



NET ZERO CITIES

Framework Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

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Abbreviations and acronyms

Acronym	Description
WP	Work Package
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NZC	NetZeroCities
PCP	Pilot City Programme
SGA-NZC	Specific Grant Agreement n°1 to Scale the Cities Mission Platform

Summary

This document is the deliverable 6.2 Framework Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) under SGA-NZC Work Package (WP) 6: Partnerships, Policy and Networks. This WP aims at identifying synergies and establishing partnerships between NetZeroCities' activities, including the Pilot City Programme (PCP), and other EU-funded projects and initiatives. This deliverable serves as an instrument to formalise collaboration between parties and to enforce the following two-fold purpose:

- **Collaboration and exchange** between parties to actively facilitate collaboration and knowledge exchange in the case of synergies and opportunities between projects and their respective activities. The aim is to contribute to the NetZeroCities project's goal for sharing innovative solutions and best practices across Europe and to/with relevant EU-funded initiatives and projects.
- **Avoidance of unnecessary overlap** by seeking to identify and mitigate potential overlaps between EU-funded project activities. The shared aim is to optimise the use of EU resources and prevent duplication of efforts.

The deliverable is composed of the following documents:

- A **Framework Memorandum of Understanding** for establishing a collaboration with NetZeroCities. It is intended to be a high-level agreement setting out the intentions.
 - o This document outlines the commitment and legal basis for collaboration.
 - o The Framework MoU contains an Annex, a Collaboration Agreement template, in which the collaboration is further detailed.
 - o As a Framework, it will operate as a living document, which will continue to develop with NetZeroCities and other relevant EU funded projects and initiatives, particularly through the Cities Mission.
- A **Collaboration Agreement template** in Annex, that defines the scope of the collaboration expected in the Framework MoU between the parties.

It is a deliberate and strategic decision to distinguish between the Framework MoU and the Collaboration to lighten the administrative burden and speed up the partnership process.

Keywords

NetZeroCities, Framework MoU, Horizon Europe, Horizon projects, Cities Mission, PCP, Pilot Activities, Collaborative Partnerships, EU-Funded Projects, EU-Funded Initiatives Synergies, Climate Neutrality, Sustainable Urban Development, Memorandum of Understanding, Knowledge Exchange, Collaboration Agreements, European Commission, Mission Economy, Climate Action

2 Introduction

Deliverable 6.2 plays a crucial role in ongoing efforts to establish partnerships and identify synergies. This deliverable holds particular significance in the broader context of NetZeroCities and the overarching objectives of the Cities Mission, as a pragmatic instrument that aligns with our commitment to achieve climate neutrality by 2030 in the cities part of the EU Mission and beyond.

Operational Context

In tandem with the operational steps outlined below, Deliverable 6.2 operates as a pillar. It guides us through a systematic process to map EU-funded projects and initiatives, identify overlaps with NetZeroCities' activities, including the Pilot Activities, curate relevant synergies, and formalize collaborations through the signing of the Framework MoU.

Operational Steps

Mapping and Database Integration:

- **Step 1:** The process begins with a detailed mapping of EU-funded projects and initiatives, integrated into a dedicated database (T6.1). This database establishes a practical link with the Mission Cities database, offering a clear overview of both broader initiatives and specific Mission, Label and Pilot Cities.

Overlap Identification and Table Creation:

- **Step 2:** Building on the mapped data, the next step involves identifying overlaps between NetZeroCities activities in Mission Cities – with a dedicated view for the PCP – and other EU-funded projects and initiatives. This leads to the creation of a practical table, illustrating the correlation between Mission (and Pilot) Cities, their respective (Pilot) Activities, and the spectrum of EU-funded projects and initiatives outlined in the mapping.

Curation and Selection of Synergies:

- **Step 3:** Moving beyond identification, manual curation and selection of relevant synergies become essential. The focus shifts to pinpointing EU-funded projects and initiatives that align practically with specific (Pilot) Activities, a critical aspect in shaping meaningful collaborations. This step is also informed by insights gained during the exploratory meeting held between NetZeroCities and the potential partners, ensuring that practical synergies are identified and incorporated into the overall collaboration framework.

