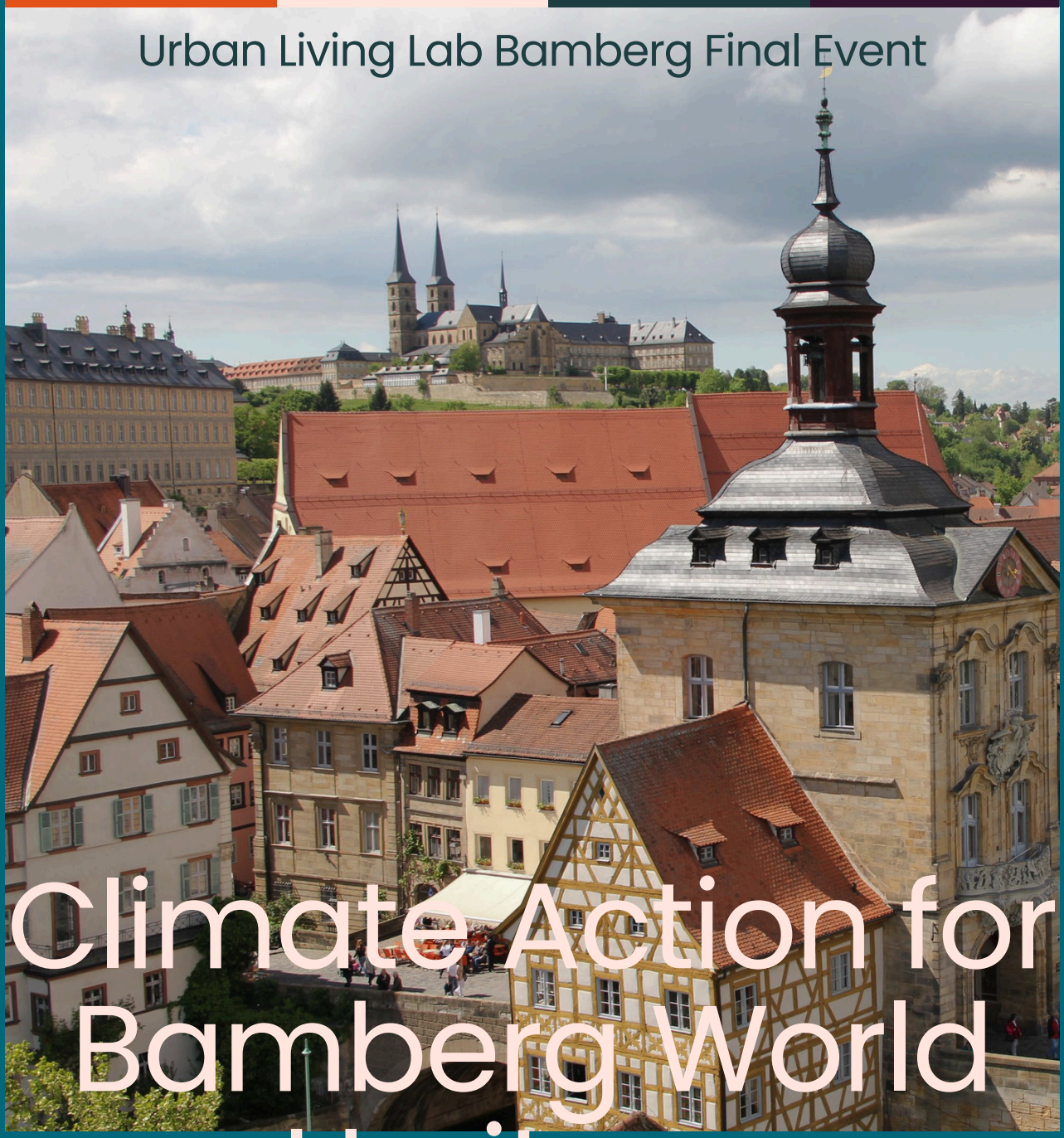
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Urban Living Lab Bamberg Final Event



Climate Action for Bamberg World Heritage

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Hybrid event | Bamberg, Germany, and online



About

How can climate action respond to the specific needs of a World Heritage site? This Go2CHANGE event shares the outcomes of nearly a year of close collaboration with the Urban Living Lab Bamberg. Bringing together the expertise of Go2CHANGE Working Group members and local partners, we will present our developing understanding of how the Town of Bamberg World Heritage site can advance a climate-resilient transition through scientifically informed, practical and locally appropriate climate strategies that respect its Outstanding Universal Value and heritage attributes. These findings and recommendations form the core of the Go2CHANGE White Paper currently in preparation.

We invite local residents, community organisations, relevant stakeholders, heritage management professionals and practitioners, municipal representatives, and Go2CHANGE members to join this exchange. Each Working Group will share its main outcomes, lessons learned and recommendations for Bamberg, covering climate risk assessment, adaptation, mitigation, and community involvement and capacity building. The event is also an opportunity to reflect together on the collaboration and thank the local partners and community for their contributions. Participants can attend in person in Bamberg or join online.

