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NetZeroCities Call for Twin Cities

Webinar on the Open Call for Twin Cities



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NZC Call for Twin Cities

The Call for Twin Cities is now open!

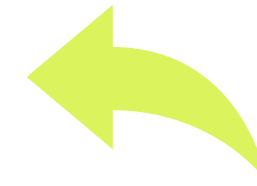
The banner features a light blue background with a green gradient at the bottom. On the left, there is an illustration of a city with a train and trees. The text 'EU CITIES MISSION' is in a dark blue box, and 'Call For Twin Cities' is in white. Below this, 'Apply now!' is written in bold. Two dark blue boxes contain the dates 'Call Opening: 3 May 2023' and 'Deadline: 30 June 2023'. At the bottom left is the European Union logo and the text 'Funded by the European Union'. On the right, there is a circular logo with colored segments and an illustration of four city buildings connected by curved arrows, suggesting a network or twinning. A small vertical text on the right edge reads 'EU Mission - European Union, 2021. All rights reserved.'.

The Call for Twin Cities will select European cities to join the Twinning Learning Programme. The call is open **from 3 May 12.00 CET until 30 June 23.59 CET** to cities based in EU Member states or Horizon 2020 Associated Countries. **Any city can apply, selected as one of the 100+12 Mission Cities or not.**

Take a look at the resources below and submit your application to embark on a tailor-made learning and test new approaches to a rapid climate transition.

- + [Call Guidelines](#)
- + [Catalogue of Pilot Cities](#)

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION!





Before I apply...



Who can apply?



#	Eligibility criterion
1	Municipality/local authority must be within either an EU Member state or an approved H2020 Associated Country, at the point of the submission deadline
2	Climate neutrality commitment
3	Capacity to engage in the twinning learning programme



Pilot Cities



Non-Mission Cities



Mission Cities

*Future NZC Pilot City calls are open **only** for **Mission Cities***

Horizon 2020 Associated Countries (Iceland, Norway, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Israel, Moldova, Switzerland, Faroe Islands, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Tunisia, Georgia, Armenia.)

**The list of eligible countries appears in the dropdown section of the application form.*





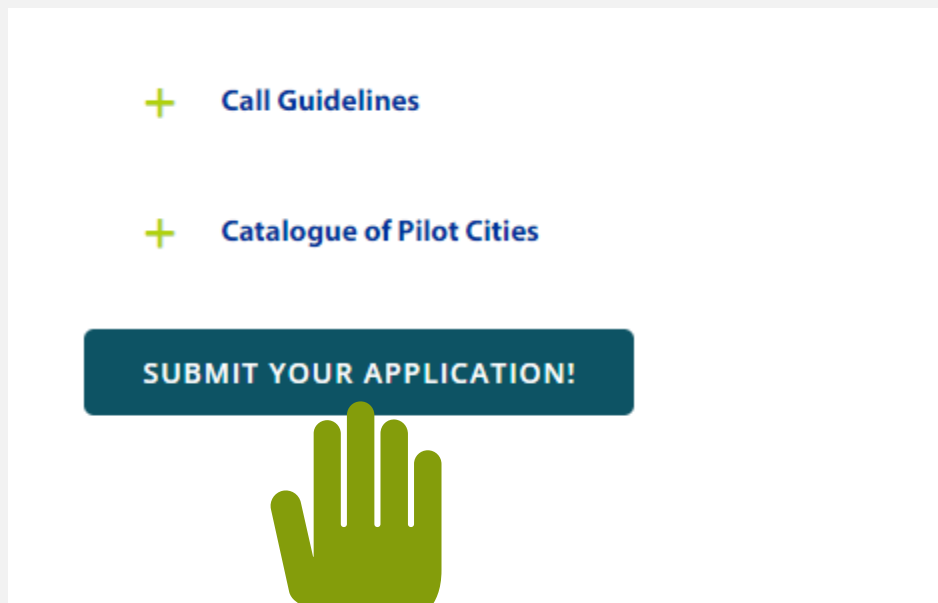
Available funding?

- With the aim of gaining an in-depth understanding of their paired pilot activity/es and enabling the completion of the Replication Plan, the Twinning Programme covers travel costs of selected Twin Cities to their paired Pilot Cities [up to EUR 800 per site visit (max 2 visits) covering travel, accommodation and subsistence costs].
- **This is the only area where NZC foresees budget for Twin Cities**



How to apply?

