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# Call for Pilot Cities: Boot Camp & Twinning Learning Programme

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# Welcome

## Call launched:

- Call Guidelines published and updated
- Submission platform open
- Supporting documents published (Call Guidelines, Financial Guidelines; Guidebook; Application templates and pro formas)

## Scheduled webinars:

- Thursday 7 September (1500 CEST): Ambition & Approach, technical information
- Thursday 14 September (1500 CEST): Eligibility and Assessment Criteria
- Tuesday 19 September (1500 CEST): Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning & Sensemaking
- Tuesday 26 September (1500 CEST): Inspirational session with existing Pilot Cities
- Thursday 5 October (1500 CEST): Boot Camp & Twinning Cities Learning Programme

Register for all at the NZC website: [www.netzerocities.eu](http://www.netzerocities.eu) (*Pilot Cities Programme* page)





# Overview

- Welcoming
- Presentation on the PCP Bootcamp
- Q&A (5 mins)
- Presentation on the Twinning Learning Programme...
- Q&A (remaining time as required)



This event is being recorded



Use the Q&A functionality to ask questions



Re/Name yourself and include your city and department



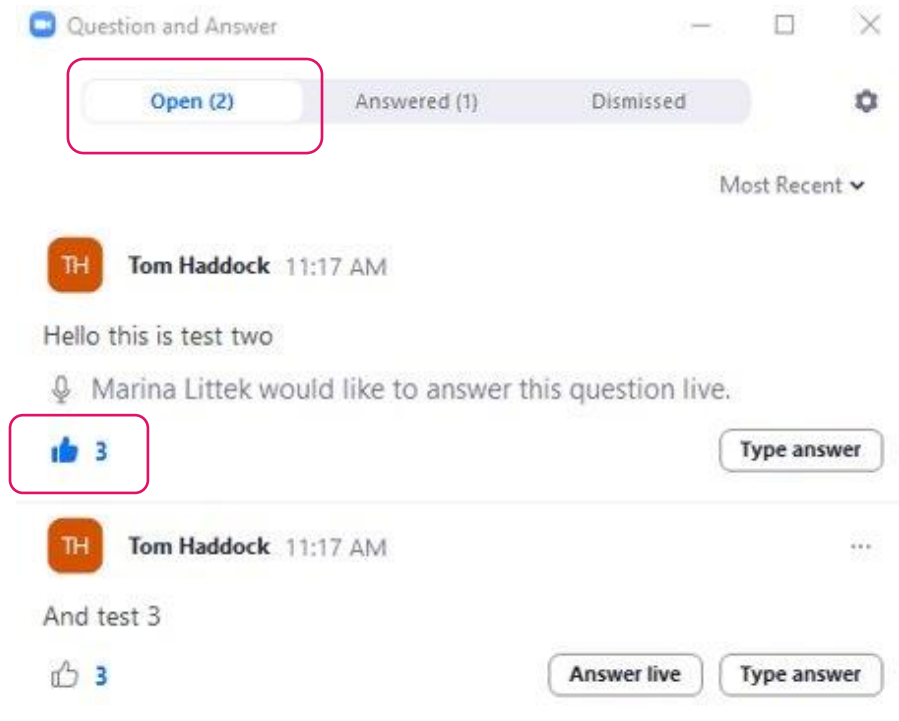


# How to use the Q&A

1) Type down your questions



2) Vote up the questions





# Pilot Cities Programme

The Bootcamp - kicking off the PCP



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# Why the Bootcamp?

- Kicking off the PCP journey
- Providing you with advice, guidance and support, with opportunities to refine proposals, at this early stage of Pilot City journey
- Ensuring maximum impact and connectivity to your overall Mission journey
- An intensive kick-off period journey that will enable:
  - Relationship building with each other – ideally you don't just build knowledge but through interacting with each other strengthen ties among cities and representatives
  - Peer-to-peer exchange – share your challenges, barriers and solutions with each other, as well as experiences.
  - Learning from invited subject specialists across the NZC PCP Consortium
  - Progression from analysis and understanding of strategic and broad challenge themes to addressing individual challenges and barriers.
  - Finalise your grant agreement





