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# EU MISSIONS

**CLIMATE-NEUTRAL & SMART CITIES**

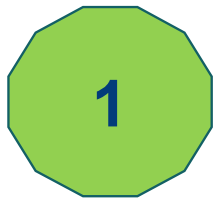
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## OBJECTIVES OF THE CITIES MISSION



Deliver at least 100 climate-neutral and smart European cities by 2030;



Ensure that these cities act as experimentation and innovation hubs to put all European cities in a position to become climate-neutral by 2050.



# SELECTED CITIES (MISSION CITIES)

- 100 EU cities selected from all Member States and of different types (size, current emissions, level of preparedness), representing 12% of the EU population.
- +12 cities from associated countries.

EU27



## Associated countries





## MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE MISSION





## PRIORITIES

1. Climate City Contracts
2. Synergies with other programmes
3. National networks



## REVIEW OF CLIMATE CITY CONTRACTS

- **3 parts:** Main commitments (core contract), Action Plan, Investment Plan
- **Two cut-off dates** per year: April and October
- **Completeness check and review** by all relevant actors, EC and independent experts
- Endorsement by **Mission Manager** → **Award of Mission label**



## Synergies with other EU programmes

- Work in progress
  - **Connecting Europe Facility**: All relevant calls that opened in September 2022 for projects on the TEN-T network (in total more than EUR 5 billion) include participation in the Cities Mission as an award criterion under “priority and urgency”; to be carried on in future calls.
  - **LIFE Strategic Integrated Projects - Climate Action**: Urban or community-based action plans pioneering the transition to climate neutral and/or climate resilient society, including climate-neutral cities plans and actions, for instance in the context of the EU Mission ‘Climate-neutral and smart cities’ and Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans.
  - **Regional Operational Programmes**: References to the Cities Mission in many national and regional programmes, in particular in regions with cities participating in the Cities Mission.
  - **NEW Urban Innovative Action**: References to the Cities Mission and the Adaptation Mission in call topic "greener cities" to be published in June (overall budget EUR 120 million)
  - **NEW European Innovation Council (EIC)**: Call to increase the purchase of innovative solutions by public and private buyers with specific reference to Cities Mission to be opened in June (CSA with a budget of up to EUR 3 million)



## IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL NETWORKS

- Key role for **federal and regional authorities**:
  - Financial and regulatory support much beyond R&I
  - Cross-sectoral (horizontal) and multi-level (vertical) cooperation
  - Involvement as co-signatories of Climate City Contracts
  - Support for non-selected cities
- **Spain, Sweden, Austria, France** and **Greece** already have active national networks
- Support for national networks via the **CapaCITIES project**





## LATEST UPDATES

- **City Advisors** are working with cities
- First **Pilot programme** and **Twinning programme** have started, second **Pilot programme** closed
- **Three summer/winter schools** for Mission cities
- Submission of **Climate City Contracts** for Commission review
- Announcement of **first Mission labels** on 12 October 2023 (during European Week of Cities and Regions)
- **Evaluation of Missions** Communication of 19 July 2023





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# Thank you!

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