Cities should submit their application via the following form:



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Primary contact

First name *

Last name *

Job function *

Email address *

Phone number *

Secondary contact

First name *

Last name *

Job function *

Email address *

Phone number *

Local authority details

City *

Please provide the official name of your city in English. Only one application may be submitted by an eligible city

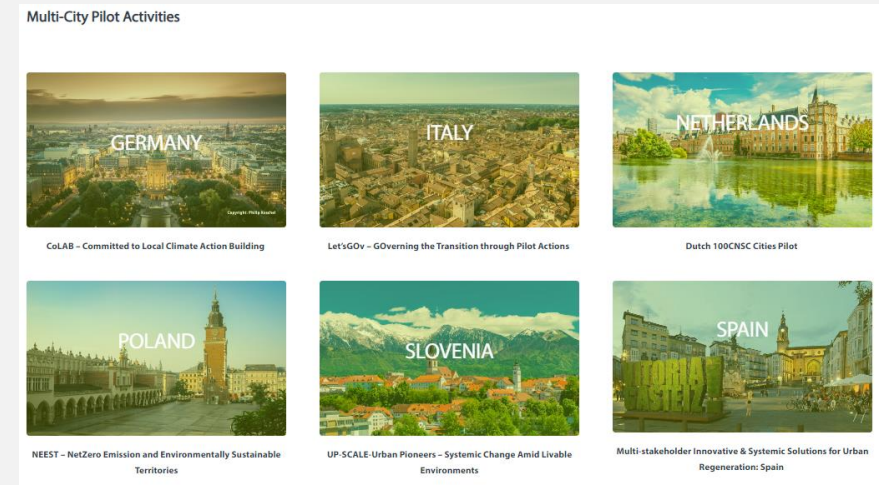
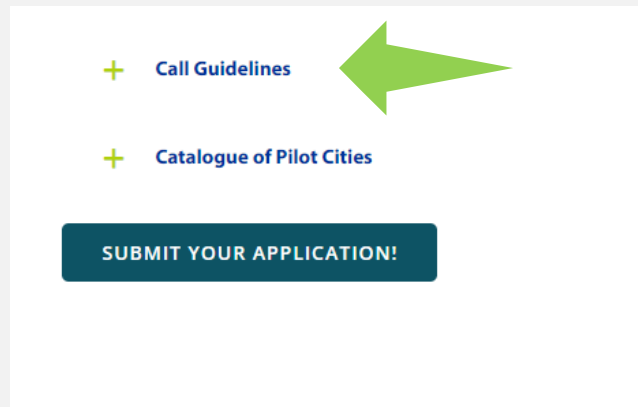
e.g. Brussels Capital Region



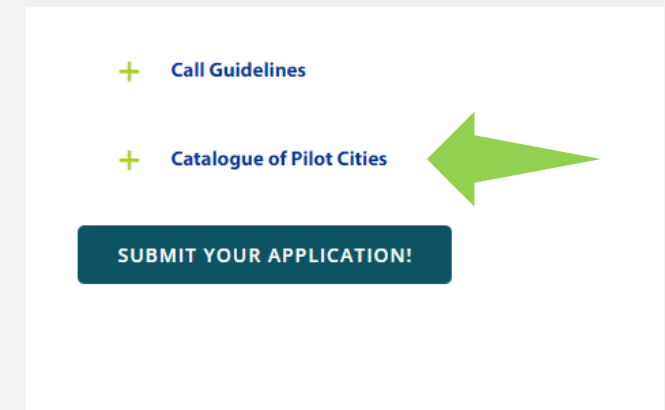


How to prepare my application?

- Read carefully the Call Guidelines



- Go through the online catalogue of NZC Pilot Cities
Demonstrated interest in Pilot Activities





After submitting my application...



Selection procedure



Stage 1 – Eligibility criteria

- Pass/fail requirements related to the conditions of the call
- Proposals must pass all eligibility criteria to proceed to Stage 2

Stage 2 – Quality evaluation

- **Assessment (score 0 to 3)**
Applications that reach the highest points for each of the criteria groups
- Interview with shortlisted Twin City candidates, **if further clarification from their application is needed**

Stage 3 – Strategic selection and pairing

NZC selection committee panel will select up to 53 Twin Cities to be paired with Pilot Cities, based on their mutual thematic interests in the different emissions domain(s), learning needs and exchange of good practices





If my application was successful...



