

NetZeroCities supports European cities to drastically cut down greenhouse gas emissions **to achieve climate neutrality by 2030.**

NetZeroCities manages the Mission Platform of the EU's Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission.



How does NetZeroCities support the EU Mission for Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities?

Cities are leading on climate action but still face significant structural barriers. NetZeroCities provides cities with world-class expertise and services tailored to their needs to help them identify the root causes that hinder climate action at scale, and create better lives for citizens, their children and the planet.



CONTEXT



Europe has pledged to lead on climate action and has set forth ambitious goals and directives to achieve that commitment. The Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe research and innovation programmes, the European Green Deal and other European Union policies and directives propel European Member States towards a **55% cut in emissions** by 2030 and **climate neutrality** by 2050.

In this context, **EU cities have a key role to play** in achieving climate neutrality faster and ensuring our decarbonisation efforts are equitable and contribute to the well-being of European communities.



Cities take up only **4% of the EU's land area**, but they are home to **75% of EU citizens**.



Cities consume over **65% of the world's energy** and account for more than **70% of global CO2 emissions**.



DID YOU KNOW?

Climate neutrality "refers to the idea of achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions by balancing those emissions, so they are equal (or less than) the emissions that get removed through the planet's natural absorption", according to the definition by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.



OBJECTIVES



Develop an approach to support climate-neutral transformation in cities



Help cities build capabilities and ways of working to advance systemic change using innovation



Forge a platform for cities to use for all services & expertise critical to climate neutrality



Facilitate a pipeline of cities accelerating towards climate neutrality

TOOLS & SERVICES

NetZeroCities works as a **One-Stop-Shop providing resources to help cities accelerate their journey towards 2030 climate neutrality**. We help cities amplify their capacities by providing knowledge and expertise, advancing a culture of transformative change, long-termism, strategic innovation, and systems thinking.



**Systemic
change**



**Citizen
engagement**



**Democratic
governance**



**Social
innovation**



**Capital &
financial
structuring**



**Online
portal**



**Access to
world-class
experts**



**Climate
City
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