

Activity Report Pilot4Dev

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CONNECTING PILOT INITIATIVES TO DECISION MAKERS...
BOOSTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT!

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I. Presentation of the Organization

PILOT₄DEV is an independent NGO/Think Tank which connects global stakeholders with pilot development initiatives in the areas of Climate, Cities, Governance, Conflicts/Stability, Gender Equality, the Environment and more generally the implementation of SDGs.

It gathers enthusiastic personalities, active organizations and pioneering initiatives.

The objectives of the organization are:

- To promote sustainable development, climate adaptation, security and S.D.Gs
- To combine research and action, and exchanges across countries.
- To propose a diversity of narratives and promote exemplary initiatives
- To strengthen existing actions and propose cooperation projects
- To connect stakeholders, build up cooperation, and stimulate knowledge
- To work on advocacy and decision-making

Our values are Independence, Sustainability and Positive impact.

PILOT₄DEV activities connect civil society, academic, and pioneering initiatives with decision-makers.

We organize:

- Events, workshops and conferences
- Interactive panels of experts
- Knowledge Exchange
- Field and study visits
- Training, capacity building

We support:

- Dissemination of research
- CSOs and Development initiatives in several countries

- Visibility of pioneering initiatives
- Joint projects and partners' search

We draft:

- Reports
- Analysis, Publications
- Dossiers, Collective Books

We promote:

- Initiatives and Exchange
- Diversity of views
- Sustainability and Impacts

II. WHO'S WHO: PRESENTATION OF THE BOARD AND TEAM

Founders and team in Brussels

Pascaline Gaborit, Ph.D. Director/Founder. Pascaline has more than 20 years of experience in working on governance, support to civil society, climate, cities, the environment, gender and conflicts. She is the author of several books. She is the founder of the organization. She is working full time for the organization.

The current Board has been elected during the 2018 General Assembly in Brussels. They are elected for a period of 2 years.

Our President and Vice President

- **Isabelle Milbert** is honorary Professor at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. She is the President of the organization

- **Elise Féron**, is professor at the Peace and Conflict Studies, TAPRI (Tampere Peace and Research Institute), Finland. She is a recognized researcher and expert and is also the vice president of Pilot4dev.

Steering Board

- **Jeffrey Raven**, FAIA, LEED AP BD+C Director, Graduate Program in Urban + Regional Design | Associate Professor New York Institute of Technology (NYIT-Manhattan)
- **Bertrand Ginet**, Expert in Development and Governance Geneva.
- **Youssef Diab**: Professor and Director for research at the Ecole des Ingénieurs de la ville de Paris.
- **Meera Ghani** : Policy Coordinator at ECOLISE

Advisory and Orientation Committee

- **Evelyne Huytebroeck**, Former Minister for the Brussels Environment, Member of the Brussels Parliament, Member of the European Green Party Committee, Municipal Councilor.
- **Liévin Chemin**, is media facilitator and social leader for Clean Air and the Environment in Brussels.
- **Maximilian Rech**, Programme Director & Assistant Professor in International Affairs, Freie Universität Berlin and Renmin University of China/Shanghai.
- **Jennifer Vasta**, founder and owner of PIKA Foundation for Education.
- **Muhammad Juma**, Director, Department of Urban and Rural Planning, Commission for Lands, Zanzibar, Tanzania
- **Jan Kragt**, Founder and Owner of “Innovative Ideas” foundation.

III. EVENTS AND COMMUNICATION

We organized and co-organized 3 main events in Brussels in 2018 and produced 2 content reports: one on the relations between Climate and Development [link](#), and one on women's rights [link](#). Pilot4dev also issued 3 newsletters. Since we are a young/new organization, some events has been scheduled but unfortunately cancelled like a “study visit to Metz, and a workshop on the “European strategy for Plastics”. We hope that we can reschedule some of these events.

We also proposed to organize an event for Peace building in Nicaragua with the support of the Nicaraguan Embassy ...but it unfortunately did not go through.

Since the approval of the GDPR (Global Data Protection Regulation) however, we have decided to restrict the email communication to our registered data base, and to the invitations for events.