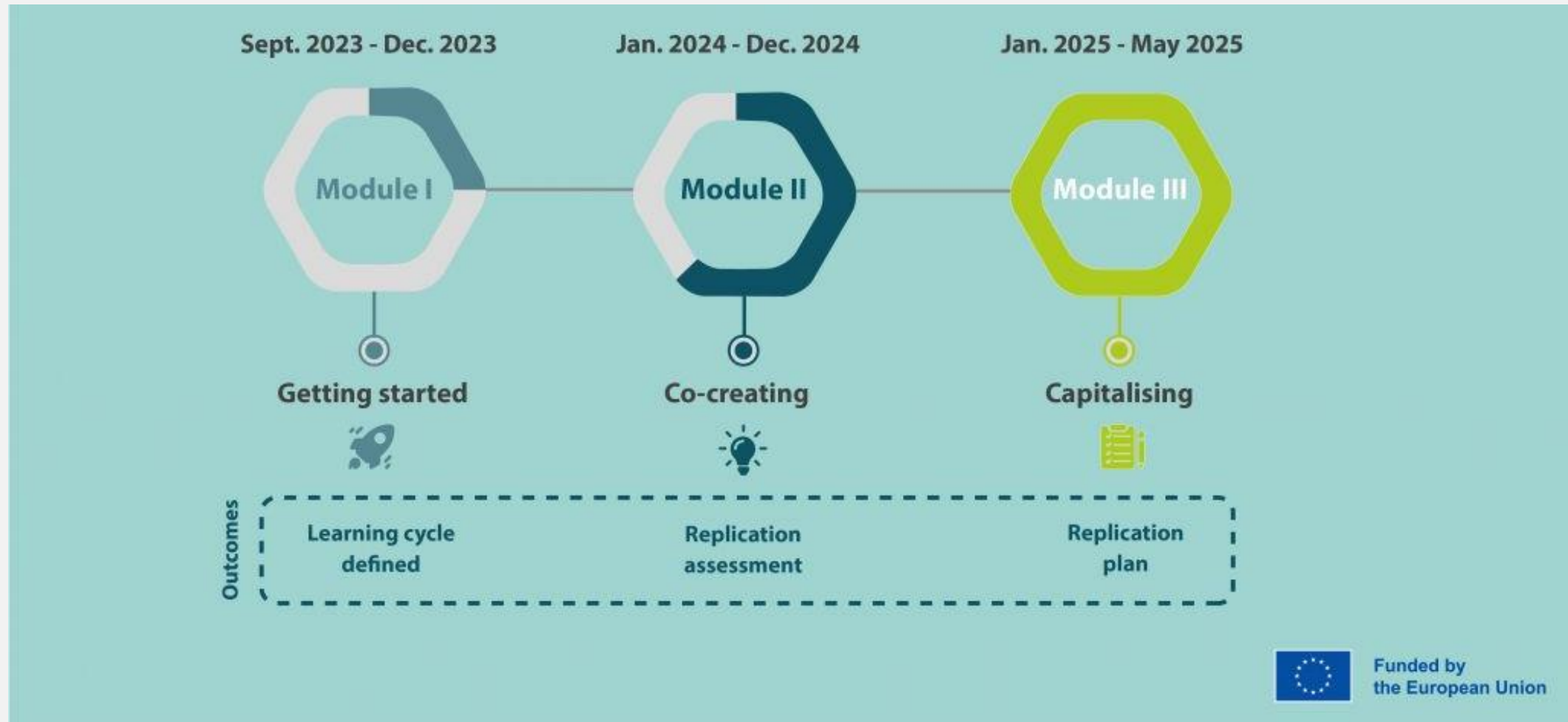
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What is in for my city?

- Work together with **NZC Pilot Cities**
- **Guidance** from NZC Consortium partners
- **Tailor-made** learning programme
- **Funding** for two site visits



Roadmap – Twinning Learning Programme



What do cities commit to?



Pilot and Twin City

- **Participation in the 20-months learning exchange**
(by signing the peer learning agreement).
- **Transferability Assessment**
- Complete three short surveys for **monitoring and evaluation** purposes

Twin City

- **Replication Assessment and Plan**
 - 1) A statement of the problem and the likely solutions;
 - 2) An assessment of the feasibility of the pilot activity in their local context.
 - 3) An action plan for developing or further developing a similar project as in the Pilot City





Key dates



3 May 2023

Opening of the Call for Twins



30 June 2023

Closing of the Call for Twins



September 2023

Results of the Call for Twins are expected by mid-September 2023.



Any questions?

- Check the **FAQs** in our website

- **Contact us**

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



- + What is the Twinning Programme?
- + Who can apply to the Call for Twin Cities?
- + How long is the Call for Twin Cities open?
- + Can cities participate in forms of a consortium with other partners?
- + Can cities apply as a group?
- + Can cities submit more than one application?
- + Can private consultancies participate by contributing to the organization of online meetings, workshops etc?
- + Where can I have an overview of the Pilot Cities?

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