





CLIMATE-NEUTRAL & SMART CITIES

**Concrete solutions for our greatest challenges** 

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#### **OBJECTIVES OF THE CITIES MISSION**

1

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

2

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



#### EU MISSIONS

#### **TIMELINE**

Launch of 5 HE Missions

September 2021

Call for Expression of Interest closed

31 January 2022

Mission Platform begins work with cities

13 June 2022











25 November **2021** 

Launch of Call for Expression of Interest

28 April 2022

Announcement of selected cities



# 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 MISSIONS



Rome

#### Associated countries



**ICELAND** 

Thessaloniki



Trondheim



TURKEY



### MISSIONS

## MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE MISSION

#### **Horizon Europe**

#### **Mission platform**

- Run by the NetZeroCities consortium
- Tailor-made technical, regulatory and financial advice
- R&I demonstrators
- Twinning and mutual learning

#### Portfolio of R&I projects

#### **Climate City Contracts**

- Including climate action plan and investment strategy
- Innovative city governance and citizen engagement
- Involvement of European, national and regional level



- Synergies with other programmes
- Help with access to funding and financing





#### LATEST UPDATES

- Kick-off conference 13 June 2022
- Work on Climate City Contracts has started with a series of webinars and development of templates
- City advisers have contacted "their" cities
- Call for Pilot Cities opened on 5 September 2022
- Horizon Europe Work Programme 2023 to be published in November 2022
- New Mission Board in place





#### **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 (launch on 6 October)





#### **SYNERGIES WITH OTHER PROGRAMMES**

- Horizon Europe: EUR 360 million for 3 years
- Other EU programmes, e.g. Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and Digital Europe Programme
- Partnerships: Joint activity planned with Partnerships on zero-emission mobility (2Zero) and connected and automated driving (CCAM)
- Many links with the co-funded partnership "Driving Urban Transitions" (pathways Circular Urban Economies, 15-Minute City, Positive Energy Districts); first call for pre-proposals open until 21 November
- New European Bauhaus: CrAFT project
- Work on investment: European Investment Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, with national development banks and private investors





#### **PRIORITIES**

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













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