



RAISE - Raising Citizens' and Stakeholders' Awareness, Acceptance and Use of New Regional and Urban Sustainability Approaches in Europe

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Objectives

RAISE is a project funded by the European Commission in the 6th Framework Programme for Research, within the sub-priority on Global Change and Ecosystems.

The project aims at raising the awareness and testing the acceptance and usability of results achieved by the recently closed or ongoing EU research projects on urban sustainability.

This will be done by arranging a *Citizens' Conference process* that will involve 25 citizens, one from each European country, selected from those who responded to the RAISE open call between February and April 2005.

The 25 participants represent the "average citizens". They will be asked to formulate their view on the acceptance and use of selected urban sustainability approaches, technologies and solutions coming from EU research findings.

The Citizens' Conference process will be organised in a sequence of three preparatory meetings, whose results will be presented in a Final Conference in Brussels, involving also stakeholder representatives and politicians.

Consortium

- Institute of Studies for the Integration of Systems (ISIS); Rome, Italy
- The Interdisciplinary Centre for Comparative Research in the Social Sciences (ICCR); Vienna, Austria
- Ramboll Management; Brussels, Belgium
- Impact Consultung Ltd.; Bucharest, Romania
- The Foundation for European Scientific Cooperation (FEWN); Warsaw, Poland





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Citizens Conference

An important part of the RAISE project is the organisation of the Citizens' Conference process, involving 25 randomly selected citizens, one from each European country.

The citizens will meet three times during the project's running time and will finally formulate a "Citizens Declaration on the European City of Tomorrow". This declaration will be presented to EU policy-makers in Brussels.

The debate of the Citizens Panel will be centred on the concept of "urban sustainable development" – in line with the EU Sustainable Development Strategy issued at the Gothenburg Council. Citizens shall be related to a portfolio of concrete options (not only "one" option) offered by EU research projects of the 5th and 6th Framework Programme for R&D.

Citizens Conference Dates & Locations

First Citizen Panel Workshop

Developing a vision of 'urban sustainable development'.
9-10 September 2005, Vienna, Austria

Second Citizen Panel Workshop

Evaluation of possible answers provided by EU research.
30 September - 1 October 2005, Rome, Italy

Third Citizen Panel Workshop

Drawing up a 'Citizens Declaration on the European City of Tomorrow'.
21-22 October 2005, Brussels, Belgium

Final Citizen Panel Workshop

Presentation of the Declaration to EU policy makers.
5 December 2005, Brussels, Belgium

Citizens Conference Application

More than five hundred applications from all European countries were received by the project team.