Event 1: Climate and Development Embarking on a Sustainable path? The event took place on 20th of February 2018, at the Nordic House, rue du Luxembourg n°3. It included renowned speakers such as **Prof. Jean-Pascal van Ypersele**, UN Global Sustainable Development Report, UCL Centre for Earth and Science Research, **Evelyne Huytebroeck** Former Minister for the Environment, **Gauri Khandekar**, Global Relations Forum **Fu Jing**, Deputy Chief of China Daily Europe. You can download our [Report](#).



Event 2: Women's rights: the hidden part of the Iceberg? Took place the 27th of March 2018 at the House of Dutch Provinces. It included a debate with **Cristina Gallach**, former U.N. Undersecretary General, Gender Equality Advisor-Council of the European Union, **Jennifer Vasta** Owner of foundation PIKA on education, **Gauri Khandekar**, V.U.B. and Global Relations Forum. The [report](#) is available online.



Event 3: Climate Change in a Stormy Environment *Responsible Production and Consumption* was organized together with the entrepreneurs network Entreprs, at the European Committee of the Regions. Speakers included **Mrs. Evelyne Huytebroeck**, former Minister of Environment, Energy, Youth and Social Affairs of Belgium, **Mr. Emmanuel Katrakis**, Secretary-General of EURIC, **M. Björn Stockhausen**, Seas at Risks, **Mrs.**

Meera Ghani, Policy Coordinator, ECOLISE, **Dr. Marthe Djuikom**, Environmental Investor in Africa and Founder of FERDEDSI, **Mr. Juha Ala-Mursula**, Head of the 6Aika Managing Group and Executive Director at BusinessOulu, **Mr. Ariel Contreras**, Blogger for Faces2Hearts in Latin America. The dedicated website of the event is : www.5Gcitizens.com

IV. PROJECT PROPOSALS

Funding is a key component of an organization, and a lot of time and energy has been dedicated to search funding. We will present 3 categories of project proposals:

1. Successful proposals-Terminated Projects
2. Successful proposals-Ongoing projects
3. Project proposals for which the decision is pending
4. Other initiatives.

4.1. Successful Proposals-Terminated projects

Thematic Mission to the ONSTAGE Urbact Thematic Network. The URBACT



program is the program of the European Union dedicated to urban Sustainable Development. The municipalities of L'Hospitalet de Llobregat in Spain, Grigny in France, Valdero Portugal, Adelfia in Italy, Aarhus in Denmark and Katowicze in Poland have joined forces to exchange on the role of music schools in the social inclusion of vulnerable groups. With 43% of Youngsters unemployment, the town of Grigny is a city with sensitive problematics within the Ile de



France region (vulnerable group, suburban physical environment). The role of Pilot4dev has been to support the town of Grigny to draft their

Action plan and roadmap in implementing the project. The reports of the mission are available upon request



The Meru cultural Centre in Tanzania has been a pilot for our organization, to work in partnership with local communities in Tanzania to set up a center on eco-tourism (eco tourist activities, solidarity, partnerships). Pilot4dev has supported the presentation of a business plan, and has co-funded the website. It also offered support in creating communication links to support visitors. Despite positive feedbacks from the visitors, it has not been possible to sustain this activity for an extra year, as we lacked staff for the monitoring and did not collect enough funding.

Evaluation of the H2020 MSCA grants: This consisted in the evaluation of grants to be funded by the European research program MSCA (participation to the evaluation jury)

4.2. Successful proposals-Running projects

The running projects are the following ones. The role of Pilot4dev will be specified.



Support to the Grand Port Maritime de Guadeloupe to get the European label “Ecoports”

Guadeloupe Port Caraïbes (GPC) a state-owned enterprise with five sites across the Guadeloupean archipelago. GPC is a multi-purpose harbor/port that handles a wide variety maritime traffic, from passenger and cargo ships. It welcomes 1 million passengers a year.

GPC manages maritime access and port facilities for all ports within its domain with a clear mission: to optimize the quality of Guadeloupe’s maritime access and promote trade between Guadeloupe and the Caribbean while reinforcing integration of the port within its environment.