# A draft outline: three events

- **w/c 22 Jan Pilot Cities announced**
- **Event 1:** Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 February – online event
- [in this period, also one-to-one check-in with CA & NZC experts on your application and what's behind it]
- **Event 2:** Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 February – online event
- **Event 3:** Wednesday 20-Friday 22 March – in-person event, location TBC
- [plus ongoing one-to-ones with CA & NZC experts]







# Event 1: Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 February online event

- Half-day events
- Get to know one another
- Get to know the PCP support infrastructure
- Develop an understanding of cross-cutting areas of work/concepts and methodologies/tools for accelerating impact & learning - applicable across the PCP and beyond
- Ask questions of subject experts
- Share your own knowledge, tools and case studies with each other





# Event 2: Weds 28 and Thursday 29 February

## online event

- Half-day events
- Focus on peer learning: Continue journey of getting to know other cities on PCP
- An opportunity to get to know the first cohort of PCP cities, their projects, challenges, barriers and solutions.
- Opportunity to ask first cohort of PCP cities questions about their projects and their experiences





# Event 3: Wednesday 20-Friday 22 March

## in-person event

- Two or two-and-a-half day event
- Bringing the cities together to meet strengthen relationships
- Presenting your own projects to peers and invited subject experts for a deep dive discussion of challenges, experiences and solutions
- Deep dives into common challenge areas and case studies from invited subject experts
- One-to-one hands-on support from CA's and invited subject experts
- Socialising and networking





# Event 3: Wednesday 20-Friday 22 March

## in-person event

### Practicalities

- We're currently exploring providing financial support to attend the Boot Camp on a reimbursement model basis – details of which are tbc
- Number of representatives up to the city, we suggest two people per city
- Location to be announced – but please mark the dates!





# Feedback on Bootcamp 1

- ‘it has brought some new ideas and insights that were left out before, which was great.’
- ‘Good to have an opportunity to present our challenges and to get instant feedback from experts.’
- ‘It was very useful to discover projects working on similar topic, we got contacts that we activated after (we will meet soon with German cities and Lahti).’
- ‘A lot of our challenges are rooted into our system and it takes a lot of thinking, debating, trying to find possible and realistic solutions. Thus would be great to have *longer face to face meetings* with specific experts.’
- ‘In the summer school we have seen, that an *in person* meeting and coaching with workshops to solve together the questions cities have - is really helpful and the discussions among the cities are better than only in the online chat’





