

Informed Cities Forum 2011
Rio+20, local performance and the role of research
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Thousands of European local governments have signed up to the Aalborg Commitments, the Covenant of Mayors and other local sustainability schemes but what about the results? For local governments to deliver on their commitments, we need more than tools, schemes and frameworks. Can research provide the missing piece of the local sustainability puzzle?

The second **Informed Cities Forum** will bring together local policy makers, researchers working on urban sustainability and the representatives of the institutions behind the main European local sustainability schemes to take stock of local governments' achievements so far and outline a new vision for local sustainability, in preparation for the Rio+20 UN Conference in 2012.

Building up on the success of our 2010 event, we want to continue the discussion on the cooperation between local policy makers and researchers but this time using the experience and data we have gathered during a European-wide explorative application of two research-based sustainability management tools. By setting the conference in the medieval interiors of Naples' Castel dell'Ovo, we wish to inspire an open debate, reflection and meaningful interaction among participants, away from the hectic pace of everyday life.

The Informed Cities Forum is organized in cooperation with the Municipality of Naples and the University of Naples Federico II.

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