The Grand port Maritime de Guadeloupe does more than just oversee ports, it is a major actor in the local economy, and serves as the island's principal logistics platform handling the import of fuel, raw materials, intermediate goods and many consumer goods, as well as the export of local production. Given its purview over vast tracts of land and water, GPC acts as environmental steward for its domain, with the responsibility of developing and managing its natural spaces.

With many environment and climate programs, the GPMG invested massively into climate mitigation (reduction of GHG emissions, renewable energy, waste management, research and development) and adaptation (restoration of eco-systems). This is why the GPMG decided to apply for the Ecoports label promoting quality standards of environmental protection, adapted to European Ports and Harbours.



The role of Pilot4Dev is to liaise between the Ecoports label requirements (the Ecoports headquarters are based in Brussels), and the GPMG, and to draft the application report including with the definition of indicators.

Support to the Grand Port Maritime de Guadeloupe to develop their project LIFE RESILIENCE.



In Guadeloupe, and in the Caribbean generally, the effects of climate change are already apparent:

- Increased intensity of severe weather events, such as hurricanes
- Rising sea levels and receding coastlines
- Increasing scarcity of resources

Together with Pilot4dev the GPMG is applying for EU LIFE funding for its Cávoli program, which develops solutions with local stakeholders to strengthen resilience of maritime and coastal areas, the port, and the broader community.

Objectives

- Preserve the living environment
- Protect economic activities

- Encourage development of local green jobs.



Under the LIFE Resilience project, the GPMG proposes to implement innovative solutions with strong potential for transferability and replicability in the Caribbean. This will encourage wide-scale restoration of three coastal ecosystems and diminish the effects of extreme climate events on the region and on its activities.

The LIFE Resilience project also reinforces research structures for drafting protocols for cultivation, production and transplant in a natural environment. Actions include:

- Scaling up nursery production of transplant specimens (coral cuttings, mangrove saplings, and seagrass meadows) for the restoration of natural areas.
- Building a network of specialists in the Caribbean focused on developing adaptation strategies to climate change.
- Restoring damaged high-priority natural areas.
- Proposing environmental restoration solutions suitable for public contracting authorities in Guadeloupe and the Caribbean
- Promoting the creation of a local environmental engineering industry.

“Resilience is the ability to anticipate sudden or gradual disruptions, to minimize their effects, to evolve towards a new state of equilibrium by improving performance.”

4.3. Projects for which Decision is pending

The LIFE Resilience project (*This proposal has passed the first stage of the selection*)

Pilot4dev is a partner in the LIFE Resilience project described above. The role of Pilot4dev would be to support the project's implementation, and to give a more European dimension to the project. It is more in particular in charge of action E5 "project communication at the European level". The project has been submitted in September 2018. It has been shortlisted and the final decision is expected in April 2019.



PILOT4 RESEARCH AND POLICY DIALOGUE Tanzania (*This proposal has passed the first stage. Program: Lead Partner: TAPRI Tampere Peace Research Institute, Partners: Pilot4Dev, IMED, Institute of Management and entrepreneurship Development, and COWI (DK) for Best Dialogue (Tanzania).* The answer was expected early January but has been delayed due to the political context...

The project location is Tanzania. The duration of the project is 24 months. The global budget is 496 454 EUR and the co-funding is 90%. **The**

global objective of the project is to promote dialogue on economic, resources, policy and fiscal governance issues in Tanzania and to create a platform for sustainable dialogue including public and private stakeholders in different regions.

