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ENERGY CITIES HUB 1 -FUTURE-PROOF LOCAL GOVERNANCE



SYSTEMIC CHANGES IN GOVERNANCE – WHAT DO CITIES NEED TO REALLY DO FOR BEING CLIMATE NEUTRAL?

TRANSITION LEADERS' PROGRAMME | 21ST OF APRIL 2022 | 13.00 – 14:30

To succeed in climate neutrality, we need to accelerate the pace of implementation. The required technologies are mostly there. We see that the bottleneck is the way stakeholders work together, starting with local authorities and their administrations. What is required is a different way of working to develop multi-disciplinary, multi-level, multi-media governance of local innovation ecosystems, for which most cities are not yet equipped. In short: we need a change in governance.

This session will be aimed at diving into the local processes and to uncover aspects of the stories to identify where are the difficulties, how to address them and how to deliver significant impact in the long run.

Which were the factors that enabled cities to become such Lighthouse cities? what was the process to enhance cooperation between the different ecosystems?



AGENDA

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| 13.05 | WHY WE ARE HERE Annemie Wyckmans - NTNU, EERA, JPSC |
| 13.10 | SYSTEMIC CHANGES IN GOVERNANCE: KEY ELEMENTS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN Judith Borsboom - Locality |
| | DIVE DEEP IN GROUP DISCUSSIONS Moderators: <i>Judith Borsboom</i> – <i>Locality</i> , Annemie Wyckmans - NTNU, EERA, JPSC Dusan Jakovljevic (EE-IP); Muriel Pels - TG Replication, IRIS, City of Utrecht In order to address climate change, how has your city successfully: 13.15 |
| | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Addressed regulatory bottlenecks and improved procurement processes in terms of climate impact?2. Developed partnerships with other public and private sector entities, citizens and other organisations, and helped to secure finance for their plans?3. Transformed the internal organisation within the municipality by changing mandates, processes and organization?4. Upscaled the learnings from agile piloting, sandboxing and other experimental processes by integrating them in long-term transformation plans? |
| 14:00 | Conclusions & final remarks |

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Judith Borsboom-van Beurden founded Locality, a company focusing on research, innovation management and capacity building for climate-neutral and smart cities, in 2019. Before, she developed several smart sustainable city research and innovation projects with local authorities across Europe, where ICT, modelling and geo-data support policies, decision-making and investments in smart sustainable solutions. She led the work on EIP-SCC's Smart City Guidance Package (2019), developed together with nearly 100 European cities, businesses and researchers. Further, she supported the Mission Board on Climate-neutral and Smart Cities for EC DG-RTD with AIT-led foresight on demand, providing knowledge on feasibility of climate-neutrality. Currently, Judith supports the European Commission as Action Cluster Coordinator in the Smart Cities Marketplace team. Besides, she advises the Netherlands Enterprise Agency on opportunities for businesses in climate-neutral cities. Lastly, Judith also leads the expert team working for Scalable Cities on the systemic changes in governance structures that are needed for the transition to climate-neutrality.



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Annemie Wyckmans (NTNU, Norway) is Project Coordinator of the SCC Lighthouse project +CityxChange as well as the Joint Programme on Smart Cities of the European Energy Research Alliance. Her professional goal is to make the journey towards climate-neutral cities irresistible, with high-quality urban environments and good local collaborative governance processes.



Dusan Jakovljevic

With passion for effective and pro-active ways of EU policy engagement, he has co-founded Energy Efficiency in Industrial Processes (EEIP), a growing sustainable energy platform, combining energy efficiency with ICT. Interplaying traditional trade association work with new membership and business models, they grew into the first 'business-to-policy (B2P) engagement platform. EEIP is a leading cross-sectoral and technology-neutral manufacturing industries EU association with over 150,000 members.

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