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In occasion of the

European Week, 8 -16 May 2010

“Green Europe: Good for the Economy and the Environment”

"Transatlantic Dialogue on Urban Mobility and Sustainability: Lessons from Washington, DC and Milan, Italy"

May 11th 2010, 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm

Washington DC and Milan, Italy are two champions in the fields of mobility and sustainability: two policy areas that are attracting global interest in the face of Climate Change.

In the framework of the European Green Week, the Italian Embassy, in cooperation with the District of Columbia, is organizing a conference to discuss how Climate Change and specific urban problems like congestion, air and water pollution, are catalysts for new policies and programs for the redevelopment of cities in more livable centers while contributing to the growth of the green economy. The conference will therefore compare and discuss best practices in Milan and Washington, thus initiating a transatlantic dialogue between these two cities, which can be expanded further to others, showing how action at the local urban level can significantly contribute in fostering innovative green Agendas at the global level. The goal is for this conference to be the first step of a lasting cooperation between the two cities and the participants.

The conference will have a multidisciplinary approach. It will illustrate the importance of reciprocal learning processes and of sharing methodologies across the Atlantic and will show the new role of municipalities as facilitators for excellence in mobility, green economy and sustainability.

Agenda

3.00 Pm	Registration and coffee
3.30 pm	Official Welcome: Sebastiano Cardi , Deputy Chief of Mission, Italian Embassy, Washington, DC.
Panel I	Best Practices in comparative perspective: the cases of Washington DC and Milan, Italy
3.35 pm	<p>Stefano Beltrame, Economic Counselor, Italian Embassy, Washington DC (moderator)</p> <p>Paolo Massari, Councilor for Environment, Municipality of Milan, Italy</p> <p>Gabe Klein, Director, District Department of Transportation, Government of the District of Columbia</p> <p>Brendan Shane, Chief, Office of Policy and Sustainability, District Department of the Environment., Government of the District of Columbia</p> <p>Discussion</p>
Panel II	Trans-Atlantic dialogue on Innovation and Cooperation. Action in Context: from Local to Global
4.30 pm	<p>Dr. Frederick Krimgold, Director, Disaster Risk Reduction Program (DRR), Advanced Research Institute (ARI), Virginia Tech, VA (moderator)</p> <p>Laurel Colless, Head of Research & Development, Sustainable Technologies, Virginia Tech, VA</p> <p>Scot Horst, Senior Vice President, LEED, U.S. Green Building Council</p> <p>Thomas Weirich, Vice President of Membership & Corporate Relations, American Council On Renewable Energy (ACORE)</p> <p>Assaf Biderman, Associate Director, SENSEable City Laboratory, MIT Massachusetts Institute of Technology (TBC)</p> <p>Luigi Fragola, Architect, Luigi Fragola & Partners, Florence, Italy - Finalist of Abruzzo Anti-seismic, Sustainable and Environment-Friendly Buildings Project</p> <p>Discussion</p>
5.40 pm 6.20 pm	Networking and cocktail

Registration

Please use the 'on line registration form'. Click [here](#)

Venue:

Embassy of Italy, 3000 Whitehaven St NW – Washington, Dc. Click [maps](#) for directions

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