



Cities and Climate Change at the OECD

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OECD
ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC
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What is the OECD?

- **Intergovernmental organisation** with 30 (industrialised) Member countries committed to common principles – promote economic development and cooperation
- Peer review & analytically-based policy dialogues – work through governments to develop policy analysis & recommendations
- Organised like a government
 - Departments/Directorates for different policy areas, e.g. Environment, Economics, Fiscal Affairs, Trade and Agriculture

Who is working on cities & climate issues at OECD?

- International Energy Agency
- International Transport Forum
- Governance Directorate (GOV)
- Development Cooperation Directorate (DCD/DAC)
- Environment Directorate
 - Directorate of Fiscal Affairs

2009 Climate Change & Cities at the OECD

PRODUCTS

- Working papers – ENV
 - Env series on impacts, benefits assessment at local scale
- Joint Report – ENV/GOV
 - Multilevel governance, cities & climate change (2009)
- DAC guidance document on adaptation and climate change

EVENTS

- Working Party meetings:
 - Environment – WPGSP: 19 May 2009, Paris
 - Territorial & Regional Development – Urban WP: 12 June 2009, Las Palmas
- Workshop, Greening Cities: 11 June 09
- OECD RT on Urban Development (3rd – Fall 2009)

Multilevel Governance, cities & climate change

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Key messages (draft report):

- National policies are a central enabler of local action on climate change
- Greater potential for experimentation at local scales
- Some effective cross-sectoral regional & urban development strategies are emerging where climate / clean energy policies are engines of (local) growth
- Priorities for national support to develop local “toolbox”
 - Harmonised GHG inventories (IPCC/FCCC links – to national reporting system)
 - Regional impact science assessment
 - Stronger urban / national policy networks

Multilevel Governance, cities & climate change

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Aim:

- Develop multilevel governance framework to explore linkages between national, regional, and local policies
- Develop notions of best practice.
 - how to design national & sub-national policies to strengthen performance of local climate action

Scope:

- National-local (vertical) & local/regional governance

Role of cities - other OECD mitigation projects (2009-10)

■ Investment frameworks & climate change

- Tools: Corporate good practice - MNE guidelines, Policy Framework for Investment
 - What interface with urban climate policy?
- National policy case studies where impacts including on urban / firm level decisions ?

■ Expanding carbon markets

- Use of joint implementation for domestic offsets
- Voluntary markets – consumer – government interface; corporate reporting & offsetting practice
- Monitoring for carbon markets & compliance

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