



ECCA conference

What financing tools for adapting our infrastructures to climate change?



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2. The need for new/adapted financial mechanisms

3. Preliminary findings from some case studies

1. Aim of the presentation

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- ▶ Adaptation is complex, requires impact assessment, the list of possible adaptation measures and the choice of criteria : essential but not the topic here

- ▶ Aim of this presentation
 - Is not :
 - to promote hard adaptation and costly solutions whatever the case
 - to present decision-making tools to decide the right solution to implement
 - Is :
 - once the solution is decided (so in a few cases, mainly infrastructure): to present an overview of existing or new possible financial tools for developed countries, discussing on the pros/cons and to give existing examples in cities if any, as adaptation is a local issue and cities are vulnerable and have to cope with that
 - Because classic subsidies, low-interest loans are limited
 - NB : work in progress

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- ▶ Context : limits of the classical funding, need to involve the private sector and end-users;
- ▶ Literature suggests possible mechanisms in developed countries:
 1. To raise additional initial investment (PPP, project bonds, third-party investment, etc.)
 2. To collect extra revenues over the project lifetime (local tax, fees, etc.)
 3. To use financial risk hedging tools (insurance, cat bonds, etc.)

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2.1 To raise initial funding (1/2)

	Pros	Cons/limits/difficulties	Comments/application for adaptation
Public-Private Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attract private investment and not penalise public budget -Benefits derived from the private technical and economical expertise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Only for big projects -Hard to set up -Criticized as the total cost over the lifetime for the public entity can be high 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adaptation can be seen as a new risk that needs to be integrated in the mechanism - PPP should fully describe the risk distribution between actors and can be flexible - PPP can favour an “acceptable level of service”
Project bonds/green project bonds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to capital market, and to long-term investors or Socially Responsible Investors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Hard to set up -Depends on the quality of the issuer, and its extra-financial ranking 	<p>Possible « green project bonds » for adaptation projects (criteria or standards have to be defined)</p>

2.1 To raise initial funding (2/2)

	Pros	Cons/limits/ difficulties	Comments/ application for adaptation
Third-party financing	Ex-ante funding , that gets revenue thanks to ex-post cost savings, and does not penalise the public budget	-Very complex -Risk distribution between actors to be defined	New mechanism, not already used for adaptation, could be used for energy savings for instance

2.2 To collect revenue over time

	Pros	Cons/limits/ difficulties	Comments/application for adaptation
tax/fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Directly from end-users (value capture tools) - Can create incentive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Level of the tax, enough to finance adaptation measure -Social acceptability 	Rise in the fees/taxes to cover adaptation extracost
permit markets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Guarantee of the total amount -Emergence of a price 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Hard to set up and manage 	Eg : for water in Australia, the global permit amount can be reduced
Link with CO2 allowance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Depends on the mechanism : to use the auction revenues of the EU ETS to reward adaption measures, or to give extra carbon credits to projects that offset carbon <u>and</u> are adapted to climate change impacts (but hard to implement) 		

2.2 To use insurance and capital markets with securitization

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	Pro	Con/limits/ difficulties	Comments/application for adaptation
Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Financial cover-Private involvement-Cover risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Historical data are insufficient-Moral hazard-Can be very expensive for insurers/reinsurers	Cover climate risks and can make good incentives if the right level of premium (risk-based pricing)
Cat bonds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-transfer of the risk from insurers to investors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Hard to set up-Level of the risk premium	Cover climate risk With lower interest if preventive actions have been implemented