Framework MoU and Collaboration Agreement:

- **Step 4:** At the core of this practical process is the signing of the Framework MoU for collaboration and partnership with NetZeroCities. Encompassing both the broader initiative and the PCP, the Framework MoU operates as a living document. It captures the evolving landscape of partnerships, with Deliverable 6.2 acting as a practical tool in formalising these collaborations.
- **Step 4bis:** During or after the signing of the MoU, the Collaboration Agreement associated with each MoU is completed by the parties to record the details of the established partnership and serves as a reference for the scope of the collaboration.

Deliverable 6.2 serves as a practical instrument in our collective endeavour to shape impactful collaborations and synergies. As we navigate the practical terrain of sustainable urban development, this deliverable marks a crucial step toward realising the vision of climate-neutral cities across Europe.

The Framework MoU is intentionally established within NetZeroCities as a collective entity, rather than individually with the Mission Cities. This strategic decision aims to prevent cities from being overloaded

and flooded with collaboration requests, ensuring a streamlined and manageable process. NetZeroCities assumes the role of a central curating point, strategically positioned to facilitate collaboration at the city level. By consolidating partnerships under the overarching framework of NZC, we enhance efficiency and avoid placing undue burdens on individual cities. This approach allows for a more organised and coordinated effort, ensuring that collaborative initiatives align seamlessly with the goals of NetZeroCities, the participating cities within the Mission and the overall objectives of the Cities Mission.

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Memorandum of Understanding NetZeroCities & [Name of organisation]

MoU Reference: YYMMDD_NZC-[Project Acronym]

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3 Background Information

1.1. What is an MoU?

A Memorandum of Understanding is a formal document that establishes a cooperative relationship between two or more parties. It outlines the intentions, roles, and objectives of the collaborating entities, setting the foundation for future detailed agreements. An MoU is less binding than a contract but signifies a serious commitment to move forward with a partnership. It serves as a preliminary agreement to define the basic terms of a collaboration, laying the groundwork for more formal agreements, such as a Collaboration Agreement (CA), which details the specific activities and commitments.

1.2. Why is it important?

An MOU is important because it captures the essence of a partnership, providing a clear framework for the collaboration. It demonstrates a mutual understanding and agreement on the general terms of the partnership, which is crucial for building trust and alignment between the parties. By defining the scope, goals, and responsibilities, an MoU helps prevent misunderstandings and conflicts, facilitating smoother cooperation. It also serves as a tangible record of the parties' intentions and can be a useful reference throughout the collaboration.

1.3. What is the Collaboration Agreement?

The Collaboration Agreement (CA) is a detailed document that outlines the specific activities, contributions, and commitments of the partnering organisations within the framework established by the MoU. While the MoU sets the stage for collaboration by establishing the partnership's broad objectives and terms, the CA delves into the specifics, detailing the operational aspects of the partnership. This includes the roles and responsibilities of each party, the specific projects, or initiatives to be undertaken, timelines, resource allocation, and mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation. The CA is crucial for ensuring that all parties have a clear understanding of their contributions and the expected outcomes of their collaboration.

1.4. What is the purpose?

The purpose of these documents, the MOU and the Collaboration Agreement, is to formally establish a cooperative framework between parties, aimed at achieving shared objectives. The MOU signifies the intent to collaborate and outlines the general terms of the partnership, while the CA provides the specific details of the collaboration. Together, these documents facilitate effective and efficient cooperation by clearly defining the expectations, roles, and responsibilities of each party. They are instrumental in ensuring that all parties are aligned with the collaboration's goals, thereby maximising the potential for successful outcomes.

These drafts are designed to offer clarity on the nature and significance of both the MoU and the Collaboration Agreement, as well as their respective purposes in establishing and detailing a partnership.

4 NetZeroCities

NetZeroCities is a consortium consisting of partners from 27 European countries, managing presently the EU Cities Mission “[100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030](#)” platform. It is coordinated by [EIT Climate-KIC](#), Europe’s largest public-private innovation partnership focused on climate innovation to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

NetZeroCities supports the 112 European cities selected by the European Commission to join the EU Cities Mission in drastically reducing their greenhouse gas emissions to achieve climate neutrality. It works as a service-oriented platform supported by world-class practitioners to help cities overcome the current structural, institutional and cultural barriers they face in order to achieve climate neutrality by 2030.

