Cli-Met

Implementing the climate agenda in metropolitan areas

INTERNATIONAL INTENSIVE PROGRAMME

PALERMO, ITALY

11–17 November 2026

Department of Architecture, University of Palermo
Viale delle Scienze, Building 14, Room 4.6

PROGRAMME



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About Cli-Met

Cli-Met – Implementing the Climate Agenda in Metropolitan Areas is an Erasmus+ Cooperation Partnership that brings together universities, metropolitan authorities and a European metropolitan network. The project aims to strengthen the knowledge, competences and institutional capacity needed to translate international and European climate objectives into effective action at the metropolitan scale.

Through intensive learning programmes, stakeholder workshops, international case studies and open-access educational resources, Cli-Met creates opportunities for exchange between academic research, public administration and professional practice. Its activities address both the mitigation and adaptation dimensions of climate policy, with particular attention to metropolitan governance, spatial planning, mobility, environmental risks, social vulnerability and policy integration.

The partnership

Higher Education Institutions

Università degli Studi di Palermo

POLITÉCNICA

UNIVERSIDAD POLITÉCNICA DE MADRID

technische universität dortmund

Metropolitan authorities

İZMİR METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

Città metropolitana di Milano

European metropolitan network

METREX

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About Palermo

Palermo is the capital of Sicily, a region at the core of the Mediterranean area. The city is home to around 670,000 people and the core of an urban region of around 1 million inhabitants.
Its dense historic urban fabric, coastal setting and surrounding natural landscapes present significant challenges for climate mitigation and adaptation, including rising temperatures, extreme rainfall, flood risks and coastal vulnerability.
Under the municipality and the metropolitan authority established in 2015, the city has progressively addressed these challenges through urban and environmental planning initiatives, including the Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan, which promotes emissions reduction, energy efficiency and climate resilience and the Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan at the metropolitan scale. Other projects – including the waterfront regeneration that will be the focus of the study tour –, provide additional opportunities to explore the relationship between climate action, spatial planning and metropolitan governance.

The University of Palermo

Founded in 1806, the University of Palermo (UNIPA) is a major public research university with extensive experience in European research and cooperation programmes (Horizon, Erasmus, Interreg) and it is part of the FORTHEM European University Alliance. Its interdisciplinary activities address sustainability and ecological transition, supported by dedicated research structures and international partnerships.
For UNIPA, the Cli-Met project is led by the Department of Architecture (DARCH), which brings expertise in urban policy, spatial planning, environmental and landscape planning, urban regeneration and territorial governance.

Local Organising Committee

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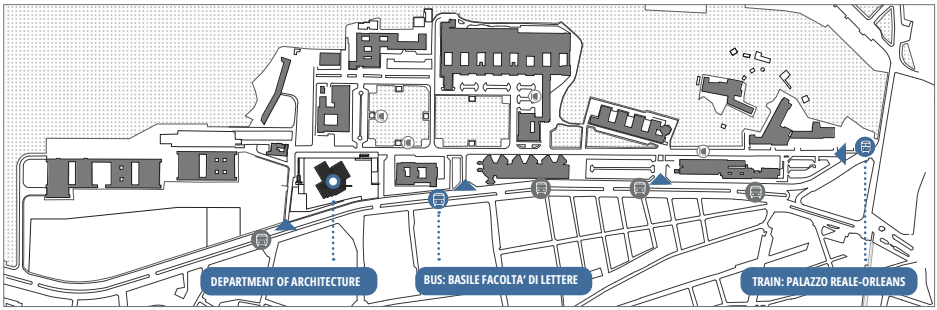
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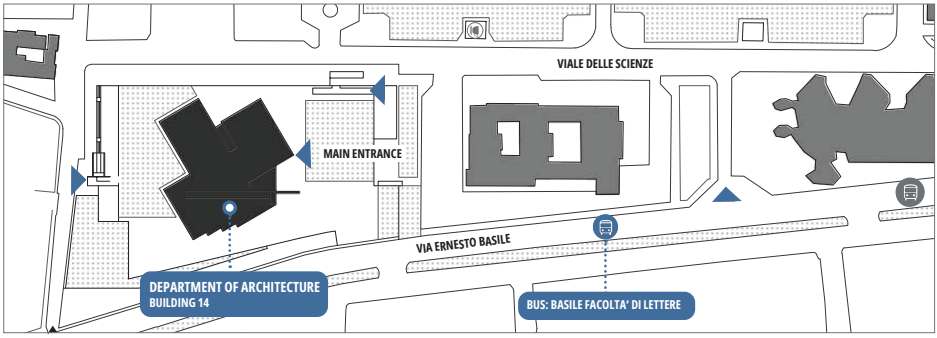
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Lectures will be held in Room 4.6 (fourth floor)

