



GRAFTING CITIES

Cultivating our common future

Modena

18 - 20 October 2023



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WHAT DOES GRAFTING CITIES MEAN?

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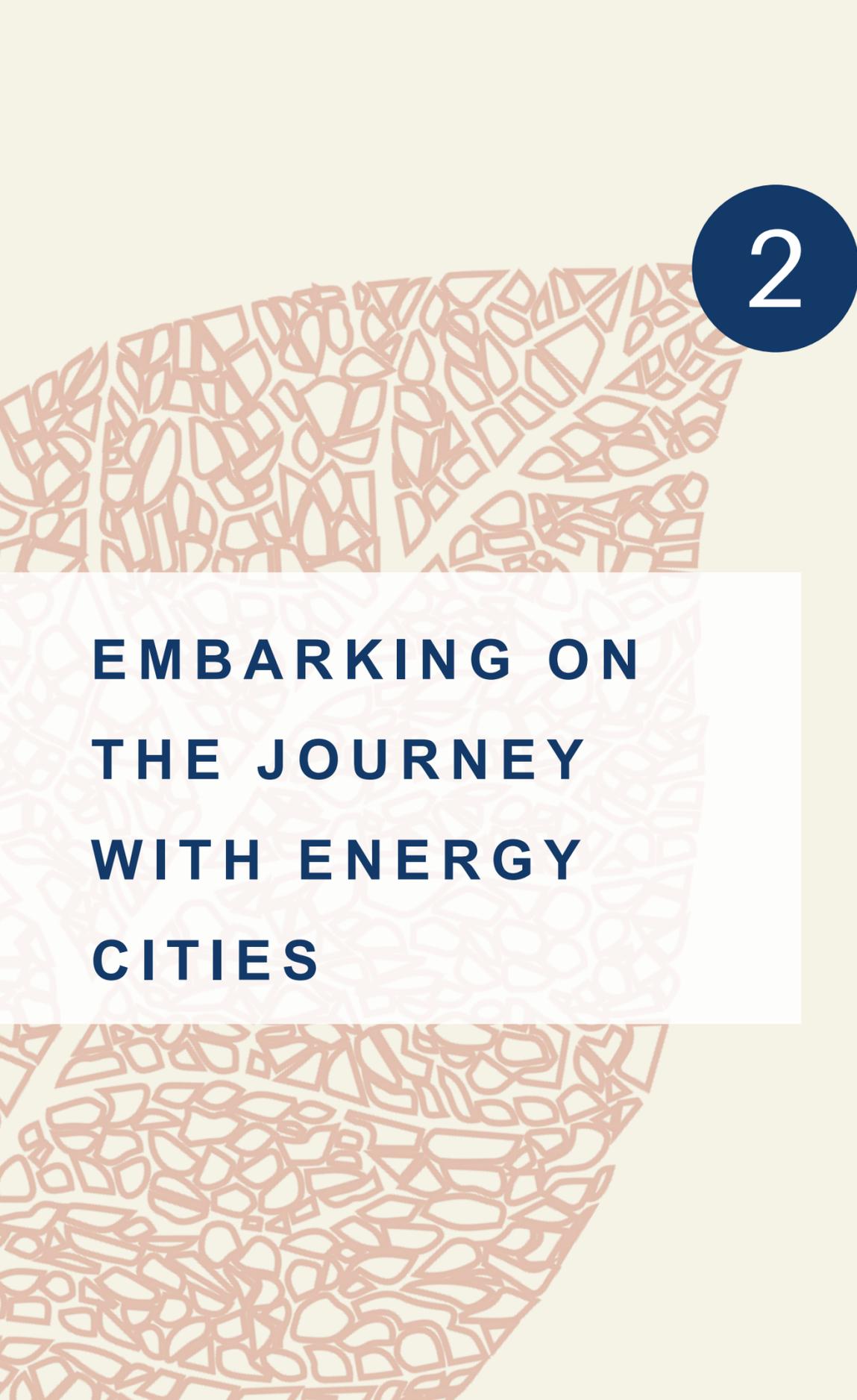
writing a new story for the city's future; reinventing each city based what already exists; revealing how a place can flourish by building on its assets and adjusting them; transforming our cities street by street, house by house and place by place to boost diversity and resiliency.



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WHAT DOES GRAFTING CITIES MEAN?