NetZeroCities aims to enable European cities and citizens to show the way forward towards an inclusive, thriving, climate resilient and sustainable future. To do so, it tailors advanced capabilities related to systemic change, citizen engagement and democratic governance, capital and financial structuring, and social innovation, to ensure cities have access to the best expertise available anywhere in the world.

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FRAMEWORK MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Climate-KIC Holding B.V, as the Coordinator of SGA-NZC project (Specific Grant Agreement n°1 to Scale the Cities Mission Platform, Grant number 101121530) representing the **NetZeroCities, the Cities Mission Platform** (“NetZeroCities”), located at:

Plantage Middenlaan 45, 1018DC Amsterdam, Netherlands registered in the Netherlands, No: 63299658 (“Climate-KIC”)

and

[Coordinator organisation name], as the Coordinator of the [project name] project (“the Project”) [full title of project, Grant Number X], located at:

[insert address]

Both of the above are collectively known as the “Parties”.

TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING:

Background

1. Climate-KIC is a Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC), working to accelerate the transition to a global zero-carbon economy. Supported by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology, Climate-KIC identifies and supports innovation that helps society mitigate and adapt to climate change. Climate-KIC believes that a decarbonised, sustainable economy is not only necessary to prevent catastrophic climate change but presents a wealth of opportunities for business and society.
2. Set up under the auspices of the European Commission and the EU Green Deal (via the CINEA), NetZeroCities is the Platform supporting the EU Mission for “100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030” and is coordinated by Climate-KIC. The aim of the platform is to help Europe in its ambition to achieve climate neutrality by providing cities with world-class expertise and services tailored to their needs, to ensure the 100 cities act as experimentation and innovation hubs to enable all European cities to follow suit by 2050.
3. [Counterparty to insert introductory statement introducing their organization] and the project/initiative they represent].
4. This Memorandum of Understanding (“Memorandum”) is to ensure:
 - a. **Collaboration and exchange:** The Parties commit to actively facilitating collaboration and knowledge exchange as per the specifications outlined in their co-signed Collaboration Agreement. The aim is to contribute to the NetZeroCities (NZC) project’s goal for sharing innovative solutions and best practices.

- b. **Avoidance of unnecessary overlap:** The parties pledge to identify and mitigate potential overlaps between their respective activities and other relevant initiatives. The shared aim is to optimize the use of resources and prevent duplication of efforts.
5. This Memorandum is created with goodwill and the intent to have a shared understanding of the framework for an effective collaboration between the Parties. The Parties share the same purpose of solving climate challenges, therefore constituting the foundation of this partnership, and will contribute as specified in their Collaboration Agreement in Annex 1 of this Memorandum of Understanding.
 6. The Parties wish to record their willingness to cooperate and, subject to further review, express their intention to enter into more definitive agreements and arrangements in the future. Any cooperation on additional activities/events or any other arrangements not covered by the initial agreement must be concluded in separate specific collaboration agreements between the Parties.
 7. As a second step, after signing this Memorandum, a Collaboration Agreement between Climate-KIC, representing NetZeroCities, and [coordinator organisation], representing [project/initiative], will be established and signed by each Party, in order to define the scope of the collaboration expected in this Memorandum. The template of a Collaboration Agreement is annexed to this Memorandum of Understanding as Annex 1.
 8. By signing the given Collaboration Agreement, parties commit to becoming contributors to the dynamic of NetZeroCities.

Duration

9. The Parties consent to the Memorandum with the explicit goal of entering in a long-term partnership.
10. This Memorandum is valid for the period of time through which the parties' activities are undertaken (hereby referred to as "the Term"). After the Term, the Parties will decide on whether the collaboration was successful according to the agreed-upon conditions. If the collaboration is deemed successful, both Parties will continue to build the relationship and collaboration.
11. If either of the Parties decides to withdraw from this Memorandum, it should officially inform the other Party in writing at its earliest convenience.
12. This Memorandum can only be revoked by Climate-KIC, acting on behalf of NetZeroCities, at any time and under the following circumstances:
 1. **Either Party does not effectively engage with the agreed conditions of this Memorandum within the Term;**
 2. **Either Party has been found guilty of gross misconduct.**

