.</b> Participants can walk around in the story market square and ask their questions to know more about the F:ACTS! pilot projects en presented best practices.
16.15 – 16.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Vivasol</b> by <i>Eglė Ramoškevičiūtė, Chief Specialist, National land service (NZT), Lithuania</i> Keeping villages alive</li> <li>○ <b>Growing Green Cities – Floriade Almere 2022</b> by <i>Henk Meijer, Project director Urban Planning, Municipality of Almere, The Netherlands, The Netherlands</i> Using the F:ACTS! experience</li> </ul>
16.45 – 17.15	<b>Final reflection by the participants and panel</b>
20.00	<b>Joint dinner</b>

## Second conference day 30th of November 2012 – THE POLICY VIEW

9.00	<b>Registration and coffee</b>
9.30	<b>Conclusions of the F:ACTS! project and recommendations for policies at different levels</b> by <i>Francisco J. Ónega López, researcher, University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain, and Wim Timmermans, associate professor, University Van Hall Larenstein, The Netherlands</i>
10.15	<b>Round table:</b> 4 policy makers at different levels and organizations and the new generation give their opinion about F:ACTS! and give information about what their region is already doing in terms of climate change adaptation or what they will be doing in the future. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The national ministry level, by <i>Vilma Daugaliene, Deputy Director of Rural Development Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Lithuania</i></li> <li>○ The national ministry level by <i>Vincent van den Bergen, Program Manager Climate and Water International, Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, The Netherlands</i></li> <li>○ The local/regional level, by <i>Enrico Borghi, Major of Vogogna Municipality and President of Mountain Commission in ANCI (National Association on Italian Municipalities), Italy</i></li> <li>○ The NGO level, by <i>Wim Van Gils, Policy Director for Natuurpunt (Birdlife Partner Belgium), Belgium</i></li> <li>○ The new generation, <i>students from various universities</i></li> </ul>
11.00	<b>Coffee break in the market square</b>
11.30	<b>The European perspective:</b> EU representatives comment on F:ACTS! and tell about the EU view on climate change adaptation in territorial strategies and how this fits in European Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rural development policy, by <i>José Manuel Silva Rodríguez, Director-General of the Agriculture and Rural Development DG</i></li> <li>○ The Interreg IVC program secretariat, JTS Lille, by <i>Stefania Amorosi, Project Officer INTERREG IVC Joint Technical Secretariat</i></li> </ul>
11.55	<b>What's your next step?</b>
12.15	<b>Toast on 3 years F:ACTS! journey, everyone can collect the F:ACTS! Book</b>  The F:ACTS! Handbook presents criteria and guidelines for climate proof territorial strategies.

*The F:ACTS! final conference attempts to be as climate friendly as possible. We chose wisely to reach our goal:*

- ✓ *Announcements by electronic newsletter*
- ✓ *Conference venue very near to a central railway station with a lot of traffic connections*
- ✓ *Hotel accommodation and joint dinner within walking distance*
- ✓ *Paper-free conference, except for the basic program info*
- ✓ *Catering: preferably biological and locally produced food/beverages*