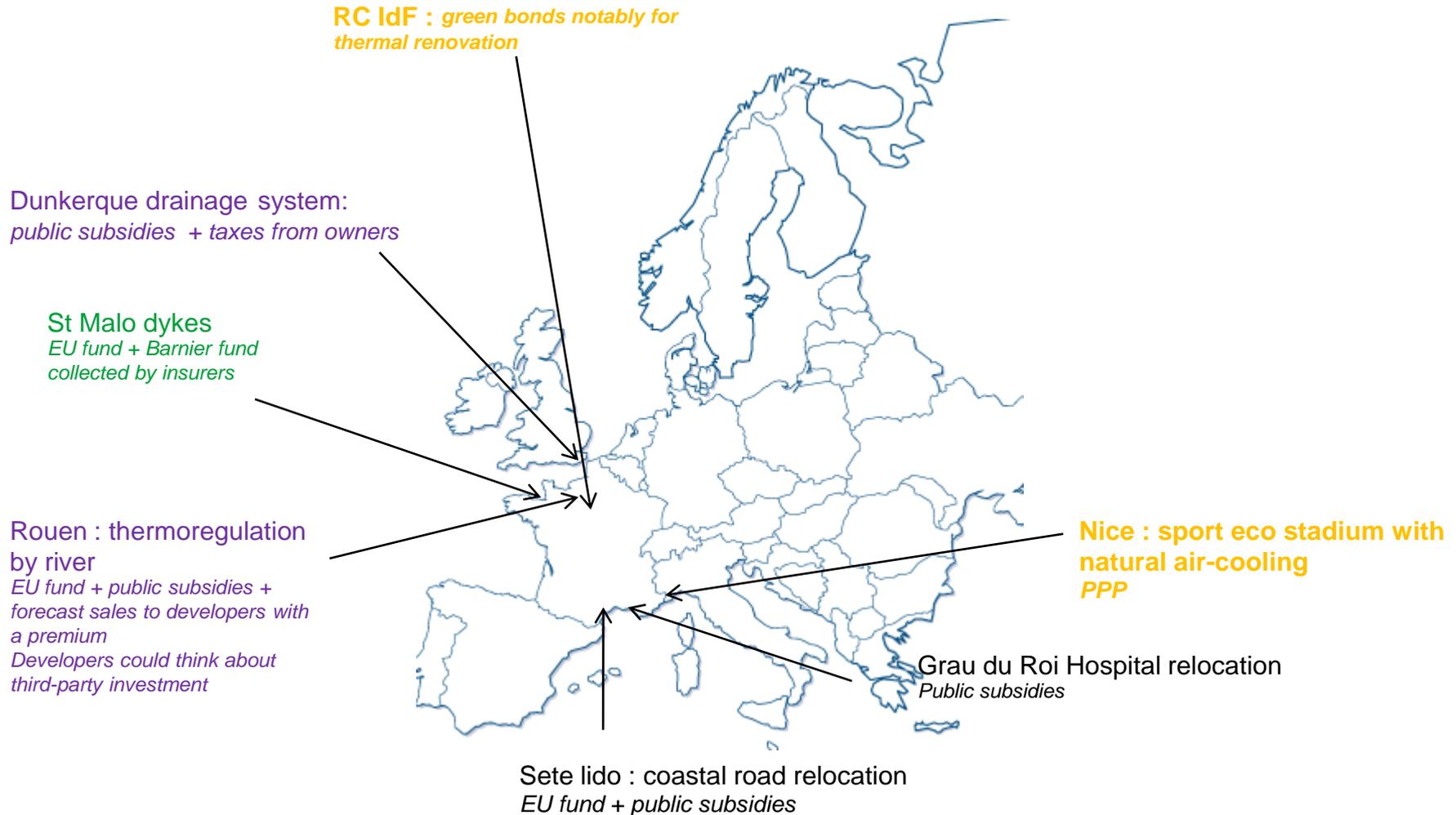
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Several French case studies

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3. Preliminary findings from case studies

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Project element	Preliminary findings
Project type and Adaptation consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Different types : infrastructure dedicated to CC, or infrastructure retrofit- Adaptation is mainstreamed
Role of actors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Often managed by the public sector-Private sector involvement
Use of economic and financial tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-CBA is not usually used-Funding is classical but with some innovations (green bonds, PPP, local taxes)

Thank you for your attention.

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