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The local level, at the core of European 2050 Roadmaps 6th IMAGINE Seminar 2011

A one day seminar "Energy Roadmap 2050: Towards local and regional Energy Roadmaps" was organised in Brussels on 9th of November 2011 by the URBAN Intergroup of the European Parliament and Energy Cities.

The event focused on the role of local level in the implementation of different European roadmaps, such as Cities of Tomorrow, Roadmap for a resource-efficient Europe, Roadmap towards a competitive and resource-efficient transport system and the European Energy Roadmap 2050 to be published by the European Commission shortly. " The European Union must engage with cities to promote together an energy policy to match its ambitions, from the ground up, based on territorial cohesion, innovation, social inclusion and the creation of local jobs. The climate battle must be led from the front by cities." - Karima Delli, Vice-president of the URBAN Intergroup commented after the event.

The participants agreed that the energy roadmaps at European and local level that include a long-term vision are very important as a guide to make short term decisions and to improve energy sustainability in cities. During the conference, Energy Cities' members, key European stakeholders and representatives of EU institutions shared their views on the expected Energy Roadmap 2050 and the designated role of the local level, and presented also their own visions towards 2040 - 2050. Moreover, the seminar provided the participants with numerous examples of cities making progress towards a low-energy future, including some best practices of cities that have set highly ambitious targets. Cities that shared their achievements were: City of Växjö, City of Munich, City of Delft and City of Lille.

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Seminar photos

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