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CIRCLE INSPIRATION ADAPTATION BOOK

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An online & offline Inspiration Book with good practices of implementation of adaptation strategies and projects in Europe. The Inspiration Book will be developed in two stages. During the first stage 4-5 projects are identified and published in the online Inspiration Doc(ument) and printed to hand out during the Vienna Circle Workshop on good practices in October 2011. After the workshop, at which new best practices will be identified, a more in-depth scan will take place and new projects added to the draft offline Inspiration Book and fed into an online live 'growing' website of the good practice examples of the inspiration book. The on-line version is initially proposed to be part of the CIRCLE-2 website, but may later also be moved to the Commission's Clearinghouse on Adaptation to Climate Change that will be hosted by the European Environment Agency, if there is an interest to support this initiative.

This Inspiration Book will not only provide inspiration to all practitioners at regional and local level working with climate and adaptation, but also provide policy makers, researchers and governments with a feel of the state-of-the-art of EU adaptation across the continent. Eventually, the examples should not only cover the most relevant sectors working on adaptation (e.g., water management; agriculture and forests; biodiversity/nature protection; coastal and marine areas; urban areas and infrastructure; possibly financial instruments and insurance), but also be drawn from all vulnerable major European regions (Mediterranean, Western Atlantic, mountain areas, Northern Europe/Arctic, central and eastern Europe). The book/website should provide access to a more extensive database of

good practice examples, such as the one developed for the Clearinghouse.

STAGE 1: INSPIRATION DOC

The projects for the draft inspiration book, or Inspiration Doc(ument) will be identified during a quickscan in preparation of the Vienna CIRCLE workshop. The Inspiration Doc will inspire with a clear visual vibe (lots of maps, photos, inspiring images) and inspiration outlook (quotes, mini-interviews, highlighted projects), and will be presented at the CIRCLE workshop in Vienna. The Inspiration Doc will contain a longlist of projects (names, websites and contact persons) and 4-5 detailed project descriptions with inspirational images.

During the workshop itself new best practices will be identified and added to the Inspiration Book.

Information collected will be very basic: project title, short summary, country, contact information, photo and will be adorned with inspirational images, links to relevant websites, visualisations, movies, pictures, maps and quotes, mini-interviews etc. Projects that are selected need to comply with as many as possible of the following criteria:

- 1.** Climate adaptation focus. The project should either be specifically targeting the improvement of the climate resilience of a particular location, area, company or economic sector, or be an important factor mainstreamed in a broader set of decision-making criteria.
- 2.** Actual implementation. The project should have passed the drawing board and actually be in the stage of implementation or already finished, so it can be judged by those involved if the practice is indeed 'good'.

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- 3.** Innovation. The adaptation options identified should be not be marginal, incremental improvements of an existing situation, but an inspiring creative, innovative or even radically new solution that improves the quality of the project area or sector.
- 4.** Multi-stakeholder involvement. The project should go beyond a single-stakeholder initiative, and preferably involve a broader set of public, private, social and scientific persons/institutions.
- 5.** Sustainability. The project should have a long-term perspective to include both climate variability and change and take into account the multiple dimensions of sustainable development (environmental, economic, social).
- 6.** Personal motivation. People should be involved in the project who are enthusiastic, and likely to collaborate in elaborating the case for the inspiration book (providing time for interviews, possibly unpublished or translations of local-language background materials, photo materials, etc.).
- 7.** Availability of information. Detailed information about the project should be available, such as estimates of costs and benefits, effectiveness of the development process, how climate information including uncertainties was taken into account, policy instruments, etc.

STAGE 2: INSPIRATION BOOK

During the Vienna CIRCLE workshop new projects will be identified and added to the list of projects in the inspiration book. After the Vienna the project team will carry out a more in-depth scan

of adaptation projects to add to the inspiration book. To tap into these projects, the CIRCLE Network will be used, as well as specific Interreg projects, and projects accessed through the CIRCLE-2 partners, the ADAM Digital Compendium, the OurCoast database, the developing Clearinghouse and other sources of information.

During stage two these new best practices will be taken into account when a more far fetching scan is done of EU adaptation projects. A list of these projects will form the basis of the definite inspiration book. This book will contain photos, images and quotes, as well as a state-of-the-art of European adaptation implementation.

The online & offline Inspiration Book will both be attractively and coherently designed so as to appeal to a wide audience and to be distributed across Europe. It is advisable to contact EEA in an early stadium and get them involved.

The online Inspiration Book will grow continuously and it is proposed to organize a formal release event of the offline book at the March 2013 1st European Adaptation Conference which is currently planned.

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