

***AMICA project well represented in a workshop organised by the Council of Europe on adaptation to climate change***

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities organised a workshop on adaptation to climate change on 11 September 2007. The event brought together local and regional policy makers and experts to examine European examples and innovative initiatives on adaptation.

The AMICA project was well represented in the event:

- Mr Andreas Drack presented experiences from the Upper Austria region as well as a case study on river flooding.
- Mr Pierre Crépeaux showed the activities taken by Grand Lyon to prevent overheating through planning and modifying the city 'landscape'
- Ms Cristiana Scarpa gave an overview of the actions taken by the city of Venice to combat rising sea water levels and the information and alert services adopted when flooding occurs.
- Ms Pirita Lindholm from Climate Alliance Brussels' office presented an overview of integrating adaptation and mitigation measures.

This workshop showed that AMICA is clearly one of the key European projects related to adaptation to climate change. The two most innovative aspects of the project are: 1) the project examines both adaptation and mitigation of climate change in an integrated manner offering better understanding of the overlapping areas and helping to avoid tradeoffs between the two; 2) the project proposes a series of concrete measures for local and regional governments related to adaptation (and mitigation) thus helping public authorities to prioritise their actions.

The results of the workshop will contribute to the publication of a report and recommendations in March 2008.

Further information [http://www.coe.int/t/congress/10-docs-news/20070910progratelier\\_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/congress/10-docs-news/20070910progratelier_en.asp)