1. To promote and disseminate high quality and evidence-based research on policies, resources, economic and fiscal governance
2. To nurture debate among stakeholders from the public, private and civil society sectors, on economic and fiscal governance issues, especially with government stakeholders
3. To increase research capacity and expand the links, networks and connections among economic and governance research institutions in Tanzania



CRIC: Climate Resilient and Inclusive Cities: *(This proposal has passed the first stage of the selection)*

Programme: Local Authorities: Partnerships for Sustainable Cities BGUE-B2018-21.020802-C1-DEVCO. **Reference** EuropeAid/16116/DH/ACT/MULTI. **Lead Partner** UCLG Asia. **Partners:** ACR+ the cities association for the use of sustainable resources, ECOLISE the association of

grassroot movements for the environment, UPEM University of East Paris, and Pilot4dev

The project's overall objective of the project is to propose a long lasting and unique cooperation between cities and research centres in Europe and in Indonesia (and beyond), and to contribute substantially to sustainable integrated urban development, good governance, and climate adaptation/mitigation through long lasting partnerships, and tools such as sustainable local action plans, early warning tools and experts panels. The Specific objectives are:

-To strengthen good governance: continued promotion of good governance, and the necessary policy and legal frameworks to implement urban policies.

-The sustainable use of resources by cities: Climate mitigation and adaptation can be achieved by a better understanding of local resources, and the empowerment of the population to develop a local circular economy.

-Social cohesiveness or Inclusive cities: The project will pay a special attention to the question of informal settlements, rural migrants and marginalization.

-Resilience and actions for the environment: the project will support the transition to more resource efficient systems of production and consumption. It will develop early warning systems for the selected cities, an analysis of the main sources of pollution and develop unique innovative approaches.

-Prosperity and Innovation in cities: will be addressed with questions of innovation, culture, design, and the identification of sustainable financing mechanisms. **The**

promotion of triangular cooperation: will be developed with knowledge exchange and joint trainings among countries from the South (Indonesia, India, Malaysia, Nepal, Cambodia), and promote the use/transfer of smart technologies.



PilotNet4Climate

Programme: EuropeAid Civil Society and Media 2018-2019 Turkey

Submission of the concept note: Tuesday 26/03 for the Concept Note through PROSPECT

Budget per project 500 000 Euros. Co-financing: 95% (global envelope 9,5 million)

Lead partner: ACR+ The Cities Association for a Sustainable Use of Resources

Partners: PILOT4DEV (BE), Kadir HAAS University Istanbul (Turkey), ASSUS, the association of Urban Studies (Turkey), Marmara Cities Association (Turkey) as associate partner.

Expected answer for the concept note: June 2019. Possible beginning of the project: November 2019.

The global objective of PilotNet4Climate is to support existing networks and platforms of civil society organisations in Turkey in the following areas: Climate, the use of sustainable Resources, Local S.D.Gs (support to sustainable urban development), and climate related disaster risks reduction.

The Specific objectives of the project are: to strengthen the organisational and institutional capacity of CSOs networks and platforms, to strengthen networks and platforms and to promote strategic cooperation between CSOs networks and local authorities (monitoring of public action, advocacy, participation in decision-making processes).

Project : Support to Citizenship, sustainable development and civil Society in Colombia

Programme/ programa: Convocatoria Línea Temática de Organizaciones de la Sociedad Civil para Colombia. **Lote 2:** Aumento de las capacidades de las OSC para la participación ciudadana y control social, la autosostenibilidad y la innovación social

Submission of the concept note : 01.04.2019 11.pm (Brussel's Time) Concept Note through PROSPECT. Co-financing/ Cofinanciación : 90% (global envelope/ Dotación global Lot 2: 4 million). Duration/ duración : 36 months. **Lead partner/ Solicitante principal** : Stockholm Environmental Institute Stockholm (lead partner/ solicitante principal) SEI Stockholm Bogota **Partners/ Cosolicitantes:** CRAN Fundation Bolivia (OSC de Jovenes) **Third party (Tercero):** PILOT4DEV (BE). Expected answer June 2019



Pilot4Dialogue&Rights Bosnia

Programme: Europeaid support to civil society **Deadline: 22/04/2019 (12.00 pm Brussel's time)** for the Concept Note through PROSPECT. **Budget per project** between 100 000 and 160 000 Euros. Co-financing: 95% (global envelope 800 000 Euros).Duration: Between 18 and 24 months. **Lead partner:** Centre for European Studies (Centar za Europske studije BIH). **Partners:** PILOT4DEV (BE) **The global objective of**

the project is to support dialogue for civil society in Bosnia-Herzegovina, to defend human rights, and to bring BiH closer to the European Union. **The Specific objectives of the project** are: to strengthen the organisational and institutional capacity of CSOs networks and platforms defending human rights, dialogue and civil society, to strengthen networks and platforms, cooperation with European CSOs, and to promote dialogue between CSOs networks and public authorities (monitoring of public action, advocacy, participation in decision-making processes).