Grafting Cities is not just a catchphrase; it's a call to action. It embodies the idea of reinventing our cities based on their existing assets and adjusting them to boost diversity and resiliency. Just like grafting in horticulture, where branches from one plant are merged with another to create a stronger, more vibrant hybrid, Grafting Cities envisions writing a new story for a city's future, transforming our cities, street by street, house by house, and place by place.



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**EMBARCKING ON
THE JOURNEY
WITH ENERGY
CITIES**

The **Energy Cities Annual Event** is a unique opportunity to gather our members and close partners. We invite you to join us on this journey, acquiring actionable knowledge on new strategies and tools, creating new inspiring synergies, and fostering reliable partnerships with other cities and key stakeholders.

Taking place from the 18th to the 20th of October 2023 in the city of Modena, this event promises to be an inspiring gathering of municipal representatives from across Europe, ready to chart a path towards a greener and more resilient future.

OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME

TUESDAY OCTOBER 17

14:30

Energy Cities members gather in Milan Centrale station and hop on the train to Modena (offered by Energy Cities) leaving at 15:05.

18:30

Welcome from Modena city in Galleria Europa
(*Piazza Grande, 17*)

19:30

Aperitivo and informal evening in Caffé Concerto
(*Piazza Grande, 26*)

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18

08:30 - 18:30

Energy Cities inspirational day

- Opening plenary in the Chamber of Commerce (*Via Ganaceto, 134*)
- Parallel sessions, walking and bike tours*
- Mayors' voice session in Galleria Europa (*Piazza Grande, 17*)
- Closing plenary in the Chamber of Commerce

19:30

Dinner and nice evening together in Caffé Concerto

THURSDAY OCTOBER 19

09:00 – 13:00

Plenary session "Grafting Cities: Cultivating our common future" in San Carlo Church
(*Via S. Carlo, 7*)

13:00 – 14:00

Networking lunch in Caffé Concerto

15:00 – 17:00

Energy Cities' General Assembly in San Carlo Church

18:00 - 19:00

Public event organized by Modena followed by networking drinks and dinner in San Carlo Church

FRIDAY OCTOBER 20

10:00 - 12:00

Offered breakfast and Learn&Share Area in Laboratorio Aperto - ex AEM
(*Viale Buon Pastore, 43*)

12:00 - 13:30

Guided tours

- Touristic city tour
- Sustainable mobility tour by bike
- Modena urban transformations: walking tour
- Acetaia comunale tour: Taste the beauty of Modena

* The venues of each parallel session and tours are specified in the detailed programme, in the following pages.

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TUESDAY
17/10

15:00 - 21:00



HOP ON THE ENERGY CITIES TRAIN!

Energy Cities offers you the opportunity to spend part of the trip to Modena together! Departure is scheduled on Tuesday 17 October at 15:00 from Milano Centrale train station.

Specific activities will be organised on the carriages exclusively reserved to Energy Cities' members. Train costs are covered by Energy Cities. In Modena, the city will welcome us with a tasty aperitivo and other surprises...

ENERGY CITIES' INSPIRATIONAL DAY

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WEDNESDAY

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09:00 - 18:30

We invite you to join us in an inspirational journey, travelling through some of the “**invisible cities**” depicted in the homonymous novel by the Italian writer Italo Calvino. Calvino imagines a series of fantastical cities, each with its own unique characteristics, stories, and atmosphere. Travelling together, we will approach our most urgent challenges from a different angle, seeking for invisible, though strategic assets and potential in our own respective contexts.

Every “**invisible city**” is associated with an **Energy Cities hub**, whose topics are the threads keeping together the five series of parallel workshops of the day.



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WEDNESDAY
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THE 5 ENERGY CITIES HUBS



