

Best Climate Practices Call for proposals 2013.

“Climate Change and Urban Resilience. How to prepare our cities to respond to climate changes related challenges”

The International Center for Climate Governance (ICCG) invites you to submit innovative proposals focusing on **urban resilience to climate changes**.

Resilience is defined as the ability of a system to recover and alter its modus operandi in order to prepare and respond to changes in its external environment and to recover from disruption to its internal structures.

At the moment, over half of the global population lives in urban areas and the United Nations estimates that by 2030, the planet's current 2.9 billion urban residents will rise to a staggering 5 billion. By 2050, humanity may well be 80 percent urban. Many urban areas are vulnerable to gradual environmental change and many city inhabitants are concerned with the impacts of rapid and unsustainable land use changes. This is further exacerbated within city communities that are socio-economically disadvantaged.

In the meantime, urban centres have always been hubs of innovation and creativity but they also concentrate the need for huge amounts of power, water, food, and other resources.

We are convinced that **new perspectives** on the practices used to secure urban environments against disruptive climate change challenges may lie in the **collective brilliance of a wide range of people around the world**. By encouraging institutions, scientists, common people, enterprises, think tanks, stakeholders and researchers to reflect constructively on the problem, we believe it will be possible to develop **innovative solutions** and educate people about the complex challenges posed by global climate changes.

Submission of the proposal

For the **2013 contest**, the focus is **Urban Resilience**. All the eligible practices have to be designed in the period between January 2011 and December 2012. Depending on the value of the projects, practices also conceived in 2013 may be eligible according to the Judges' decision. Please, ensure your proposal covers **concrete ideas or projects**, still in their preliminary phase or already implemented, as we are unable to accept generic papers on climate change, environment or sustainable issues.

What is a best practice? Read the definition on the [About page](#).

Proposals must be submitted through the ad hoc [online form](#) by **June 21st, 2013**.

Who can participate

The contest is open to **anyone**, regardless of expertise in the field, age, gender or nationality. Proposals can be submitted by individual users or teams. Submitters can be or not the authors of the practice. You may also submit projects that have been previously exhibited or published somewhere else, as long as they conform to the rules and the entry guidelines of the previous competition.

Evaluation criteria

The submitted best practices will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- feasibility of the actions proposed by the practice;
- replicability potential of the practice described;
- originality of the practice's ideas;
- likely impact on climate change adaptation and mitigation actions.

Awards

Experts' Choice Award

A **panel of experts** coming from universities and international organisations will assign the **Experts' Choice Award**. The author of the selected practice will be awarded with a **1.000 euro token prize**. The winner will be also invited to present the proposal, in person or virtually, during an **ICCG event** on the beautiful Island of San Giorgio Maggiore (Venice, Italy).

Users' Choice Award

Through the BCP website, **users** can rate the best practices and contribute to the formation of a top chart.

The author of the most rated practice receives the **Users' Choice Award**: he will be awarded an **artistic Murano Glass object made by [Simone Cenedese](#), one of the most famous Murano Masters**, and will be invited to present the proposal, in person or virtually, during an **ICCG event** on the beautiful Island of San Giorgio Maggiore (Venice, Italy).

The primary audience for these meetings will be potential implementers. This includes:

- business executives;
- investors;
- policymakers and representatives of local and national institutions;
- officials of profit-organisations, non-profits and non governmental organisations;
- citizen activists and groups.

Submitters' Award

The **submitters** of the winning practices will be awarded with an **annual subscription to the National Geographic Magazine**.

At least one **Users' Choice** and one **Experts' Choice** winner will be selected in each contest but, if the quality of entries warrants, additional winners may be named.

In case of potential victory of similar proposals, the Panel of Judges may decide to invite the submitters as a team.