

1st ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

4th European Fair on Education for Sustainable Development

9. – 11. September 2015 in Hamburg, Germany

Implementing Sustainable Development in European Cities and Regions

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BACKGROUND

The quest to pursue sustainable development is, and will remain, a top priority in the world's agenda. As reiterated in the document "The Future We Want", an output of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 2012, there is a perceived need to foster international cooperation and encourage more joint initiatives in this important field. A contribution towards a dialogue has been provided by the European Environmental Education Fairs.

Further to the success of the First European Environmental Education Fair in 1996, the Second European Fair on Education for Sustainable Development in 2006 under the theme "Promoting Education for Sustainable Development in Europe" and the third European Fair on Education for Sustainable Development, held in 2009 under the theme "Renewable Energy and Climate Change: Thematic Challenges to European Schools and Universities", the fourth European Fair on Education for Sustainable Development will be held in Hamburg. It will focus on the implementation of sustainable development in European cities and regions.

The event is a timely one, since it takes place as a follow-up to the UN Decade on Education for Sustainable Development, and is one of the first major activities supporting the "Global Action Programme" developed by the United Nations, which specifically calls for more initiatives in the field of education for sustainable development, at the local level. The **4th European Fair on Education for Sustainable Development** supports the implementation of the following priorities of the Global Action Programme:

2. Integrating sustainability practices into education and training environments (whole-institution approaches);
3. Increasing the capacity of educators and trainers;
4. Empowering and mobilizing youth; and
5. Encouraging local communities and municipal authorities to develop community-based ESD programmes.

The Fair is being organised by the Research and Transfer Centre "Applications of Life Sciences" of the Hamburg University of Applied Sciences, under the auspices of the **RCE Hamburg and Region**. The **RCE Hamburg and Region** is part of a global network of Regional Centres of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development (RCEs) coordinated by the United Nations University.

AIMS

The aims of the **4th European Fair on Education for Sustainable Development** are as follows:

- I. to provide European organisations with an opportunity to display and present their works (i.e. research, activities, practical projects) as they relate to education for, with and about the environment with a focus on initiatives being undertaken at local, i.e. at the city or regional level;
- II. to foster the exchange of information, ideas and experiences acquired in the execution of projects, from successful initiatives and good practice;

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- III. to discuss methodological approaches and projects which aim to better integrate the work of the various actors in the field of sustainable development, at the local level
- IV. to introduce the European RCEs and discuss their activities at the local and regional levels

Thematically, the event will focus on a wide range of areas, which include (but are not limited to) education for sustainable development initiatives surrounding themes such as renewable energy and energy efficiency, sustainable water management and use, sustainable transport, climate change and others. The idea is that by contextualising education for sustainable development initiatives around these key topics (others may be added), their applied nature can be better understood, and concrete possibilities for cooperation may be explored.

Last but not least, a further aim of the event will be to link and network people and organisations working in this field, so that they can take advantage of the many opportunities that cooperation in the education for sustainable development offers.

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

Delegates attending the **4th European Fair on Education for Sustainable Development** will come from a cross-sectoral range of areas. They are:

- I. members of government organisations;
- II. academic and research staff;
- III. teachers and school groups;
- IV. members of trade unions and non-governmental organisations;
- V. project officers and consultants;
- VI. other people interested in the field.

This wide range of participants will help to outline the need for integrated approaches linking education for sustainable development initiatives, and hence contribute to the further dissemination of the Global Action Programme and help to achieve its goals.

STRUCTURE OF THE EVENT

The **4th European Fair on Education for Sustainable Development** will be organised around two main strands:

Strand 1: The displays

European organisations active in the field of environmental education and education for sustainable development (be it foundations, schools, universities, NGOs, government agencies or individual practitioners) will be able to put up displays describing their works and projects, and to distribute the relevant information to the participants. The displays will be the backbone of the Fair and will allow close one-to-one contacts between the participants and the exhibitors.