Future-proof local
governance



Fossil-free districts
and buildings



Community-led energy
for massive renewable
production



Future-proof food
systems and land policies



Resource-wise and
socially just local
economies

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08:30 - 09:00	Registrations and coffee - Modena Chamber of Commerce, Via Ganaceto, 134						
09:00 - 09:30	Welcome plenary - Modena Chamber of Commerce, Via Ganaceto, 134						
Hub	Local Governance	Fossil-free districts	Community Energy		Food systems	Fair economies	Mayors' voices
Invisible City	<i>Ersilia</i>	<i>Isaura</i>	<i>Andria</i>		<i>Euphemia</i>	<i>Olinda</i>	<i>Thekla</i>
09:30 - 12:00	<p>More cows on the dancefloor: how to activate an ecosystem for change</p> <p><i>San Filippo Neri Hostel, Via Sant'Orsola, 52</i></p>	<p>Propagating city renewal at district level: Which methods to use?</p> <p><i>Chamber of Commerce</i></p>	<p>Energy for the invisible citizen: in search for lasting renewable & fair solutions</p> <p><i>San Filippo Neri Hostel</i></p>	<p>Developing energy communities in Italy by promoting collaborations between municipalities, citizens, SMEs (Part I)</p> <p><i>Chamber of Commerce</i></p>	<p>The table is set: how can we link individual and collective transformation?</p> <p><i>San Filippo Neri Hostel</i></p>	<p>Urban regeneration and vacant spaces: a walking tour through Modena's transformation</p> <p><i>Leaving from Chamber of Commerce</i></p>	// // //
12:00 - 14:00	Networking lunch – Caffé Concerto, Piazza Grande, 26						
14:00 - 15:30	<p>Overcoming silos in city departments to drive a systemic transition to climate-neutrality and resilience</p> <p><i>San Filippo Neri Hostel</i></p>	<p>How to phase-out natural gas in buildings and plan the infrastructures of the future?</p> <p><i>Chamber of Commerce</i></p>	<p>Developing energy communities in Italy by promoting collaborations between municipalities, citizens, SMEs (Part II)</p> <p><i>Chamber of Commerce</i></p>		<p>Building a urban food strategy: How to do it?</p> <p><i>San Filippo Neri Hostel</i></p>	<p>Can cities kick ads? How we can give back public spaces to the people</p> <p><i>Complesso San Paolo, Via Francesco Selmi, 67</i></p>	<p>Mayors speak to mayors: cities building prosperity on strong cooperation and minimum footprint on the planet</p> <p><i>Galleria Europa, Piazza Grande 17</i></p>
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee break						
16:00 - 17:30	<p>Towards climate neutrality: a new digital tool for your city's transition</p> <p><i>San Filippo Neri Hostel</i></p>	<p>Building renovation: a bike tour around the city of Modena</p> <p><i>Leaving from Chamber of Commerce</i></p>	<p>The map it show ! Treasure hunting renewable energy in our cities</p> <p><i>San Filippo Neri Hostel</i></p>		<p>Transforming urban food metabolism at the local level: join the process</p> <p><i>San Filippo Neri Hostel</i></p>	<p>Can cities kick ads? How we can give back public spaces to the people</p> <p><i>Complesso San Paolo</i></p>	<p>Mayors speak to mayors: cities building prosperity on strong cooperation and minimum footprint on the planet</p>
18:00 - 18:30	Conclusions: Revealing what's invisible? - Modena Chamber of Commerce, Via Ganaceto, 134						



FUTURE-PROOF LOCAL GOVERNANCE HUB

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...Travel to Ersilia, where people relations are more real than buildings...

WEDNESDAY
18/10

Sessions details

09:30
12:00

MORE COWS ON THE DANCEFLOOR: HOW TO ACTIVATE AN ECOSYSTEM FOR CHANGE

Let's rethink together the place of citizens and stakeholders that can be seen as an amazing resource to shape pathways towards transition. Take part in lively exchanges inspired by stories from the field.

14:00
15:30

OVERCOMING SILOS IN CITY DEPARTMENTS TO DRIVE A SYSTEMIC TRANSITION TO CLIMATE-NEUTRALITY AND RESILIENCE

Working across silos in city departments is essential to drive the green transition in cities, but also very challenging. Unresponsive departments, lack of synergies, conflicting interests.

16:00
17:30

TOWARDS CLIMATE NEUTRALITY: A NEW DIGITAL TOOL FOR YOUR CITY'S TRANSITION

Does your city know how to achieve climate neutrality? Do you have the tools to implement the right policies? Discover a new webtool designed to help cities determine the right measures for their transitions, [EUCityCalc](#).

 **Venue:** San Filippo Neri Hostel, Via Sant'Orsola 52



FOSSIL-FREE DISTRICTS AND BUILDINGS

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...Travel to Isaura, where an underground lake shapes the city and its culture...

09:30
12:00

PROPAGATING CITY RENEWAL AT DISTRICT LEVEL: WHICH METHODS TO USE?

Can district approaches help cities make a leap in energy transition? With whom do you build the strategy, when and where do you start? Let's explore together a method for facilitating the discussion and connecting local stakeholders!

