

**CASH MAYORS' DECLARATION OF INTENT signed in Brussels, Belgium, 29 November 2012**

To highlight their commitment in fighting fuel poverty through CASH Local action plans' pilot operations, Mayors, Mayors' representatives and Vice-President of Region, partners of the CASH network, signed a **Declaration of Intent** at the final CASH Conference held in Brussels, November 29, 2012. The Declaration, presented further on, which underscores the need for a European contribution to this effort within the new Cohesion Policy context, was officially handed over to the representative of DG Regional and Urban Policy, together with the programming criteria extracted from CASH learning by major actors of EU energy policies during the conference.



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Brindisi, Italy



Mayor Renzo Sulli  
Echirolles, France



Mayor François Garay  
Les Mureaux, France



Vice-President Marie-Odile Novelli  
Rhône-Alpes Regional Council,  
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Sonderborg, Denmark



Deputy Mayor Csaba Bereznai  
Tatabanya, Hungary



Mayor -Georgi Slavov  
Yambol, Bulgaria



Deputy Mayor Gilbert Isabella  
Utrecht, The Netherlands



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Frankfurt am Main – Germany, Dr. W. Neumann, Director of Energiefereferat

Ville Les Mureaux – France, François Garay, Mayor

Rhône-Alpes Region – France, Marie-Odile Novelli Vice-President of the Region on behalf of President of the Region Jean-Jack Queyranne

Sonderborg Municipality – Denmark, Tage Petersen Vice Mayor on behalf of Mayor Aase Nyegaard,

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Dear fellow CASH members,

**Declaration of Intent – CASH Final Conference, Brussels, 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2012**

On behalf of Bridgend County Borough Council, I as Cabinet Member for the Communities Directorate and Chair of the CASH Local Support Group, would like to declare the Council's intention, subject to sufficient resources being available, to contribute the spirit of partnership and work of the Cities Action for Sustainable Housing (CASH) project.

Over the past 30 months the Council, together with the Local Support Group and local stakeholders involved in Social Housing Energy Efficient renovation, have worked extensively on highlighting and attempting to address the major challenges of reducing CO2 emissions, energy efficient renovation and tackling fuel poverty in social and private housing.

The sharing of experiences and analysis of objectives with our partner Cities and Regions has enabled the project to develop proposals to shape a more favourable future for social housing energy efficient renovation, through the promotion of new technologies and the empowerment and training of tenants to develop 'Green behaviours' to reduce energy costs and increase energy efficiency.

In turn, these experiences have enabled the Council and its partners in the Local Support Group to develop a Local Action Plan (LAP) which translates the transnational learning and information sharing into a more local context to enable local citizens to benefit from the knowledge and experience of our European CASH partners.

Bridgend will, subject to sufficient resources and funding availability, promote the Pilot Operations highlighted in its LAP, namely the promotion of the Green Deal to households in Bridgend and exploring the possibility of installing District Heating in buildings, existing housing estates, Strategic Regeneration Areas and urban areas.

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