Wo-PeaR: Women's network 4 Peace and Rights in Kenya

Programme: Gender Equality and Accountability of Public Institutions in Kenya
 Europaid/162993/DD/ACT/KE. **Deadline: 15/05/2019 (12.00 pm Brussel's time)**



Budget 700 000 Euros. Co-financing: 90% (global envelope for the lot 1,4 million Euros). Duration: 36 months. **Lead partner:** Tampere Peace Research Institute (Finland) **Partners:** CRAWNTRUST (Kenya), PILOT4DEV (BE), Groots Women, (grassroots women association in Kenya) to be confirmed, COVAW Coalition Violence against Women. **The global objective** of the project is to enable and enhance CSOs and women's organizations to engage as efficient and proactive actors of governance, peace and development in Kenya. **The specific objectives of the project** are (1) to support the work of CSOs and women's organizations in addressing the needs of vulnerable and marginalized groups, and in improving women's rights. (2) to increase CSOs capacities to

strengthen women's participation in decision-making at the national level but also in more remote areas and territories, (3) to increase the capacities of CSOs in addressing Gender Based Violence (GBV), including harmful practices to girls (HPG).

Combat GBV: Combating GBV through knowledge and awareness: Empowering rural based CBOs to combat violence against women and Children.

Programme: European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) EU Support to HR Namibia 2019. **Deadline:** 30/04/2019 (12.00 pm Brussel's time) **Budget per project** between 200 000 and 400 000 Euros. Co-financing: 95% (global envelope for the lot 400 000 Euros) Duration: Between 24 and 36 months. **Applicant:** WAD (Women's Action for Development) **Co-applicant,** PILOT4DEV (BE). **The global objective** of the project is to contribute to the promotion and protection of women's and children's rights targeting specifically gender based violence. **The specific objectives of the project** are (1) to support the work of women's organizations in improving women's rights. (2) to create Awareness raising campaigns against GBV (Gender Based Violence) including (HPG) harmful practices to girls, (3) to increase the capacities of CSOs in addressing Gender Based Violence (GBV).

Pilot4Dev is also a partner in **3 URBACT proposals Action Planning Networks:** one of Mobility and civic engagement (Municipality of Salemo), one family friendly cities (Daugavpils, Latvia) and one on the circular Economy (municipality of Noto)

It is also a partner in the **Horizon 2020 proposals** below:

- **Trust in Governance**, led by the University of Amsterdam
- **Reciprocity:** Nature Based Solutions in city led by NIVA Norwegian Water Institute
- Nice Project:** Nature Based Solutions in cities, led by the university of Alicante

Pilot4dev is in addition, a third party in the **project WOE3:** Women Education, Entrepreneurship and Empowerment led by SEWA Lucknow.

4.4. Other initiatives

Pilot4dev has applied to funding from different foundations: BMGF Misk Grand challenge on the promotion of SDGs, the Roi Beaudouin foundation, the Mercator

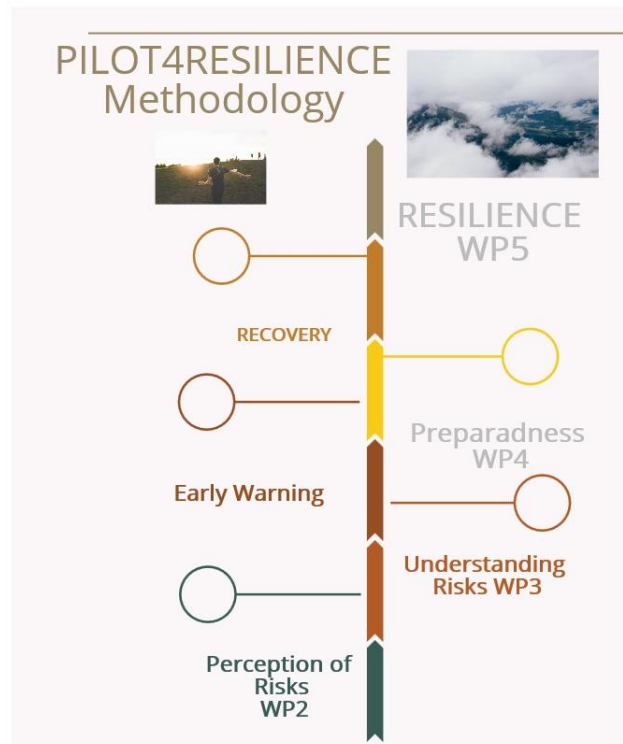
foundation etc. but it has been difficult to 1. To understand the requirements to apply to grants, and 2. To fit into the framework.