14:00
15:30

HOW TO PHASE OUT NATURAL GAS IN BUILDINGS AND PLAN THE INFRASTRUCTURES OF THE FUTURE?

The decrease of natural gas consumption is more than urgent: which ready-to-use decarbonised solutions exist for buildings? Will gas grid become stranded assets? Join pioneer cities which identified issues and solutions to resize (downwards) the gas grid for their future needs.

16:00
17:30

BUILDING RENOVATION A BIKE TOUR AROUND THE CITY OF MODENA

Modena is full of opportunities to experience the area by bike. Its physical diversity, with plains, hills and mountains, makes it suitable for the abilities and characteristics of all cyclists. We want to bring you on a bike tour to discover the building renovation process brought forward by the city.

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Sessions details



Venue: Chamber of Commerce, Via Ganaceto 134
The bike tour starts from the Chamber of Commerce



COMMUNITY-LED ENERGY FOR MASSIVE RENEWABLE PRODUCTION

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...Travel to Andria, where the sky and the city meet and co-evolve...

09:30
12:00

ENERGY FOR THE INVISIBLE CITIZEN: IN SEARCH FOR LASTING RENEWABLE & FAIR SOLUTIONS

We will bring together all those who are fighting energy poverty in their everyday work. You'll have the chance to navigate with other city-makers through questions related to housing and health, renewable energy access, summer energy poverty, and gender.

14:00
15:30

DEVELOPING ENERGY COMMUNITIES IN ITALY BY PROMOTING COLLABORATIONS BETWEEN MUNICIPALITIES, CITIZENS, SMES

This session will be in Italian. We will provide participants with experiences, guidance, and proposals for the creation of new energy communities. We will explore different ways to share renewable energy produced locally.

16:00
17:30

THE MAP IT SHOW ! TREASURE HUNTING RENEWABLE ENERGY IN OUR CITIES

For anyone who enjoyed geography at school and in particular working with maps, this session is for you. Anik Lehman-Tron from the Energy Management department of the city of Besançon will be using a huge map to illustrate the solar potential analysis.

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Sessions details

 Venue 1st and 2nd session: Chamber of commerce, Via Ganaceto 134
Venue 3rd session (the last): San Filippo Neri Hostel, Via Sant'Orsola 52



FUTURE-PROOF FOOD SYSTEMS AND LAND POLICIES

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...Travel to Euphemia, the city where you to trade stories beside goods...

09:30
12:00

THE TABLE IS SET: HOW CAN WE LINK INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE TRANSFORMATION?

How can we link individual and collective transformation in sustainable food? What is the role for local authorities? Local governments can act on 4 levers: public procurement, regional planning, education and social innovations. We will explore these 4 levers and discuss how to reinforce them.

14:00
15:30

BUILDING A URBAN FOOD STRATEGY: HOW TO DO IT?

Co-organized by the city of Parma and the UNESCO network of creative cities, this session will delve into the necessary steps to design an effective food policy. We will analyze together concrete example, starting from the experience of cities all over Europe.

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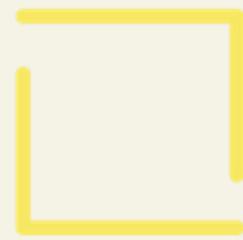
TRANSFORMING URBAN FOOD METABOLISM AT THE LOCAL LEVEL: JOIN THE PROCESS!

Co-organized by Slow Food, the workshop invites cities to reflect on urban food systems transformation, starting from citizens' active involvement in the implementation of effective food policies.

WEDNESDAY
18/10

Sessions details

 **Venue:** San Filippo Neri Hostel, Via Sant'Orsola 52



RESOURCE-WISE AND SOCIALLY JUST LOCAL ECONOMIES

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...Travel to Olinda, the city of colors, where cities grow within the city...

09:30
12:00

URBAN REGENERATION AND VACANT SPACES: A WALKING TOUR THROUGH MODENA'S TRANSFORMATION

The reactivation of vacant spaces and the regeneration of abandoned urban areas is an important means to limit urban sprawl and revitalise a neighbourhood. Come with us on a walk around Modena, to discover the urban transformation of a changing city.

14:00
17:00

CAN CITIES KICK ADS OUT? HOW WE CAN GIVE BACK PUBLIC SPACES TO THE PEOPLE

Advertising encourages people to consume more and more. The consequences are incompatible with the decarbonization we so urgently need. Can we reclaimed our public space from advertising? Lyon (FR) and Haarlem (NL) will tell us about their ban of commercial adv, while Braşov (RO) will explain how they are reclaiming the public domain through the HUB-IN project.