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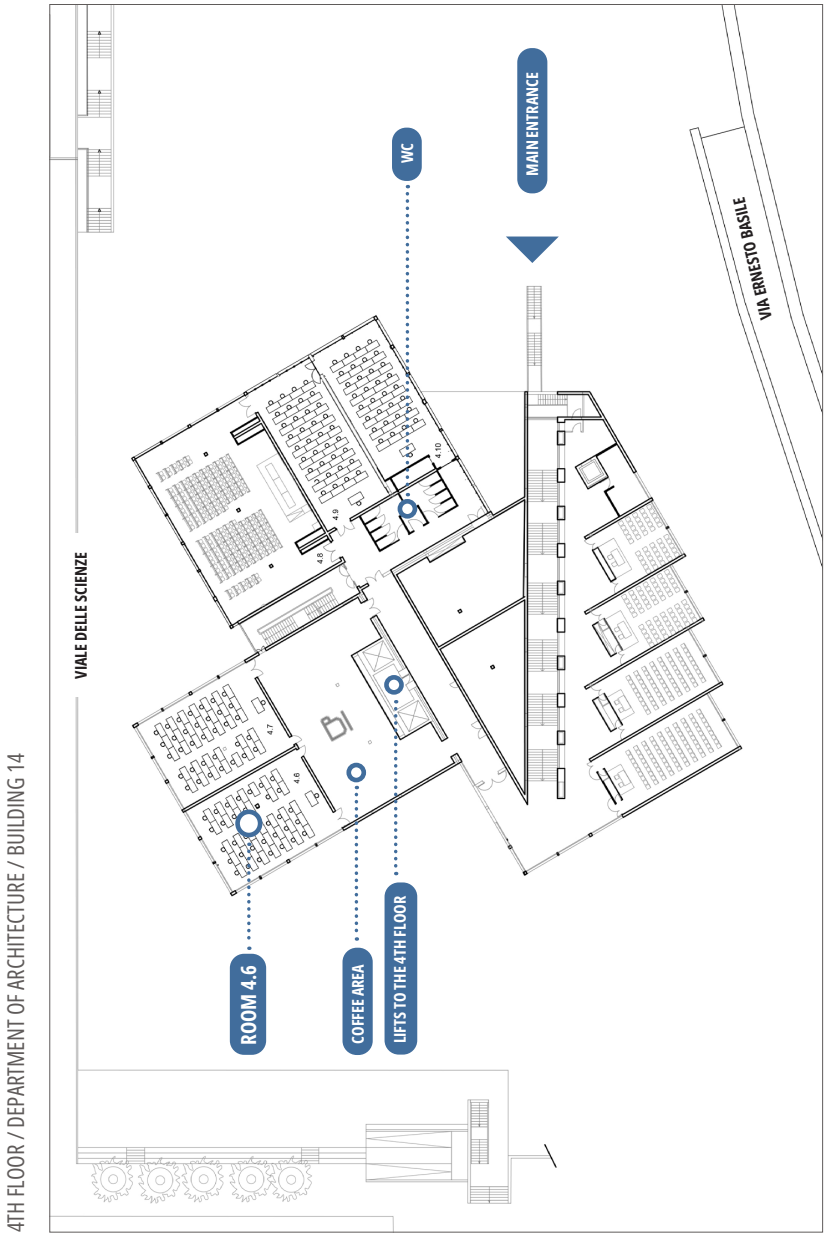
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The Palermo International Intensive Programme

11-17 November 2026

The first Cli-Met International Intensive Programme (IIP1) is conceived as an interdisciplinary learning experience bringing together university students, PhD candidates, researchers, academics and practitioners to explore the challenges of implementing the climate agenda in metropolitan areas.
The programme addresses climate mitigation and adaptation through international perspectives, research-based knowledge and practical experiences. Particular attention is given to urban and metropolitan governance, spatial planning, sustainable mobility, climate resilience, ecological transition and social innovation, highlighting the role of cities and metropolitan institutions in responding to climate change.
Combining academic lectures, international case studies, discussions and a study tour, the five-day programme promotes knowledge exchange between participants from different institutional and geographical contexts. The final study tour along Palermo's southern waterfront and the Oreto River provides an opportunity to connect the themes discussed during the lectures with local environmental challenges and urban regeneration initiatives.

