

ENERGY CITIES' FORUM 2022

KEEPING OUR LINKS STRONG, BUILDING NEW ONES

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ENERGY CITIES' HUB: FUTURE-PROOF LOCAL GOVERNANCE



ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITIES IN A SOCIAL AND CLIMATE CONTRACT

MAYORS' VOICE | 21ST OF APRIL 2022 | 10:30 - 12:00

Climate neutrality has in the last months become the norm for long-term or even mid-term ambition for local authorities. Whether as part of the 2050 commitment of the Covenant of Mayors for Europe or the European Mission for 100 climate-neutral and smart cities, the decarbonisation of our territories is on the political agenda of all local politicians.

Cities and towns across Europe depart from extremely diverse starting points, very much depending on national administrative, legal and socio-economic circumstances. Nonetheless, there is growing consensus that the journey to climate neutrality and resilience requires the adoption of new agreements or contracts between the different local stakeholders. Called local COP, local climate pact or city-climate-contract, those agreements embed innovative forms of social and economic governance and democracy.

This session will dive into some of the most recent and inspiring examples to identify the key elements as well as challenges to set-up those lively and organic tools that will steer the transition of our cities and towns to climate-neutrality. Recommendations will also be drawn up to see how the EU Mission can help all European cities and towns transition faster to resilience and climate-neutrality.

AGENDA

Time	
10:30	WELCOME AND SET THE SCENE <i>Anna Gumbau, Moderator</i>
14:00	<p>DIVE DEEP Let's get inspiration from the experience of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Mohamed Ridouani, Mayor of Leuven (BE), member of Energy Cities board</i> ▪ <i>Claudine Bichet, Vice-President of Bordeaux Metropolis (FR) in charge of climate</i> ▪ <i>Allen Coliban, Mayor of Brasov (RO), Pilot City of TOMORROW</i> ▪ <i>Hanna Zdanowska, Mayor of Lodz (PL), member of the European Committee of the Regions</i>
11:50	<p>DEBATE Let's debate with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Matthew Baldwin, Deputy Director General - European Commission DG MOVE, Mission 100 Climate Neutral Cities manager</i> ▪ <i>Normunds Popens, Deputy Director General - European Commission Directorate for Cohesion and Regional policies</i>
11:50	Conclusions & final remarks by Mohamed Ridouani; Mayor of Leuven, Member of Energy Cities board

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