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**CLIMATE-NEUTRAL
AND SMART CITIES
CONFERENCE 2023**

**26-27
JUNE
2023**

**Maison de la Poste,
Tour et Taxis, Brussels**





PROGRAMME DAY 1

10:00-11:00

WELCOME
NETZEROCITIES UPDATES

11:20-13:00

PEER-TO-PEER CITY
EXCHANGES

14:00-16:00

THEMATIC KNOWLEDGE
EXCHANGE

16:30-18:00

POLICY CHALLENGES
EXCHANGE

18:00-20:00

DRINKS





PROGRAMME DAY 2

MORNING

09:30 - 09:40

KEYNOTE SPEECH DELIVERED BY
MARC LEMAÎTRE, DIRECTOR GENERAL
FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION,
EUROPEAN COMMISSION

09:40 - 10:00

CITIES AS FRONTRUNNERS OF
THE CLIMATE TRANSITION

10:00 - 11:00

CLIMATE-NEUTRAL CITIES BY 2030:
A POLITICAL REALITY CHECK

11:30 - 12:30

THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL AT
LOCAL LEVEL: CHALLENGES AND
CO-BENEFITS

12:30 - 13:00

PHOTO & PRESS

PROGRAMME DAY 2

AFTERNOON

POLITICAL TRACK

13:00-14:00

HIGH-LEVEL
NETWORKING LUNCH

14:00-15:30

INVESTMENT
ROUNDTABLE

15:30-16:00

COFFEE &
NETWORKING

16:00-17:00

MEETING WITH THE
MAYORS & MEPS

PRACTITIONER TRACK

13:00-14:00

LUNCH

14:00-16:00

PILOT CITIES: IN
THE SPOTLIGHT

16:30-17:30

CITIES MISSION –
PROJECTS AND
PARTNERS

17:30-17:45

CLOSING PLENARY

17:45-18:00

CONCLUSIONS FROM **FRANS
TIMMERMANS**, EXECUTIVE VICE-
PRESIDENT, EUROPEAN COMMISSION





PROGRAMME DAY 1: DETAILED AGENDA

Welcome & NetZeroCities Updates

26 JUNE - 10:00 - 11:00 CEST

Peer-to-Peer City Exchanges

26 JUNE - 11:20 - 13:00 CEST

Peer-to-peer exchange sessions will provide participants with a space for sharing approaches, tools and methodologies with fellow Mission Cities to overcome barriers you may be facing in the climate neutrality journey. More details to be shared soon!

Thematic Knowledge Exchange

26 JUNE - 14:00 - 16:00 CEST

These thematic knowledge exchange sessions are an exciting learning opportunity as part of a larger NetZeroCities capability building programme that aims to support cities at various stages of their Climate City Contract design process. Multidisciplinary breakouts will cover topics including; transition teams, building a portfolio of projects, designing city pathway and indicators, citizen engagement and CCC financing and sustainability. Dedicated online spaces will be provided for each session to continue to allow exchange and learning in thematic areas.

Policy Challenges Exchange

26 JUNE - 16:30 - 18:00 CEST

An exciting opportunity for Mission Cities to exchange on policy needs, implementation challenges, and desired outcomes in groups. More details to be shared soon!

Drinks

26 JUNE - 18:00 - 20:00 CEST





PROGRAMME DAY 2 MORNING: DETAILED AGENDA

Keynote Speech

27 JUNE - 09:30 - 09:40 CEST

Marc Lemaître, Director General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

Cities as Frontrunners of the Climate Transition

27 JUNE - 09:40 - 10:00 CEST

Impulse statements will spotlight the views and contributions of different stakeholders to the Mission and will provide food for thought for the day's discussions.

Climate-Neutral Cities by 2030: A Political Reality Check

27 JUNE - 10:00 - 11:00 CEST

One year after the selection of cities for the Cities Mission, local authorities and their partners are working hard on their Climate City Contracts, while facing new challenges including an acute energy crisis. This panel is a political exchange on how the Cities Mission has already impacted Mission cities and how its high ambition can hold up in real life.

The European Green Deal at Local Level: Challenges and Co-benefits

27 JUNE - 11:30 - 12:30 CEST

This panel will focus on the local and wider impacts of the Mission. Panelists will discuss how cities, citizens and businesses can get the most benefit out of the Mission and how to best address both challenges and co-benefits.

Photo and Press

27 JUNE - 12:30 - 13:00 CEST



PROGRAMME DAY 2 AFTERNOON: DETAILED AGENDA

POLITICAL TRACK

High-Level Networking Lunch

27 JUNE - 13:00 - 14:00 CEST

Investment Roundtable

27 JUNE - 14:00 - 15:30 CEST

One of the biggest challenges in the climate transformation for cities is funding and finance. European funds will only be able to cover a fraction of the costs that Mission cities are facing in their climate transitions. At this roundtable, high-level speakers and Mission City Mayors will discuss how financial institutions, philanthropies, investment funds and other partners can mobilise funding and finance to help make the transformation happen.

Coffee and Networking

27 JUNE - 15:30 - 16:00 CEST

Meeting with the Mayors and MEPs

27 JUNE - 16:00 - 17:00 CEST

PRACTITIONER TRACK

Lunch

27 JUNE - 13:00 - 14:00 CEST

Pilot Cities: In the Spotlight

27 JUNE - 14:00 - 16:00 CEST

Pilot Cities: In the Spotlight will give each of the selected Mission and non-Mission Pilot Cities the opportunity to present their pilot activities in a short, sharp, and pithy 'pitch*'. Participants will be encouraged to take note of opportunities and synergies to engage with Pilot Cities in this first cohort, following their curiosity and eagerness to connect with colleagues in other cities. In the same spirit of this platform for sharing with each other, this session will also introduce the Pilot Cities Programme's learning and sensemaking activities and, at its conclusion, take the opportunity to launch the next Call for Pilot Cities under NetZeroCities!

Cities Mission – Projects and Partners

27 JUNE - 16:30 - 17:30 CEST

BOTH TRACKS

Closing Plenary

27 JUNE - 17:30 - 17:45 CEST

Conclusions from Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice-President, European Commission

27 JUNE - 17:45 - 18:00 CEST