Confidentiality

13. All information in whatever form or mode of communication, which is disclosed by a party (Disclosing Party) to any other party (Recipient) in connection with this Memorandum during its implementation and which has been marked as "confidential" at the time of disclosure, or which the Recipient can reasonably be expected to regard as confidential information, is "Confidential Information". Confidential Information does not include any information that is in the public domain other than as a result of breach of this Memorandum, is known to or has been developed by the Recipient independently of this Memorandum or is required to be disclosed pursuant to applicable law.
14. The Parties hereby undertake not to use Confidential Information, otherwise than for the purpose for which it was disclosed, and not to disclose Confidential Information without the prior written consent of the Disclosing Party. Recipients shall be responsible for the fulfilment of the

above obligations on the part of their employees or third parties to whom Confidential Information is disclosed.

15. The confidentiality obligations above are legally binding.

Data Protection

16. The Parties will comply with applicable data protection laws, including the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, any local legislation implementing such directives, local legislation to a similar effect or covering the same topic, and in each case, as such law may be amended, supplemented and replaced from time to time.
17. Each Party will obtain the informed, clear and explicit and appropriate consent of any data subject whose personal data (within the meaning of applicable legislation) it transfers under this Memorandum to the processing of such data by the other party.
18. The Parties will take such technical and organisational steps as are necessary to ensure that all personal data acquired in connection with this Memorandum of Understanding shall only be processed to the extent and in such manner as is necessary for the performance of the activities envisaged by this Memorandum.
19. The data protection obligations above are legally binding.

Miscellaneous

20. This Memorandum will be effective when it has been signed by both parties.
21. Any commitments made under this Memorandum are subject to each party's availability and approval of funds, delivery priorities and internal approval processes and procedures. Nothing in this Memorandum, in and of itself, obligates either party to expend appropriations or enter into any definitive document, contract, financial, legal or other obligation.
22. The administration and funding of each party's participation in the delivery of this Memorandum is the responsibility of each party.
23. No one other than a party to this Memorandum, their successors and permitted assignees, shall have any right to enforce any of its terms. This paragraph is legally binding.
24. By signing this Memorandum, [Counterparty] represents, warrants and undertakes that have read and will comply with the Ethical Standards for Climate-KIC Contractual Counterparties available at <https://www.climate-kic.org/policies>.
25. With the exception of the Confidentiality and Data Protection sections, this Memorandum is not legally binding and does not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable by law or equity against either of the parties. It expresses the mutual intent of the Parties to collaborate on a shared purpose based on trust.
26. This Memorandum and any dispute or claim (including non-contractual disputes or claims) arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Netherlands. Both parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Netherlands for all purposes relating to this Memorandum of Understanding. This paragraph 6 under Miscellaneous is legally binding.

Annexes

- Annex 1: Collaboration Agreement template

SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF:

Climate-KIC Holding B.V., representing NetZeroCities

Name:
Position:

Done at [place] on [date]

Signature:

and

[Coordinator organisation name], representing [project name]

Name:
Position:

Done at [place] on [date]

Signature:

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ANNEX 1

Collaboration Agreement

between

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and

[Coordinator organisation name], as the Coordinator of the [project name] project (“the Project”) [full title of project, Grant Number X], located at:

[insert address]

Both of the above are collectively known as the “Parties”.

WHEREAS

- A. Climate-KIC Holding B.V. is a company duly incorporated under the laws of The Netherlands (number 63299658, VAT number NL 855175588B01), having its registered office at Plantage Middenlaan 45, 1018 DC, Amsterdam, the Netherlands (“**Climate-KIC**”). It is a European knowledge and innovation community, working to accelerate the transition to a zero-carbon economy and a climate-resilient society.
- B. [Counterparty’s organization name, address, city, country, commercial registry and VAT number (if applicable)].
- C. Climate-KIC and [Counterparty], collectively known as the “the Parties”, recognise the alignment of their missions and the opportunities to pursue further the joint collaborative efforts already outlined in the Framework Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) under the reference [MoU reference], within NetZeroCities – the EU Mission Platform for 100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030. It is the Parties’ aspiration to actively contribute to the shared goals of the Cities Mission under the Horizon Europe flagship and support Cities in their journey towards climate neutrality.
- D. The Parties recognise the significance of this collaborative initiative. The Parties are keen to participate and commit to the objectives outlined in the Memorandum under the reference [MoU reference], and to contribute to Cities Mission’s endeavours.

