

# Shaping green policies in Local Governments Experiences and good practices

## Seminar of "Greens in Big Cities" Network and Greek Green Local Councillors

Thessaloniki, Saturday, June 30, 2012

### Organizers:

Network "Greens in Big Cities" (GBC)

Ecologists Greens - Local Government Group, Greece

Green Institute, Greece

### Programme

**9:30 – 12:00** Introductions

**Monika Vana**, City Councillor in Vienna, EGP Committee Member, GBC Network:  
Overview on Green Local Councillors networking

**Dimitra Gogakou / C. Papaconstantinou:**

Short overview: Green Local Councillors in Greece

**Michalis Tremopoulos**, Regional Councillor Thessaloniki: The development of  
Green local politics in and around Thessaloniki

**Kosta Diakos:** The role of Local Governments in the economic and social crisis

**Giorgos Dimaras** The reform in administrative decentralization in Greece: Further  
changes needed (function, competence, transparency)

**Lefteris Ioannidis**, Local Councillor Kozani, Greece:

The first two years of a Green local councilor in a regional capital...

**Dirk Holemans**, Green European Foundation, Brussels:

The "Green successes" website, the "Green New Deal" website, trainings,  
handbooks, etc.

### Discussion

**12:00 – 13:00** Lunch break

**13:00 – 14.30** Working groups on topics:

**Responsibilities and function of regions and municipalities in an  
administrative decentralization in terms of transparency**  
(introduction by Giorgos Dimaras, Regional Councillor in Attiki Region)

**Regional Development, social cohesion and European Structural Funds 2014-2020. The green proposal** (introduction by Nikos Chrysogelos, MEP/Greens and Vice-president of the Regional Development Committee of the European Parliament)

**Politics of Inclusion** (introduction by Yahya Hassan Bajwa, City Councillor Baden/Aargau, Switzerland)

**Public participation and relation to civil society** (introduction by Dirk Holemans, Member of Social Council, Ghent/Belgium)

**Green experiences in city governments** (N.N.)

**14:30 – 15:30 Feedback round and discussion of next steps**

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