Programme format

The IIP comprises 30 hours over five teaching days, organised in two blocks separated by a weekend break:

11-13 November 2026 – Three teaching days
14-15 November 2026 – Weekend break
16-17 November 2026 – Two teaching days, including the final study tour

Selected lectures will be recorded and contribute to the Cli-Met Digital Academy, making educational content available through the project's open-access learning resources.

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11 November 2026

09:00

Registration of participants

09:15 - 10:00

Welcome, institutional greetings and brief department tour

/ Valeria Floriano, Head of the International Relations Office, University of Palermo, Italy

/ Filippo Schilleci, Department of Architecture Delegate for International Affairs, University of Palermo, Italy

/ Domenica Sutera and Calogero Vinci, Delegates for the Department of Architecture scientific collections, University of Palermo, Italy

10:00 - 11:00

Climate change and the city: introduction to the Cli-Met project and the IIP

/ Ignazio Vinci, Cli-Met Coordinator, University of Palermo, Italy

11:00 - 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 - 13:30

Climate change and urban resilience: from global impacts to sustainable stormwater management in urban areas

/ Dario Pumo, Cli-Met Coordinator, University of Palermo, Italy

/ Dario Treppiedi, Cli-Met Coordinator, University of Palermo, Italy

13:30 - 15:00

Lunch break

11:30 - 13:30

Building and urban strategies to counteract climate change and enhance well-being

/ Rossella Corrao, University of Palermo, Italy

12 November 2026

09:00

Registration of participants

09:00 - 11:00

Local climate action beyond carbon: urban regeneration for the ecological and just transition

/ Sonia De Gregorio Hurtado, Polytechnic University of Madrid, Spain

11:00 - 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 - 13:30

Urban mobility and climate change mitigation

/ Gabriele D'Orso, University of Palermo, Italy
/ João Igreja, University of Palermo, Italy

13:30 - 15:00

Lunch break

11:30 - 13:30

A layered approach to metropolitan climate adaptation in İzmir metropolitan area

/ Koray Velibeyoğlu, İzmir University of Economics, Türkiye
/ Çağlar Tükel, İzmir Metropolitan Municipality, Türkiye

13 November 2026

09:00

Registration of participants

09:00 - 11:00

Governance, planning and climate adaptation in city-regions

/ **Karsten Zimmermann**, Technical University of Dortmund, Germany
/ **Patricia Feiertag**, Technical University of Dortmund, Germany

11:00 - 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 - 13:30

Exploring European Union Just Green transitions

/ **Giancarlo Cotella**, Polytechnic University of Turin, Italy

13:30 - 15:00

Lunch break

11:30 - 13:30

Development and implementation of climate policies in a metropolitan authority in Italy: insights from the metropolitan area of Milan

/ **Francesca Framba**, Metropolitan City of Milan, Italy

16 November 2026

09:00

Registration of participants

09:00 - 11:00

Climate adaptation and urban planning

/ Eugenio Morello, Polytechnic University of Milan, Italy

11:00 - 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 - 13:30

The contribution of co-governance approaches to implementing the climate agenda: insights from Lisbon Metropolitan Area

/ Francesca Poggi, NOVA University of Lisbon, Portugal

13:30 - 15:00

Lunch break

11:30 - 13:30

Climate experiments in Palermo

Climate Quilts: create, live, and research community gardens

/ Daniele Ronsivalle, University of Palermo, Italy

Who cools the city?: social innovation and climate adaptation in Palermo's neighbourhoods

/ Salvatore Di Dio, University of Palermo, Italy

16:00 - 17:00

Introduction to the study tour

/ Ignazio Vinci, University of Palermo, Italy

Environmental regeneration of the Oreto River mouth: an ongoing project

/ Giovanni Sarta, Deborah Spiaggia, Gesualdo Guarnieri and Fabio Di Piazza, Municipality of Palermo, Italy

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Study Tour

10:00

Meeting point: Palermo Botanical Garden (Via Lincoln, 2)

10:00 - 12:00

First walk along the Foro Italico and Sant'Erasmo waterfront

12:00 - 13:00

Visit at Ecomuseo Mare Memoria Viva (MMV)

13:00 - 14:00

Lunch break at Ecomuseo Mare Memoria Viva

15:00 - 16:00

Second walk along the Oreto river and Ponte dell'Ammiraglio

17:00

End of study tour: Palermo Central Station

IIP 2026 webpage

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