



## EMEA SIDE-EVENT AT COP28

6<sup>th</sup> December at 15:00-16:20 UAE/ 12:00-13:20 CET

Location: Mediterranean Coalition Office, Blue Zone and online

Title

### **Built Environment and Green Living Areas as resilience and adaptation approaches to climate change in cities.**

Agenda

12:00 - 12:03	<b>Joanna Grodzka</b> , Project Manager, EMEA	Welcome remarks and Context
12:03 - 12:08	<b>Judith Cazas</b> , Project Officer, Interreg Euro MED	The Interreg Euro-MED programme and the Green Living Areas Mission objectives. The importance of capitalization among the Interreg community.
12:08 - 12:13	<b>Upali Nanda</b> , Global Practice Director, Research Partner at HKS, Assoc. AIA, EDAC, ACHE	Why can Green Living Areas and cities promote brain health and a flourishing economy?
12:13 - 12:18	<b>Esteban Leon</b> , Head, City Resilience Global Programme, United Nations UN-Habitat	How can cities enhance resilience and sustainable development? City Resilience Global Programme.
12:18 - 12:23	<b>Julie Hiromoto</b> , Principal and Director of Integration at HKS	How can we revitalise communities through a well-designed built environment?
12:23 - 12:28	<b>Amaya Celaya Alvarez</b> , Shelter & Settlement and Climate Resilience, Advisor at UN - IOM	How do we ensure an inclusive and just green transition?
12:28 - 12:33	<b>Sheba Ross</b> , Global Practice Director, Cities and Communities, Partner at HKS	How can thoughtful design strategies influence the way people engage with each other?



12:33 - 12:38	<b>Alejandro Lafarga</b> , Programme Officer, Interreg NEXT MED	How does the Interreg NEXT MED contribute to the Green Transition? Examples of projects.
12:38 - 12:52	Question 1 - all the speakers <i>2 minutes per speaker</i>	What strategies allow incorporating nature into urban & rural planning and enhancing resilience?
12:52 - 13:06	Question 2 - all the speakers <i>2 minutes per speaker</i>	How to ensure that new developments in cities are environmentally sustainable and resilient to climate change, and how can it be implemented in a way that is cost-effective & socially equitable?
13:06 - 13:20	Question 3 - all the speakers <i>2 minutes per speaker</i>	How important is community engagement in the planning and maintenance of Green Living Areas in cities and rural areas? Can you give us an example of a community drive initiative that contributes to urban/rural resilience against climate change?
13:20	<b>Joanna Grodzka</b> Project Manager, EMEA	Closing

## Concept Note

Climate change is altering all spheres of life from the environmental, social, and economic perspectives. A systemic and holistic vision is necessary to design and implement solutions to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change. Strategic governance, based on cooperation and coordination, is needed to advance in the right direction to adapt the living areas. Incorporate sustainability and build resilience.

This challenge is tackled by the EU INTERREG Euro-MED Green Living Areas Mission. The project aims to improve the lives of Mediterranean citizens by promoting the development of Green Living Areas. The Mission is to put sustainable development, management of living areas, and the energy transition front and centre to improve the quality of life of Mediterranean citizens. Throughout the project, green living areas will be developed with minimum impact on the Mediterranean and global climate system by addressing air pollution, energy consumption, and mobility issues.



The Community Project (C4LA), aims to build a community among thematic projects and facilitate resource transfers to stakeholders, focusing on technical and strategic content. This project has the twin Institutional Dialogue Project (D4LA), which aims to amplify the transfer of policies by fostering focused dialogue among policymakers and their stakeholders, focusing on policy mainstreaming. This session aims to discuss the main challenges of living areas in the context of climate change, as well as the actions that should be adopted to make it more sustainable. The participants will share their experiences on how to facilitate the green transition in the areas of energy, mobility, economy, urban health, and liveability.

#### Event Description

Event Format: Panel, hybrid event streamed online (space for audience only online), 80 minutes.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86160061016?pwd=S2hWSjZOMmxGMVBvcDZGQzAyMkhuUT09>