CLIMATE CITY CAPITAL HUB

NET ZERO CITIES

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The neutral platform turning cities' climate ambitions into bankable investments.

WHAT THE HUB IS LOOKING TO SOLVE

Mission Cities have made bold commitments, but ambition alone doesn't fund infrastructure. Cities face a structural financing gap: municipal borrowing is constrained by debt ceilings and fiscal rules; in-house financial structuring capacity is limited; technical assistance is fragmented, and private capital remains hard to mobilise at the city scale.

THE HUB: NEUTRAL BY DESIGN

The Capital Hub doesn't lend money — it makes projects investable and bankable. Operating upstream of banks and public financiers, it applies investment logic early so cities arrive at the financing table ready. It is not a funder with a product to sell: it structures the deal, then connects cities to the right capital.

Financial Structuring — financial modelling, risk allocation and investment structuring.

Ecosystem Coordination — connecting EU programmes, technical assistance and financiers.

Scalable Models — replicable investment architectures built for all Mission Cities.

IMPACT

68	40+	€500M+
live assignments	completed	target by 2027

Across a CAPEX pipeline approaching €2 billion, largely through mobilising private capital.

FLAGSHIP EXAMPLES

Marseille — Sustainable Financing Framework and first sustainability bond issuance.

Malmö — Carbon removal feasibility, certification pathways, investor mapping.

Antwerp — District heating financial model and de-risking analysis.

The Hague — Climate fund governance review and barrier analysis.

Leuven & Bristol — Pipeline design, capital mapping and guarantee mechanisms.

A NATURAL CONVENER IN THE FINANCING ECOSYSTEM

EIB — €19M TA ringfenced; €2B earmarked for Mission City investments; on the Capital Hub Steering Group.

EBRD — formal cooperation launched; joint pipeline alignment; on the Capital Hub Steering Group.

Investor Council — launched with 7 Swedish cities on urban mobility finance.

Capital Hub Investor Panel (CHIP) — standing market-sounding mechanism.

13 City Finance Specialists — embedded in 92 Mission Cities.

12 National Better Funding Dialogues — across 9 countries.

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AHEAD: 2026–2027

Piloting — de-risking models in pioneering cities.

Blended-finance structures — SPVs, city climate funds, ESCO models.

Expanding — to Adaptation Mission cities and regions.

Engage the Hub — The Hub is managed by Bankers without Boundaries (BwB) under the NetZeroCities consortium, with NZC finance partners BwB, CKIC, South Pole, Frankfurt School, TNO and Metabolic.