

Invitation & Registration: Start-Up-Workshop URCforSR October 7th and 8th 2016



Dear members of the Upper Rhine Cluster for Sustainability Research,

This document provides you with essential information regarding I) the schedule as well as II) the initial topics of the workshop.

The Start-Up-Workshop is dedicated to get more familiar with the topics of the URCforSR, to get to know the members of the cluster, to figure out options of cooperation and to develop a first research agenda.

The workshop will take place in Freiburg (Germany) and will begin Friday morning and end Saturday afternoon. We will inform you about the exact venue later on.

I) Please find the program below.

Friday, 7th October 2016

11.00am – 11.30	Welcome and introduction to the cluster
11.30am – 1.00pm	Introduction to the 5 axes of the URCforSR
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm – 3.30pm	Discussion within the axes and building of working groups
3.30pm – 4.00pm	Coffee
4.00pm – 5.30pm	Working groups develop research agenda
5.45pm – 6.30pm	Wrap up of the 5 axes
7:00pm	Cometogogether

Saturday, 8th October 2016

09.30am – 11.00am	Marketplace: working groups networking
11.00am – 11.30am	Coffee
11.30am – 01.00pm	Working groups develop the research agenda further
01.15pm – 02.00pm	Presentation of teams and topics

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II) Please find the initial topics below

The enablers of each of the axes have already started to collect ideas and suggestions for proposals by contacting the interested researchers and members of the cluster. As a first result of clustering all the ideas and proposals every axis formulated 3 to 4 initial topics as a starting point for the discussion and as a point of orientation to build up working groups. Don't hesitate to ask for more or other topics during the workshop!

	Topics			
Axis I - Governance	I.a Governance and politics of sustainable urbanism	I.b Social sustainability towards an „ecology for all“ – citizens and household levels	I.c Governance of sustainable growth	I.d Different Governance arrangements in various cultural areas
Axis II – Energy, Infrastructure & Social Change	II.a Sustainable buildings and consumer behavior	II.b Sustainable (e-) mobility	II.c European system integration versus decentralized energy systems	II.d Cross border (smart) grids
Axis III – Transformation processes & Technologies	III.a The „Green Economy“ and production & consumption	III.b The „Green Economy“ and regulatory frameworks & business strategies	III.c The „Green Economy“ and health	
Axis IV – Resource Management	IV.a Sustainable management of the ecosystem Rhine and its benefits for socio-economic systems	IV.b Functional biodiversity	IV.c Biomass 2.0 and the „Green Economy“	IV.d Risk and uncertainty of human-environment systems
Axis V – Multiculturalism & Multilingualism	V.a Human capital and education	V.b Determinants of household consumption behavior: cross border/cultural perspectives	V.c The influence of culture and language on the understanding and representation of sustainability, growth and development	V.d Cultural & linguistic aspects of doing cross border research