THEREFORE

1. **Scope and Activities**
 - 1.1. **Scope and Activities of the Partner**

1.1.1. [Counterparty] agrees to collaborate and exchange knowledge and practices. [Counterparty] agrees to actively facilitate collaboration and knowledge exchange with NetZeroCities. [Counterparty]'s goal is to contribute to NetZeroCities for sharing innovative solutions and best practices.

1.1.2. [Counterparty] agrees to avoid unnecessary overlap. [Counterparty] agrees to identify and mitigate potential overlaps between its activities and those under NetZeroCities. The shared aim is to optimize the use of resources and prevent duplication of efforts.

1.1.3. The collaboration shall be further specified as follows:

By entering this Collaboration Agreement, [Counterparty] representing [project/initiative] engages to honor, but is not limited to, a minimum of:

- **Yearly coordination meetings:** [number of meetings per year]
- **The following specific contributions:**

Knowledge sharing via the NetZeroCities Portal's Knowledge Repository (mandatory)

[detail of the type of knowledge content to share to NZC Portal]

Specific NetZeroCities Activities (optional)

[e.g. city learning programme, policy labs, regulatory sandboxes, Community of Practice (CoP), summer school, ...]

Specific links or crossovers with the NZC Pilot Cities Programme (PCP) (optional)

[detail of the links or crossovers with the NZC Pilot Cities Programme (PCP), specifying the Pilot Activity and the Pilot Cities]

Specific Project/Area of Collaboration (optional)

[description of the area/project/domain of collaboration]

Partner Cities engaged in the collaboration (optional)

[description of the area/project of collaboration and the city/cities involved]

Other (optional)

[description of other types of contribution]

1.2. Scope and Activities of NetZeroCities

1.3. Monitoring and Evaluation

1.3.1. The Parties will jointly decide on a format for tracking the progress of the collaboration.

1.3.2. The Parties will jointly decide on KPIs for the monitoring and evaluation of the success of the collaboration.

1.4. Contact Points

1.4.1. Primary contact point details for NetZeroCities are further specified as follows:

- Contact Point: [Name of Contact Person]
- Contact Point Email: [Email Address of Contact Person]
- Role and Organisation: [Role in NetZeroCities] at [Organisation name]

1.4.2. Primary contact point details for [Counterparty] are further specified as follows:

- Contact Point: [Name of Contact Person]
- Contact Point Email: [Email Address of Contact Person]
- Role and Organisation: [Role in Project/Initiative] at [Counterparty's organisation name]

2. Term and Termination

- 2.1. This agreement will commence on ... (the **Effective Date**) and shall remain in force until its termination in accordance with this Article.
- 2.2. Either Party may terminate this Agreement without cause by providing ninety (90) days written notice to the other.
- 2.3. Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement in accordance with this Article 2, the obligations in Articles 6, 7 and 8 shall remain in full force and effect.

3. Commitments from the parties

3.1. Commitment from [Counterparty]

To enable the Collaboration, [Counterparty] commits to:

- participate in the Cities Mission under the Horizon Europe flagship, support Cities within the scope of its relevant activities, and to actively participate in NetZeroCities' endeavors.
- [Any other specific commitment]

3.2. Commitment from the NetZeroCities Consortium:

To enable the Collaboration, the NetZeroCities Consortium commits to:

- [Any specific commitment]

3.3. Engagement of resources

To advance the collaboration, the Parties are willing and committed to engage the following resources:

- Make use of existing resources in both Parties: [Y/N]
 - If such resources are mobilised, it will be in the form of
 - For NetZeroCities:
 - For [Project/Initiative name]:
- Raise external resources: [Y/N]
 - If such external resources are necessary, the Parties commit in, but are not limited to, pursuing the following plan:

[plan to engage external resources]

4. Conflicts of Interests

Should individuals working for NetZeroCities and/ or [Counterparty's project/initiative] face any conflicts of interest in operationalizing the Collaboration, they must recuse themselves from participating in any decisions that will affect NetZeroCities and/ or [Counterparty's

[project/initiative].

