

Join the EU Policy Lab: Shaping the Future of Heating & Cooling and Electrification Policies

Are you working to shape energy policy at the local, national, or EU level? This is your opportunity to directly contribute to key EU-level policies on Heating & Cooling Strategy and the Electrification Action Plan, while ensuring these policies are aligned with evidence-based challenges cities are facing today.

The NetZeroCities EU Policy Lab - a 4-week sprint - is a **problem-set-focused** exercise aimed at **advancing energy system integration**. Rather than discussing abstract policy proposals, we'll focus on **concrete challenges** and how **EU policy changes** can support solutions that work at **local, regional, and national levels**.

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WHY PARTICIPATE?

- **Shape EU Policy:** Provide **targeted feedback** on the **Heating & Cooling Strategy** and **Electrification Action Plan (EAP)** proposals, ensuring they align with the **real needs** of cities and national governments.
- **Align Actions:** Work on **practical, actionable solutions** at the **local, national, and EU levels**, with a focus on **policy coherence** across all governance layers.
- **Real-World Problem Solving:** Participate in **problem sets** like **electricity grid strain, consumer uptake of district heating, and fossil fuel boiler replacement**, and identify **policy changes** that will directly help tackle these issues.

LAB STRUCTURE: A 4-WEEK SPRINT

WEEK 0 - PRE-LAB BRIEFING & DOSSIER - WEEK OF 2 OCTOBER

Get up to speed with a online briefing and **dossier** outlining the EU proposals and key challenges.

WEEK 1 - SESSION 1 - TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 14H00-15:30 CET

Building clarity for stakeholders — Align on **EU-level proposals** and share **real-world challenges** from cities.

WEEK 2 - MID-LAB FREE SESSION - WEEK OF 27 OCTOBER

Peer-to-peer exchanges and **expert office hours** to refine insights and reflect on the key challenges.

WEEK 3 - SESSION 2 - TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER, 10:00-11:30 AM CET

Targeted feedback — Provide **specific feedback** on **EU policies** and identify **national and local actions** needed to complement these proposals.

WEEK 4 - POST-LAB - 10-17 NOVEMBER

Policy Briefing summarising insights from the lab and providing **actionable recommendations** to share with EU institutions.



WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

This lab is designed for **those actively engaged** in **Heating & Cooling** and **Electrification policies & implementation**, including:



City representatives: Municipal actors involved in **energy policy, decarbonisation, or clean energy**, whether your city is in early stages of decarbonising the heating and cooling sector or more advanced.



National stakeholders: Government actors supporting policy-making between national and local level **energy system transition, decarbonisation, or energy policy**.



EU-level policymakers: Engaged with the **EU's Clean Industrial Deal, H&C Strategy, or Electrification Action Plan**.



Energy experts: Professionals with **technical knowledge** who are looking to contribute to **building vertical coherence** from **city to national to EU levels**.



WHY IS THIS LAB DIFFERENT?

This lab takes a **pragmatic, problem-set-focused approach**, addressing **real challenges** cities and national governments face in **implementing EU proposals**. Rather than getting lost in abstract policy discussions, we focus on **how proposed changes** to the **H&C Strategy** and **EAP** can help respond **concrete issues** at **local and national levels**, alongside local and national actions.

WHAT'S THE VALUE FOR YOU?

- Contribute to the **design and refinement** of **EU policies** that will impact your city or national context.
- Collaborate with **other cities, national governments, and EU policymakers** to ensure **policy coherence** across levels.
- **Identify actionable next steps** and **support needed** to help your city or national platform implement solutions that align with **EU-level proposals**.

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