



**GENEVA 2013**  
7th European Conference on  
Sustainable Cities & Towns

## **7<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Sustainable Cities & Towns** **17-19 April 2013, Geneva, Switzerland**

### ***A green and socially responsible economy: a solution in times of crisis?***

- Date:** 17-19 April 2013
- Location:** Geneva, Switzerland
- Venue:** [International Conference Centre Geneva \(ICCG\), 17 rue de Varembe, CH-1211 Geneva 20](#)
- Topic:** With governance and finance for sustainable development as the focus, the 7<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Sustainable Cities & Towns will provide a platform to foster critical and creative thinking, and take a step forward to realising sustainable development solutions at all levels.
- Description:** The 7<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Sustainable Cities & Towns comes at a moment when the world's attention to the exemplary role of local governments in sustainable development may never have been as extensive, partly driven by the urgent need to find lasting solutions to present both financial and environmental crises. Participants will have the opportunity to be part of an event that will mark a milestone for Europe's local governments in their quest to achieve sustainable communities and which will allow them to exchange experiences and good practices. The conference will explore sustainability in all areas of public administration and will try to identify effective institutional mechanisms to tackle the current financial and environmental crises.
- Programme details :** The rich 3-day programme features:
- 5 Plenary sessions focusing on governance and finance for sustainable development
  - 30 Interactive thematic break-out sessions exploring topics such as sustainable procurement, climate change adaptation, structural funds for sustainable cities, sustainable urban mobility, reference framework for sustainable cities, urban biodiversity, social and solidarity economy, low carbon communities [and many more](#)
  - 1 Mayor Session: a high-level political session reserved for mayors only
  - various workshops on site featuring sustainable initiatives and practices in the Geneva area showcasing local energy, environmental management infrastructures, urban mobility projects and private sector sustainability initiatives, among [many others](#)
- For more information on the programme:  
<http://www.sustainablegeneva2013.org/category/conference-programme/?lang=en>
- Target group:** Local and national governments, UN and European institutions, business, science institutes and research and development organisations from all over Europe.
- Languages:** English and French. Other language support may be offered if there is sufficient interest. A translator travelling with a delegation will have free access to the conference.
- Registration & fee:** Secure your place in advance. Register by 1 March to benefit from our early bird rates!  
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