5. Notices

- 5.1. Notices to NetZeroCities under this Agreement shall be in writing (by e-mail) to [TBD@netzerocities.eu] or by registered letter to its registered office at Plantage Middenlaan 45, 1018DC, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
- 5.2. Notices to [Counterparty's project/initiative] under this Agreement shall be in writing (by e-mail) to this address: [e-mail] or by registered letter to its registered office at: [address].

6. Liability

- 6.1. [Counterparty] shall, to the extent permitted by law, be individually liable for any and all claims, costs, expenses, direct or indirect damages or losses suffered or incurred by Climate-KIC (or any of its affiliates) to the extent that they are directly or indirectly caused by [Counterparty] in connection with this Agreement.
- 6.2. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit or exclude a Party's liability for death or personal injury caused by its negligence or for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.

7. Confidentiality

- 7.1. All information in whatever form or mode of communication, which is disclosed by a Party (the "Disclosing Party") to any other Party (the "Recipient") in connection with this Agreement during its implementation and which has been explicitly marked as "confidential" at the time of disclosure, or which the Recipient can reasonably be expected to regard as confidential information, is "Confidential Information", but Confidential Information does not include any information that is in the public domain other than as a result of breach of this clause, is known to or has been developed by the Recipient independently of this Agreement or is required to be disclosed pursuant to applicable law.
- 7.2. Each party agrees that it will only use the Confidential Information for the purposes of delivering under this Agreement and will exercise no lesser security measures and degree of care in relation to the Confidential Information than it would apply to its own Confidential Information. Each party agrees not at any time during the term of this Agreement nor for 5 years after termination of the Agreement to disclose Confidential Information except to its employees, officers, representatives, subcontractors or agents (who it shall ensure are bound by obligations of confidentiality), or as required by law.

8. Data Protection

The Parties will comply with applicable data protection laws, including the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, any local legislation implementing such directive, local legislation to a similar effect or covering the same topic, and in each case, as such law may be amended, supplemented and replaced from time to time.

9. Amendments

This Agreement may only be changed, modified, amended or supplemented by written amendments or agreements of the parties.

10. Applicable laws and disputes

This Agreement shall be governed solely in accordance with the law of Netherlands and disputes, if the Parties fail to reach an amicable resolution, shall be submitted to the competent court in the district of Amsterdam.

IN VIEW OF WHICH the Parties to this Agreement have executed this Agreement through the signatures of their duly authorised representatives:

SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF:

Climate-KIC Holding B.V., representing NetZeroCities

Name:
Position:

Done at [place] on [date]

Signature:

and

[Coordinator organisation name], representing [project name]

Name:
Position:

Done at [place] on [date]

Signature:

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5 Conclusion

Deliverable 6.2 is not merely a contractual formality but a pivotal instrument shaping the trajectory of collaborative efforts and sustainable urban development. This deliverable encapsulates the essence of our commitment to foster synergies and establish partnerships, within the framework of the NetZeroCities project.

The primary operational objectives of this deliverable are twofold. Firstly, it acts as a catalyst for collaboration and knowledge exchange, ensuring that project and activity synergies are actively pursued. This aligns with NetZeroCities' overarching goal of disseminating innovative solutions and best practices across Europe, contributing to a collective effort in addressing climate challenges.

Secondly, the deliverable addresses the imperative of avoiding unnecessary overlap in EU-funded project and initiative activities. By identifying and mitigating potential redundancies, the shared aim is to optimise the efficient use of EU resources, preventing duplication of efforts and enhancing the overall impact of collaborative initiatives.

The structure of this deliverable, encompassing the Framework MoU and a Collaboration Agreement template, symbolises a commitment to clarity, legal soundness, and adaptability. The Framework MoU, designed to be a living document, evolves in sync with the dynamic landscape of the NetZeroCities project and relevant EU-funded projects and initiatives, notably through the Cities Mission.

In conclusion, this deliverable serves as a cornerstone in the journey towards sustainable, climate-neutral cities across Europe. As NetZeroCities continues to chart new territories in urban development, this document remains instrumental in formalising collaborations, promoting knowledge exchange, and optimising the use of valuable EU resources.