

ENERGYCITIES

# WORKING GROUP: HEAT PLANNING

CALL FOR INTEREST

Looking for solutions to  
**boost the decarbonisation**  
of the heating systems in  
your territory?

**THIS WORKING GROUP IS MADE FOR YOU!**

# WHY JOIN?

## LEARN, GET INSPIRED & EXCHANGE WITH PEERS FROM OTHER CITIES

### BENEFIT FROM ENERGY CITIES' NETWORK, EXPERTISE, AND RESOURCES

Leveraging on Energy Cities' [hub on fossil-free districts and buildings](#), you will also benefit from projects' resources such as:

- [Decarb City Pipes 2050](#) which supports the design of long-term integrated heating and cooling roadmaps
- [REDI4HEAT](#) which supports the implementation of key EU legislations on heating and cooling and develop toolboxes for public authorities at national, regional, and local level
- [Cities4PEDs](#) which focuses on the development of positive energy districts and neighbourhoods

### JOIN FORCES & REINFORCE COLLABORATION IN YOUR CITY!

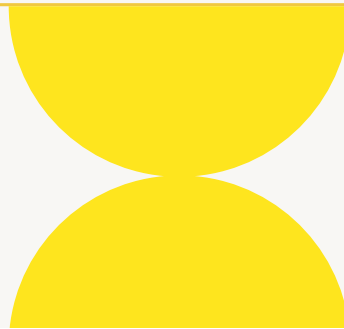
2 persons from your city have to join the working group, to ensure continuity but also diversity of profiles.

### GET VISIBILITY

Results from the discussions will be gathered in factsheets and disseminated in Energy Cities' & the Covenant of Mayors' communities and in different media.

### SHARPEN YOUR ARGUMENTS TO SHAPE THE MOMENTUM

The latest energy crisis shed lights on the needs to accelerate the decarbonisation of heating systems. With the current European legislative discussions and their impact at national level, you will get concrete elements to share with national decision-makers to consider when revising their legislations. It is the right time to stress again the key role of municipalities!



# WHAT IS IT? WORKING GROUP ON HEAT PLANNING

## GENERAL AIM

- Support you in the **definition of your strategies and implementation of your actions** (knowledge-sharing from EU-funded projects and experts)
- Exchange **best practices and difficulties** between municipalities across Europe, discuss **national dynamics and existing legal framework** linked to the topic
- Share with Energy Cities **direct feedback from the ground** to feed our advocacy work

## WHO WILL JOIN?

The working group will be composed of around 10 members from different cities and countries, working for local authorities (administration, municipal company) in the field of heat planning and decarbonisation.

## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THIS WORKING GROUP?

The overall goal of the Heat Planning Working Group is to find solutions to boost the decarbonisation of the heating systems in your territory, through the realisation of efficient heat plans.

To do so, we will:

### DISCUSS

- **Ambitions** on your territories and at EU level
- **Obstacles** which you meet at local level to speed up the switch from fossil-based to renewable heat appliances, incl. the decarbonisation of your heating networks
- Strategies to ensure **citizen engagement**

### REFLECT

- On the different **stakeholders** to be mobilised

### IDENTIFY

- **Best practices** and tools to map energy demand and potentials and develop concrete projects
- **Next actions** for your heat planning

# HOW TO JOIN? APPLY TO BE PART OF THIS WORKING GROUP!

## ARE YOU...

- Working for a **city administration**
- In charge of developing **roadmaps and strategies** for the decarbonisation of the heat supply of your city
- Developing zero-carbon heat projects based on local resources (including district heating networks)
- Willing to actively share your success and your difficulties with others
- Able to mobilise **2 persons** from your administration and/or working for the local or municipal energy utility
- At ease to speak English

## ...THEN APPLY!





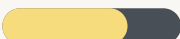
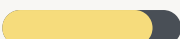
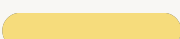
Send your application in a text document to [amelie.ancelle@energy-cities.eu](mailto:amelie.ancelle@energy-cities.eu) by **Wednesday 15 March 2023**, including:

- The name of the working group for which you would like to be considered
- Name of your city and number of inhabitants
- First name, surname, position and department of the two persons from your city who are going to join the working group (1 as a back-up)
- Your motivation to join the working group (maximum 15 lines)
- Experience of your city linked to the topic (maximum 15 lines)

## WHY INVOLVING 2 PEOPLE?

To ensure continuity and plurality of profiles. The back-up will join the group either when his/her profile is more adapted to the topics discussed in the session or to step in in case of absence of the other member.

## INDICATIVE TIMELINE

-  Wednesday 8 February: launch of the selection process
-  **Wednesday 15 March 2023: closing of the applications**
-  20 - 31 March: informing selected cities
-  Friday 14 April: 1st working group session
-  Friday 2 June: 2nd working group session
-  Friday 30 June: 3rd working group session
-  18 - 19 October: in-person event in Modena

# GET A GLIMPSE PRELIMINARY AGENDA OF THE 3 SESSIONS

## SESSION 1

### SETTING THE FRAME

- Introduction: Getting to know each other
- Presentation: What is a heat plan and what should it contain?
- Discussion: Implementing heat plans with enough local staff
- Discussion: Understanding the current state of play in your territory and define key points of interest

## SESSION 2

### UNDERSTANDING KEY SUCCESS FACTORS

- According to interests, presentation and discussion on different topics: stakeholder and citizens' engagement, district heating development, energy mapping, techno-economic scenarios, legal and financial instruments

## SESSION 3

### FINDING SOLUTIONS

- Discussion: Exchanges with experts and peers to answer your questions
- Reflection: Planning the next steps

### REFINED PROGRAMME

The agenda of the sessions 2 and 3 will be refined according to your needs expressed during the first session. Final agenda will be shared prior to each meeting.

### ... AND A FINAL EVENT!

A **final meeting** will be organised, in person, during Energy Cities' annual conference in Modena (Italy), on 18-19 October 2023. During this closing session, we will share the different findings and experiences with a wider community. You will have the occasion to network with other cities and reinforce the sense of community already initiated through the working groups.

Note that **Energy Cities cannot take in charge the costs of your travel allowances** to take part in Modena.



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