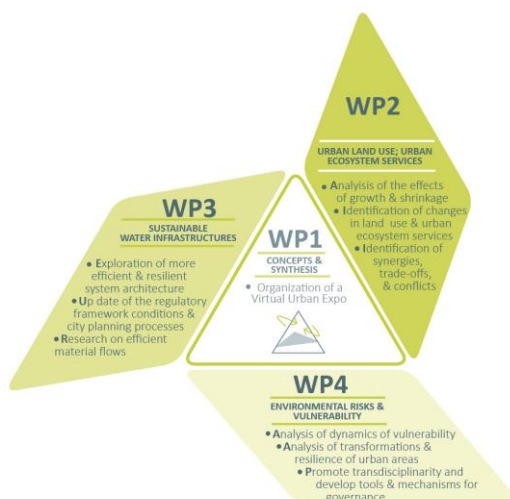


The "Speakers' Corner" is a quarterly newsletter to provide information regarding the progress of the IP-work. It informs about ongoing processes, decisions and events. Its content is the result of the close consultation of IP-Speaker, Manager and WP-Speakers. In the event of queries or requests for additional information please do not hesitate to contact us.

WP-Research

In **WP 1** (Concepts/Synthesis) we worked on our Urban Expo, which is presented in November 2015 during the thousand anniversary celebrations of Leipzig. We also proceeded with our IP Strategy paper which will contribute to the UFZ Strategy +2025. **WP 2** (Urban Land Use & Urban Ecosystem Services) continued the discussion on the nexus between urban land use and urban ecosystem services; an international workshop on "Socio-environmental change in cities – governance challenges and potentials for transformation towards more sustainability" is planned for June at UFZ. **WP 3** (Sustainable Water Infrastructures) started recently its new research project **AquaMak** (responsible A. Zehnsdorf, UBZ). Also a special **workshop** on "Foam formation in anaerobic digestion plants", organized by L. Moeller (UBZ), will take place in March. In **WP 4** (Environmental Risks & Vulnerability), Mr. Shaaban Mohamdeen (Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs, Egypt) will contribute with his project entitled "Micrometeorological studies of urban air in Cairo for the mitigation of and adaptation to climate change". His one-year International Climate Protection Fellowship (supervisor: U. Schlink, SuSoz) starts in March and is funded by the Humboldt Foundation. Within the framework of the **CLIST** project a workshop on local climate change responses took place in Istanbul. The **CLAVE** project realized in November 2014 several events to implement adaptation measures in Santiago de Chile.

We updated our IP-Poster!



Please find the new version of our IP-Poster [here!](#)

IP-Flash lights

- New article on the IP concept: Kabisch/Kuhlike 2014: **Urban Transformations and the Idea of Resource Efficiency, Quality of Life and Resilience.**
- Major IP contribution to the City of the future-proposal of the KIT for the Helmholtzinitiative
- 2nd big IP members meeting in preparation
- Visualization and communication IP-Workshop was realized at UFZ on November 14th with participants from different IPs and divisions
- We added a news and documents section on our webpage. Please visit: www.ufz.de/stadt

IP-Podcast

In this Podcast, members of our IP explain the opportunities and challenges which face cities today and in the future and discuss strategies to foster transformations towards resource efficiency, resilience and quality of life. Listen to the **podcast** (in German)

New IP-Manager

In January 2015, Florian Koch joined the UFZ as Manager of the IP "UrbTrans". Prior to his work in Leipzig he held a long term fellowship of the DAAD in Barranquilla, Colombia and conducted research projects on urban governance, planning policy and climate change. Florian completed his doctoral studies in Social Sciences and has a degree in spatial planning from the University of Dortmund.

IP-Video on coping with flooding in Dar es Salaam



This video by E. Schaechter and N. Jean-Baptiste is based on the WP4-Project **MCA-Dar** and showcases strategies on coping with flooding in Dar es Salaam, as well as visions for the future of the city.