



## Supporting all cities in Europe towards climate neutrality by 2050

*Accelerate your city's Climate Neutrality journey with the Cities Mission and support from the Mission Platform NetZeroCities !*

Are you a city in Europe eager to fast-track your transition to climate neutrality? Join us and learn from the pioneering work of 112 cities committed to becoming climate neutral by 2030.

### 112 cities are working to becoming climate neutral by 2030

Europe has pledged to become the first climate-neutral continent by 2050, and has set forth ambitious goals and directives to achieve that commitment, as part of the European Green Deal. Recognising the key role of cities in the transition, **the European Commission is supporting 112 cities in Europe to becoming climate neutral by 2030** in the context of the EU Mission for Climate Neutral & Smart Cities.

Supported by the Mission Platform, managed by the NetZeroCities consortium, cities are receiving tailor-made advice and support, developing Climate City Contracts (which include a Commitment document, an Action Plan, and an Investment Plan) to realise their objectives, and amplifying their capacities through experimentation in strategic innovation, leveraging their own local ecosystems and connecting with other levels of governance.

### Extending support to all other cities in Europe

The Mission Platform, supporting the work of the 112 mission cities, is **now extending part of its support to any European city aiming to achieve climate neutrality by 2050 at the latest**. Engage today to unlock tailored resources and guidance, accelerating your city's path towards sustainability and reaping the benefits of targeted support.

This work intends to complement existing initiatives such as the Covenant of Mayors, CIVITAS, Scalable Cities, the Intelligent Cities Challenge, the Smart Cities Marketplace, the Circular Cities and Regions Initiative, and others, with additional support by opening up the learnings of the Mission Cities to those who want to follow suit.

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<sup>1</sup> Cities in the EU or in Horizon Europe Associated Countries are eligible to take part

Through this programme, you will be able to:

- **Learn from the approaches implemented by Mission Cities.**
- **Engage in online peer discussion groups with Mission cities**, and through a series of online meetings focused on different domains of climate action (ie. buildings, energy consumption, transport, waste management, etc.) and systemic levers of change (citizen engagement, social innovation, governance and policy, etc.). The peer discussion groups will allow you to get familiar with the main elements of the Mission Cities' work, and to learn from inspiring examples.
- **Gain access to the NetZeroCities portal and its wealth of resources**, including a knowledge repository and an online capability building programme. The NetZeroCities [online portal](#) is the One-Stop-Shop for local governments wanting to accelerate their transition towards climate neutrality. If you have not registered yet, do so now!
- **Participate in national engagement events** across various countries, providing invaluable networking and learning opportunities.
- **Participate in exclusive city-to-city exchanges.** Cities who have already set climate neutrality targets (other criteria may apply) will be able to join dedicated group study visits or bilateral city-twinning exchanges with Mission cities, focused on different aspects of the transition such as setting up a transition team within the municipality, co-designing a portfolio of climate actions, and developing an action plan – starting in 2025.
- **Benefit from a dedicated helpdesk** to guide you in the use of the NetZeroCities portal, providing expert guidance and support
- **Use a city-readiness self-assessment tool on the NZC portal to discover learning pathways** tailored to your city's needs and goals – currently under development.

*A first opportunity to engage is already available through the already existing [Twinning Programme](#), open for applications between 08 April and 31 May – see more at [this link](#). The Twinning Learning Programme is designed to support replication and learning, by matching Twin Cities to cities participating in the Pilot Cities Programme. Twin Cities will benefit from Pilot Cities experience in testing systemic approaches to decarbonising one or more emissions domains, including the deployment and/or scaling up of Research & Innovation solutions.*

## Who is This Programme For?

The support is tailored for cities across Europe committed to advancing their journey towards climate neutrality, regardless of their current level of commitment.

Whether your city is already actively pursuing ambitious climate targets or just beginning to explore the possibilities, our programme offers invaluable access to information and support to propel you forward.

However, some activities such as city twinnings and study visits directly connecting Mission Cities and other cities will have some eligibility criteria (such as having already taken a pledge to becoming climate neutral by 2050 at the latest, for example, through the Covenant of Mayors or other European or National-level initiatives).

No matter your level of commitment, NetZeroCities is committed to helping cities across Europe navigate their unique paths towards climate neutrality.

## How can you help us design activities that match your needs?

**As cities embark on the journey towards climate neutrality under varying conditions and at different stages, we have developed a needs-assessment survey that is currently open until 17 May.**

Filling in the survey shouldn't take more than 25 minutes.

This survey isn't just another task on the to-do list – it's a chance for your cities to actively shape the direction of our support activities. By sharing your insights, you will play a crucial role in guiding the development of our initiatives, ensuring they're tailored to meet the unique needs of each local communities.

Access our survey [here](#).

For any questions, please contact: [infocities@eurocities.eu](mailto:infocities@eurocities.eu)

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