# Q&A

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# Pilot Cities Programme

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# NZC Twin City call

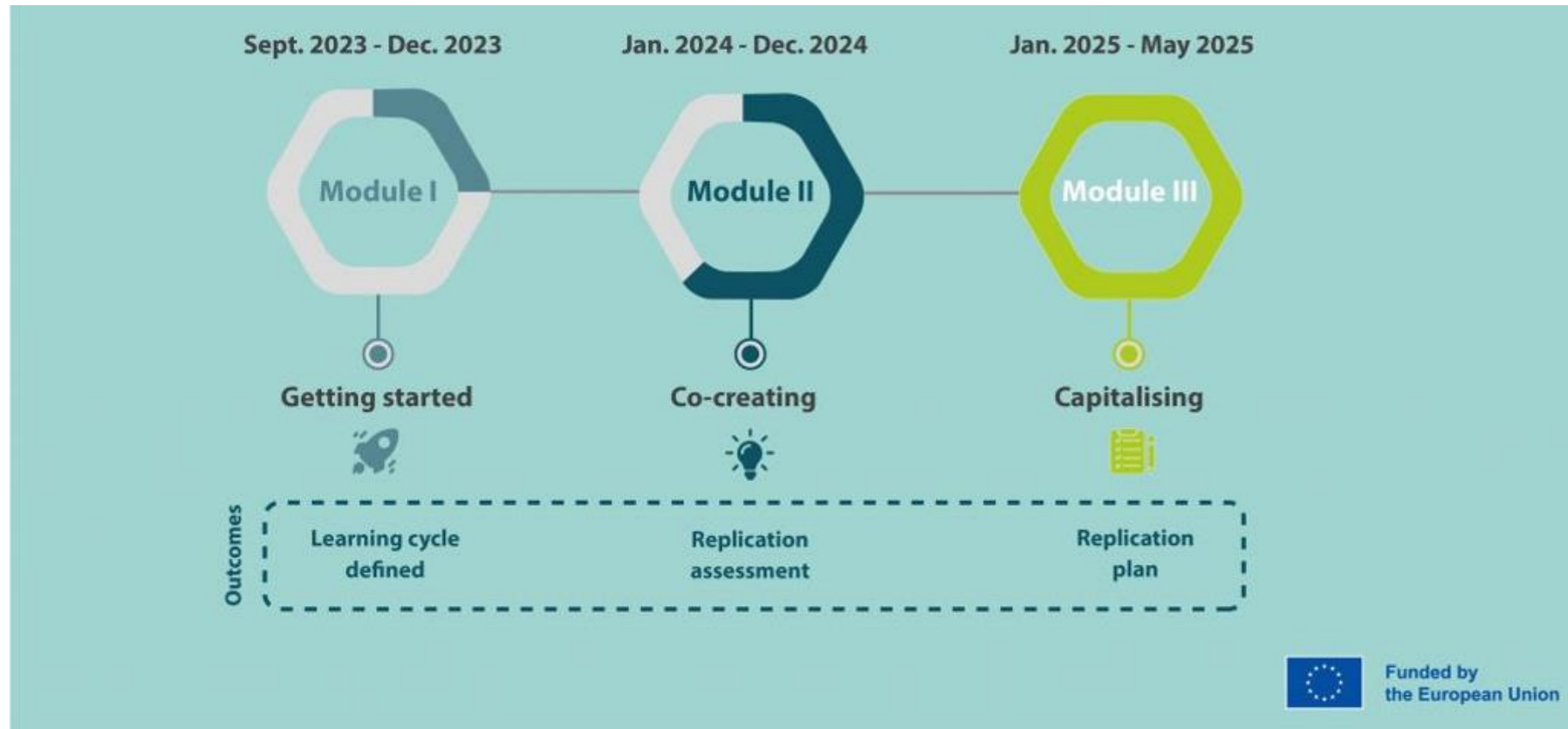
- Subsequent to the Pilot City call (Cohort 2) – forthcoming in Spring 2024
- Open call for 2 months
  - ✓ Application form
  - ✓ Pilot City profiles (available online)
- Applications are evaluated in a three-staged process
  - 1) Eligibility criteria
  - 2) Quality evaluation
  - 3) Strategic selection and matching – based on thematic consistency between Pilot and Twin cities, common challenges and learning needs.







# Twinning Learning Programme (TLP)



*Infographic from NZC Twinning Learning Programme (Cohort 1 Twin and Pilot Cities) – 2023-2025*



# What is expected from Pilot Cities (I) ?



**Before**

- Contribute to the development of **Pilot City profiles**



Multi-City Pilot Activities

 GERMANY CoLAB - Convergence for Local Climate Action Building	 ITALY Let'sGoCity - Accelerating the Transition through Pilot Actions	 NETHERLANDS Dutch FUTURE Cities Pilot
 POLAND NEST - Resilient Resilient and Environmentally Sustainable Territories	 SLOVENIA UPSCALE Urban Pilots - Systemic Change Amid Livable Environments	 SPAIN Multi-stakeholder Innovations & Systemic Solutions for Urban Regeneration Spain

**After**

- Contribute to the final stage of selection process (stage 3: matching) – **consultation period**



# What is expected from Pilot Cities (II) ?



## General objectives

- Knowledge sharing with your respective Twin Cities (e.g. provide insights, two-way learning exchange)
- Capacity building and mentoring of Twin Cities' replication efforts of your pilot activities
- Community building

## In practice

- Actively engage in the learning journey (online and on-site modules) over the course of 20-months
- Travel budget: TLP budget covers only 1 site visit from 1 city representative from the Pilot City.
- Hosting visits: we recommend allocating budget from your PCP grant for additional visits and to cover host site-visits:
  - EUR 900 per 1 person per trip
  - EUR 600 per hosting costs





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# Summary

- Prepare / navigate (recommendations):
  - **Register** with the Submission system – familiarise yourself with the set-up and invite collaborators. Read the guidance. Ask questions!
  - **Attend** the webinar
  - Download the **templates** and share with colleagues / collaborators.
- Support:
  - [pilotcities@netzerocities.eu](mailto:pilotcities@netzerocities.eu)
    - Feel free to consult the [Technical Guidance Document here](#) or use the system's ticketing system if you have any technical issues/questions
  - [twincities@netzerocities.eu](mailto:twincities@netzerocities.eu)





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