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*The walking tour is starting from the Chamber of commerce, Via Ganaceto 134
Venue of the afternoon session: Complesso San Paolo, via Francesco Selmi 67, Leccio courtyard*

MAYORS' VOICES

DISCUSSION IN 3 GROUPS OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES, SUPPORTED BY EXPERTS AND EXAMPLES OF CITIES

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14:30 - 18:00

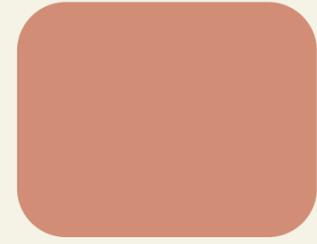


CHANGE

How does the System Change Compass impact municipal services?

How can they be transformed?

How can the EU support?



MOVE

How to mobilize local economic and social actors?

What does it change for municipalities' role?

How can the EU support?



SHARE

How to increase pooling and sharing resources (for an efficient energy use)?

What does it mean for public procurement, for public budget, fiscal rules?

How can the EU support?

 *Venue: Galleria Europa, Piazza Grande 17*

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PLENARY SESSION

GRAFTING CITIES CULTIVATING OUR COMMON FUTURE



THURSDAY
19/10

09:00 - 13:00

- 09:00 – 10:00** Arrival, registrations and coffee
- 10:00 – 10:30** Welcome round table
- 10:30 – 10:45** Setting the scene
- 10:45 – 11:30** Cultivating transformation: Cities setting climate action in motion or Urban transformations to fight climate change
- 11:30 – 11:45** Short break
- 11:45 – 12:45** Revealing the invisible: Cultivating a just transition
- 12:45 – 13:00** Reactions and future perspectives
- 13:00 – 14:30** Lunch

 **Venue:** San Carlo Church, Via S. Carlo 7

THURSDAY
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09:00 - 13:00

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SPEAKERS

OPENING ROUND TABLE

- **Eckart Wurzner** - President of Energy Cities, Mayor of Heidelberg
- **Andreas Wolter** - Co-President of Climate Alliance, Deputy Mayor of Cologne
- **Giancarlo Muzzarelli** - Mayor of Modena, Host of the conference
- **Isadora Spillman-Schappell** - Cities Programme Manager at the UCL Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose

FIRST ROUND TABLE

Cultivating transformation: Cities setting climate action in motion or Urban transformations to fight climate change

- **Carlo Salvemini** - Mayor of Lecce, Italy, ANCI Energy delegate
- **Christine Kugler** - Permanent City Council Member, City of Munich, Germany
- **Mario Rajn** - Mayor of Krizevci, Croatia, Member of the Board Energy Cities
- **Raul Garcia Brink** - Councillor for Environment, climate, energy and knowledge of Gran Canaria, Spain

SECOND ROUND TABLE

Revealing the invisible: Cultivating a just transition

- **Anna Lisa Boni** - Deputy Mayor of Bologna, Italy
- **Eva Schobesberger** - Deputy Mayor, Linz, Austria
- **Allen Coliban** - Mayor of Brasov, Romania
- **Giuseppe Molinari** - President of Modena's Chamber of Commerce

CONCLUSIONS

- **Eero Ailio** - Special Advisor to the Director, Directorate Energy, European Commission
- **Claire Roumet** - Director of Energy Cities
- **Thomas Brose** - Director of Climate Alliance

ENERGY CITIES GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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**THURSDAY
19/10**

15:00 - 17:00



This year's General Assembly will focus on the upcoming European elections 2024, through interactive conversations and debates with Mayors from across Europe. You will also get the chance to elect the **new Energy Cities Board**, which will be in office for three years!

 *Venue: San Carlo Church, Via S. Carlo 7*

LEARN AND SHARE AREA

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**FRIDAY
20/10**

10:00 - 13:30

Want to learn from like-minded people and share experiences? Then you've come to the right place! You can visit a variety of clusters on topics such as sustainable mobility, fighting energy poverty, approaches to climate adaptation, sustainable food systems, sustainable buildings and climate action partnerships. **Want to share your own experiences from your city or town? We want to hear from you! Just let us know via the registration form!**

 *Venue: Laboratorio Aperto, Viale Buon Pastore 43*

Registrations

open

Join us in Modena!

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STAY TUNED!