The DEAR proposal on the involvement of diasporas to create Awareness raising campaigns on Development, led by the African Diaspora Policy Centre in the Hague was equally rejected. We are looking for other opportunities to resubmit it.

The project Pilot4resilience was declared ineligible, and will be resubmitted in August 2019 with an extended partnership:

Summary of the project Pilot4resilience: Territories and communities need to build up their resilience or ability to withstand, recover and respond to a multiplicity of shocks and stresses linked to disasters such as climate extreme weather events, heat waves, terror or hybrid attacks. The vulnerability of territories and especially cities to climate- and destabilization related disasters can be shaped by risk perception, preparedness, cultural, demographic and economic characteristics of residents, and local governments' response among others. Territories lack a more people-centered preventive approach to disaster. Disaster risk reduction practices need to be multi-hazard and multisectoral, inclusive and accessible to be efficient. **URGENCY** Particularly at stake is the need to work with communities to adapt to a spiraling situation: disruptions in food, water or energy supplies in case of damages. These issues can be major threats to security and stability. By integrating a disaster management strategy and standardized approaches to be developed by the project, local governments can work on risks perception, prevention, recovery and resilience (UN Sendai Disaster Management Framework). **WHAT** The project will work on risks perception, and analysis (WP2 and 3), early warnings and preparedness (WP 4) While recognizing their leading, regulatory and coordination role, we will analyze how local Governments (urban and non-urban) could engage with relevant stakeholders, including communities in precarious conditions, or diasporas (WP 4 and 5), the community of practitioners in the implementation of policies, plans and standards (UN Sendai Disaster Management Framework). There is a need for the public and private sectors and civil society organizations, as well as academia and scientific and research institutions, to work more closely together and to

create opportunities for collaboration to integrate disaster risk into their management practices



Other Grant requests pending decisions:

- We will submit the 6th of May 2019 a grant requests to Brussel's international for the promotion of S.D.Gs and world citizenship in sensitive urban neighborhoods.

V. NETWORKING AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Within only 18 months, Pilot4dev has developed a real network of people and organizations, able to implement projects jointly in different countries.

We actively participate regularly to European debates and events in Brussels including the events organized Think Tanks such as Friends of Europe, the German Marshall Fund of the United States, and WIIS: Women in International Security...

We develop regular contacts with the European institutions. The organization is registered in the Transparency Register of the European Union and has an access badge to the European Parliament.

In 2018/2019 have made contacts and presented our activities to several embassies in Brussels: the embassies for Norway, Canada, Colombia, China and Indonesia.

We relay messages of key decision makers on our blog (eg. The interviews of Cristina Gallach, former UN Secretary General ([link](#)), and Janez Potocnik former European Commissioner for the environment). [Link](#)

We have also taken contacts with the Brussel's region, the Brussel's Press Club, and Brussel's international.

We have presented the organization to different audiences for instance during the Green innovators forum in Brussels (March 2018)

By contributing to several European data bases, Pilot4dev also diversifies its expertise and missions.

Therefore, after only 18 months of existence, Pilot4dev demonstrates that it can achieve results with limited funding, by building partnerships, networking and sharing opportunities. The organization is also regularly promoting advocacy towards decision-makers for the future Climate, Security and Development policies.

We thank all the members, partners, founders and contributors who have made it possible!

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