



## A year into the Mission Platform's support offer For Mission-minded cities

All cities from Europe and Horizon-associated countries which would like to accelerate their journey to climate neutrality and are not one of the 112 Mission cities can benefit from peer-learning and support opportunities through the Mission Platform. **Discover our highlights and join the 112 Mission cities on the journey to climate neutrality!**

### NETZEROCITIES' PORTAL



**430+** Mission-minded cities registered

**8+** Tools available to monitor progress and guide cities on the path to climate neutrality, including the [Climate Transition Map](#), [NetZeroPlanner](#) and [Finance Guidance Tool](#).

**1200+** Resources on the [Knowledge Repository](#) across key transition areas

#### Top countries engaged

- Turkey
- Spain
- Sweden
- France
- Poland

And also a vibrant online community to [connect](#) with peer cities, Mission cities and climate practitioners.

### CAPACITY-BUILDING

#### [Design your City's Net Zero Strategy:](#) [Online Planning Lab](#)

NetZeroCities first online course for all cities, *launched in September 2025*:  
6 Modules - 26 experts-led sessions  
**170+ city officers attended the course**

» **Second edition coming in 2026.**

#### [Tool Training Series](#)

*Launched in February 2025:*  
Offering deep-dives into the tools available on the Portal & from key partner organisations  
**4 sessions hosted, 65 Mission-minded cities participated**

» **Series to continue in 2026.**

#### Learning Hub

Revision and addition of **120+** resources in the Knowledge Repository

» **NetZeroCities' new Learning Hub going live Spring 2026.**

### PEER LEARNING AT EU LEVEL

#### Online Discussion Groups

- [The first cohort](#) was finalised in early 2025 and brought together **180+ city representatives** from Mission cities and Mission-minded cities.
- [Cohort 2](#) was launched in September 2025 on new themes: *innovative financing, energy-sector decarbonisation and district heating, the built environment, and citizen engagement and behavioural change.*

» **Cohort 2 technical workshops will be hosted early 2026.**





## PEER LEARNING AT EU LEVEL

### Group Study Visit Cohort 1

A total of 9 Mission-minded cities, represented nearly 30 city delegates, took part in the [Group Study Visits](#) following their engagement in the [first cohort of Online Discussion Groups](#).

Valongo (Portugal), Prague (Czechia), Marmaris (Turkey), Coimbra-Region (Portugal), Lviv (Ukraine), Torres Vedras (Portugal), Debrecen (Hungary), Ústí nad Labem (Czechia), and L'Aquila (Italy). [Get a glimpse inside the visits](#).

3 Mission cities hosted a site visit in 2025:



[Guimarães](#) 16-18 Sept



[Bucharest District 2](#) - 28-30 Oct



[Mannheim](#) 21-23 Oct



“Torres Vedras is working on a climate action plan and we also have the ambition to be climate neutral by 2050. So for us, it's important to learn with a Mission city that is part of the NetZeroCities programme, and to exchange with cities that are more advanced in this issue.” **André Alves, Head of Sustainability and climate action, Torres Vedras (Portugal)**

» [Cohort 2 of Group Study Visits will start in September 2026.](#)

### Twinning Learning Programme Cohort 4



- The [fourth cohort of the Twinning Learning Programme](#) started in December 2025. It brings together **22 Mission-minded cities** with **18 Mission cities**, on a **12-month** mutual learning journey to accelerate transformative climate action.

» [Site visits will take place between February and September 2026 and a cohort 5 is already in the recruiting phase through partner projects.](#)

## PEER-LEARNING AT NATIONAL LEVEL

- NetZeroCities has supported the development of [national platforms](#) in **30+ European and Horizon-associated countries**, engaging with **200+ Mission-minded cities**.
- 50+ events were organised**, including *national events, Community of Practice meetings, national platform workshops, webinars, lunch talks, etc.*, involving Mission-minded cities and national-level stakeholders.

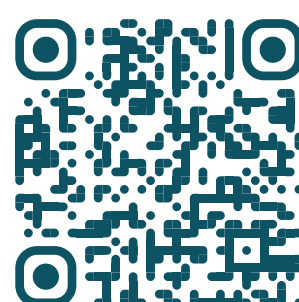
» [NetZeroCities will continue supporting national processes through organising capacity building activities, collaborative actions and events in 2026 and 2027.](#)



## HELPDESK AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

- The Helpdesk hosted **6 cycles of orientation phases** ([step 1 of the onboarding](#)), providing guidance to **100+ Mission-minded cities**, including through [1:1 sessions](#).
- Free [technical support service](#) is now available to all cities.

» [A new cycle of orientation will be hosted throughout 2026 and the technical support work will continue.](#)



Accelerate your city's climate neutrality with the Mission Platform

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