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A set of presentations, divided into two main sections will be organised, dealing with some of the issues of strategic value in reviewing the state-of-the-art of education for sustainability in Europe today. These are:

Section 1:

Research on Education for Sustainable Development at the local and regional level

Section 2:

Practical Activities and Projects in Education for Sustainable Development at the local and regional level

Furthermore, the European Regional Centres of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development (RCEs) will be showcasing their activities and will be presenting their work.

SCHEDULE

The **4th European Fair on Education for Sustainable Development** will be held from Wednesday, 9 September 2015, to Friday, 11 September 2015. The schedule is as follows:

WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2015	THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2015
<p>All day: Arrival of delegates and set-up of displays</p> <p>Evening: Official opening, Get-together and welcome cocktail</p>	<p>All day: Fair</p> <p>Morning: Session 1</p> <p>Afternoon: Session 2</p> <p>17.00: Closing of day 1</p> <p>Evening: Free</p>
FRIDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2015	SATURDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2015
<p>All day: Fair</p> <p>Morning: Session 3</p> <p>Afternoon: Session 4</p> <p>17.00: Closing of event</p> <p>Evening: Informal dinner</p>	<p>Departure of delegates</p>

In order to ensure an efficient use of the time, delegates are kindly asked to organise their travel in a way that allows them to arrive in Hamburg in the course of Wednesday, 9 September 2015, and travel back on Saturday, 12 September 2015.

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PUBLICATION

An intrinsic purpose of the European Fairs is to document and disseminate the wealth of experiences on education for sustainable development available across Europe today. To this purpose, the book **“Implementing Sustainable Development in European Cities and Regions”** will be published with all accepted papers. This will be a further volume of the new “World Sustainability Series”, a leading book series on sustainable development published by Springer, one of the world’s top five academic publishers.

PARTNER PROJECTS

The **4th European Fair on Education for Sustainable Development** is being organised in cooperation with the following projects, led by the Research and Transfer Centre “Applications of Life Sciences”:

- German-Polish Energy Efficiency Project
GPEE - <http://gpee.net/>
- Planning for Energy Efficient Cities
PLEEC - <http://www.pleecproject.eu/>
- Baltic Energy Net
- Lifelong Learning for Energy Security, Access and Efficiency
L3EAP - <http://www.project-l3eap.eu/>
- SSL-Erate - <http://ssl-erate.eu/>
- Baltic Flows - <http://www.balticflows.eu/>



FEES AND CHARGES

The event is free of charge. Interested people and organisations are encouraged to register by completing the application form provided.

Deadline for the submission of abstracts: 30 January 2015
Deadline for the submission of full papers: 30 April 2015
Deadline for registrations: 30 June 2015

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REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Registrations are now open and possible until 30 June 2015. Regrettably, registrations after the deadline will not be possible. Since the space for displays and the time for presentations is limited, delegates are advised to register as soon as possible. The organisers will notify any interested delegate or organisation in the event there are limitations with time for presentations or space for displays. Registered delegates will then receive further details on the payment of the fees and updated information on the preparations for the event.

Please use the registration form at

<http://www.haw-hamburg.de/en/fair-on-education-2015/registration.html> .

ORGANISERS

- Hamburg University of Applied Sciences / Research and Transfer Centre “Applications of Life Sciences”
- RCE Hamburg and Region

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- UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)
- UN Environment Programme (UNEP)
- The World Bank
- European Commission
- European Parliament
- European Environment Agency
- Baltic 21
- Baltic Economic Development Forum
- Baltic University Programme
- Foundation for Environmental Education in Europe (FEE)
- European Environment Bureau
- Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe

National

- Federal Ministry of Science and Research (BMBF)
- Federal Ministry of Environment (BMU)

Local

- Hamburg State Chancery
- Hamburg State Ministry of Science and Research
- Hamburg State Ministry of Urban Development and Environment
- Hamburg State Ministry of Schools and Sports

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