

VITAL CITY REGIONS

Changing Climate, Changing Lives

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Vital City Regions - Aim

To change attitudes, behaviours and practical responses to the challenges that climate change raises for city regions by:

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- **climate-proofing regional spatial plans and strategies;**
- **developing creative solutions to the sustainable management of open space;**
- **empowering politicians, planners, practitioners, communities, and in particular young people, to champion these approaches.**

Vital City Regions

- **€12M budget**
- **Autumn 2008 – Summer 2012
(decision expected mid July)**
- **8 Partners**
- **36 transnational projects**
- **Strengthened learning processes**

A note on....

***Mitigation* - taking action to reduce the impact of human activity on the climate system, primarily through reducing greenhouse gas emissions**

***Adaptation* - adjustments to natural or human systems in response to actual or expected climatic stimuli or their effects, which moderates harm or exploits beneficial opportunities**

Objective 1

Adapting spatial planning strategies

How well do they prepare city regions to adapt to climate change and mitigate its impact?

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- **The London Plan 2004**
- **Spatial Development Strategy for London**
- **Recently consolidated with alterations since 2004**

<http://www.london.gov.uk/thelondonplan/>

Objective 2

Demonstrating practical responses to climate change

How can the potential of multi-functional urban open space be developed for practical responses to urban living in a changing climate?

Objective 3

Creating environmental opportunities

How can urbanised environments be adapted to make use of waste and generate energy?

Objective 4

Building stronger communities

How can stakeholders from different social, demographic and economic strata be engaged in joint practical activities addressing climate change?

Projects will include

- **Solar powered ferry**
- **Green Campus with outdoor
classroom and climate proof
showgarden**
- **Feasibility study on the potential of
former industrial sites for
renewable energy production**
- **Climate adapted regeneration of
small rivers**

So, if we are successful, watch out for some of these in your Region...