Programme

Time	Session	Presenters and roles
09:00–09:15	**Opening remarks**	Simona von Eyb — WG5 Leader Director, World Heritage Office Bamberg, Germany
09:15–09:30	**Go2CHANGE Urban Living Lab Bamberg**	Wang Yu — Go2CHANGE Action Chair Senior Researcher, NTNU, Norway
09:30–10:15	**WG1 Climate Risk Assessment**	Monia Del Pinto — WG1 Leader Researcher, Loughborough University, UK Lee Bosher — WG1 Co-leader Professor, University of Leicester, UK Claudia González Muzzio — WG1 co-leader Ámbito Consultores Ltda
10:15–10:30	Coffee break	
10:30–11:15	**WG2 Climate Change Adaptation**	Mesut Dinler — WG2 Leader Associate Professor, Politecnico di Torino, Italy Hana Morel — WG2 Co-leader Head of Climate Change, Historic England, UK Shradra Chanhan — WG2 contributor Postdoctoral Researcher, Bauhaus-Universität Weimar, Germany
11:15–11:30	Coffee break	
11:30–12:15	**WG3 Climate Change Mitigation**	Chiara Bertolin — WG3 Leader Professor, NTNU, Norway Gabriele Lobaccaro — WG3 Co-leader Professor, NTNU, Norway
12:15–12:30	Coffee break	
12:30–13:15	**WG4 Community Involvement and Capacity Building**	Juliana Strogan — WG4 Leader Site Manager, World Heritage Site Rjukan–Notodden, Norway Robin Chang — WG4 Co-leader Researcher, RWTH Aachen University, Germany Shanaya Wadia – WG4 contributor, RWTH Aachen University, Germany
13:15–13:30	**Summary and closing reflections**	

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WG session Intro



Monia Del Pinto — WG1 Leader

Researcher, Loughborough University, UK



Lee Bosher — WG1 Co-leader

Professor, University of Leicester, UK



Claudia González Muzzio — WG1 Co-leader

WG1 Climate Risk Assessment

This session presents how climate risk assessment models can be adapted to Bamberg's Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) and the heritage attributes that convey it. It identifies key climate hazards, including heat, drought and flooding, and examines their potential impacts on specific attributes across the World Heritage site. Drawing on local evidence, vulnerability analysis and validation exercises with experts and stakeholders, the presentation explains how risk assessment can be made relevant to Bamberg's heritage context. The findings contribute to the forthcoming White Paper and provide a basis for identifying priorities for adaptation and heritage management.



Mesut Dinler — WG2 Leader

Associate Professor, Politecnico di Torino, Italy



Hana Morel — WG2 Co-leader

Head of Climate Change, Historic England, UK

WG2 Climate Change Adaptation

This session explores how adaptation indicators and nature-based solutions can support climate action tailored to Bamberg's World Heritage site. It examines how existing indicator frameworks can be translated into locally relevant measures linked to climate hazards, Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) and heritage attributes, providing a basis for monitoring and decision-making. It also considers how nature-based solutions and existing heritage landscapes, such as the Market Gardeners' District, can contribute to adaptation while themselves requiring protection from climate impacts. These insights inform the forthcoming White Paper and recommendations for integrating adaptation into local heritage management.



Chiara Bertolin — WG3 Leader

Professor, NTNU, Norway



Gabriele Lobaccaro — WG3 Co-leader

Professor, NTNU, Norway

WG3 Climate Change Mitigation

This session presents a structured approach to selecting climate mitigation measures that respect Bamberg's Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) and heritage attributes. Following a four-step process—locate, generate, decide and verify—it links the mapping of heritage attributes with the development, assessment and monitoring of suitable interventions. Examples include traditional climate-responsive design, energy efficiency improvements and solar technologies, assessed for their compatibility with heritage values and local conditions. GIS, simulation and digital twins support this process, contributing practical methods and recommendations to the forthcoming White Paper.



Juliana Strogan — WG4 Leader

Site Manager, World Heritage Site Rjukan–Notodden, Norway



Robin Chang — WG4 Co-leader

Researcher, RWTH Aachen University, Germany

WG4 Community Engagement and Capacity Building

This session explores the role of stakeholder engagement and capacity building in supporting climate action within the Bamberg Urban Living Lab. It considers who should be involved in climate risk assessment, adaptation and mitigation, at which stages, and how local knowledge and community perspectives can inform these processes. It also identifies the skills, knowledge and collaboration needed by communities, heritage practitioners and municipal actors to take proposed approaches forward. These perspectives connect the thematic work of Go2CHANGE with local participation and the practical implementation of heritage-sensitive climate action.

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