

Dear all,

We are happy to welcome our good REGREEN colleague, Dr Carolyn Petersen from the Politics Department at University of Exeter, UK, who is visiting us 15-19 January.

Dr. Carolyn Petersen will conduct a seminar on Governance, climate adaptation and NBS at 14.00-15.00 on Tuesday 16 January, in-person in the Ozonehullet and online via iClimate – (TEAMS-link /will come soon). You are all very welcome and we hope to see many of you.

She will talk about:

REGREEN climate adaptation: insights on governance and engaging with policy makers on nature-based solutions from three urban European case studies.

Nature-based solutions (NBS) (e.g. green infrastructure) have proven cheaper and more effective than traditional (e.g. grey infrastructure) solutions in adapting to urban problems associated with climate change, including flooding and heat effects (as well as unhealthy lifestyles). NBS also tend to lead to greater co-benefits locally, e.g. for health and wellbeing of the surrounding population. However, policy makers and key stakeholders have been slow to implement NBS. Through engagement with policy makers and stakeholders (e.g. using walkable floor maps), we look at the governance and policy-related barriers and enablers acting to facilitate and hinder the implementation of NBS. This seminar will report on the comparative findings from engaging with policy makers in three urban case studies (Aarhus, Denmark; Velika Gorica, Croatia; and Paris Region, France) as part of the EU Horizon 2020-funded REGREEN project (WP6: Governance).

About Dr. Carolyn Petersen:

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Carolyn's active research interests are at the intersection between social science and environmental research, including governance of nature-based solutions and adaptation to climate change, sustainable tourism, environment-health and wellbeing links, natural capital and economic valuation, and governance of natural resources. Her research is also informed by consideration of issues of citizenship, participation, gender and the voluntary / community sector.



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