



GRAFTING CITIES

Cultivating our common future

Modena

18 - 20 October 2023



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WHAT DOES GRAFTING CITIES MEAN?

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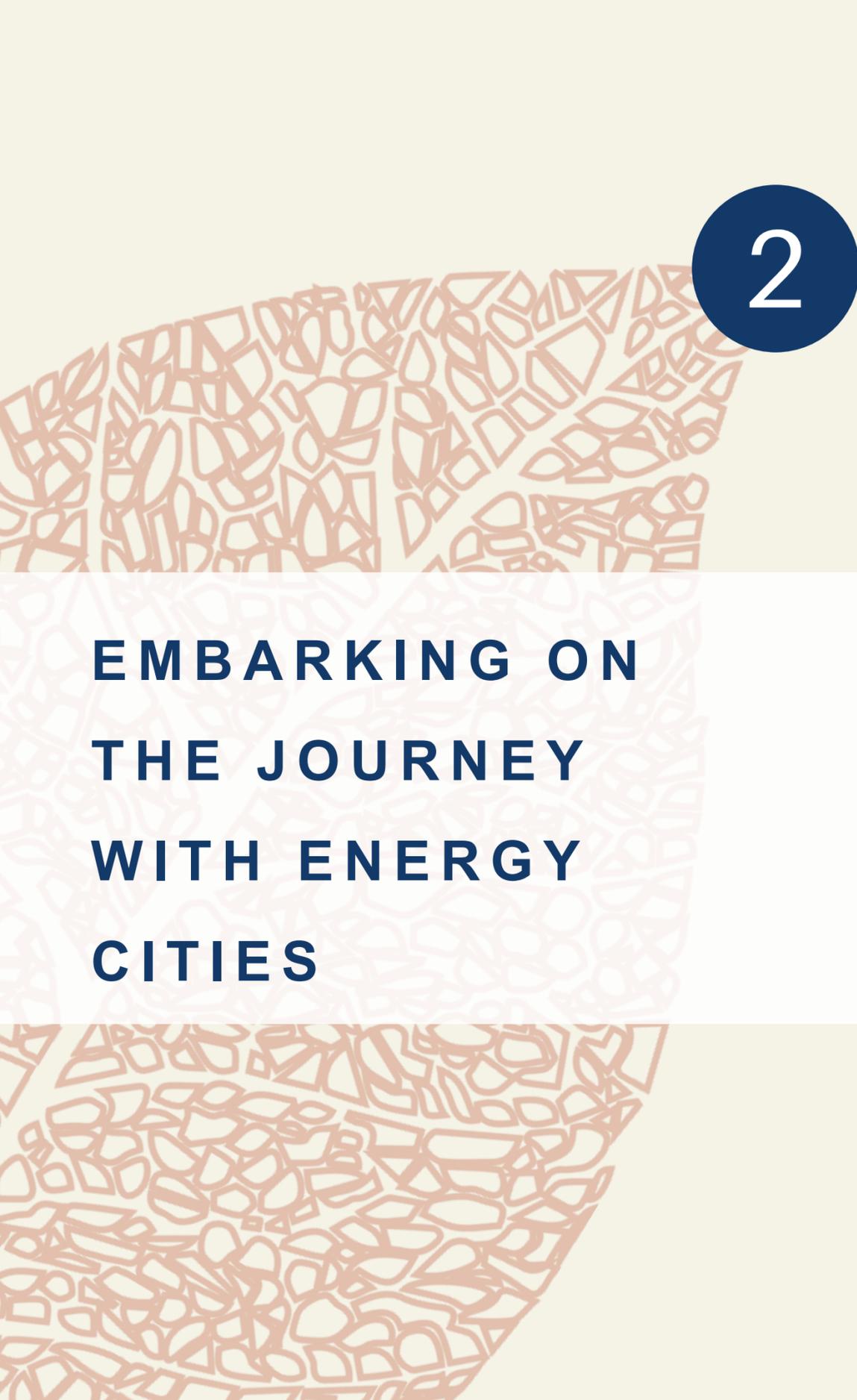
writing a new story for the city's future; reinventing each city based what already exists; revealing how a place can flourish by building on its assets and adjusting them; transforming our cities street by street, house by house and place by place to boost diversity and resiliency.



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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

What's waiting for you?

TUESDAY *OCTOBER 17*

15:00

Energy Cities members gather in Milan and hop on the train to Modena (offered by Energy Cities)

18:30

Welcome from Modena city in Galleria Europa

19:30

Aperitivo and informal evening in Caffé Concerto

WEDNESDAY *OCTOBER 18*

08:30 - 18:30

Energy Cities inspirational day:

- Parallel sessions, walking and bike tours
- **Mayors speak to mayors:** Resources-wise city: a city building prosperity on strong cooperation and the minimum footprint on the planet

19:30

Dinner and nice evening together

THURSDAY *OCTOBER 19*

09:00 – 13:00

Plenary session
Grafting Cities: Cultivating our common future followed by a **networking lunch**

15:00 – 17:00

Energy Cities' General Assembly

18:00 - 19:00

Grafting Cities public event: a meeting with Modena

19:00

Networking drinks and dinner

FRIDAY *OCTOBER 20*

10:00 - 12:00

Learn&Share Area

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

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TUESDAY
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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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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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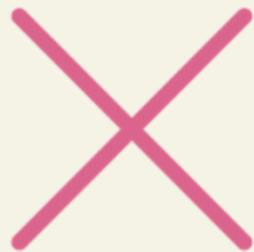
THE 5 ENERGY CITIES HUBS



Future-proof local governance



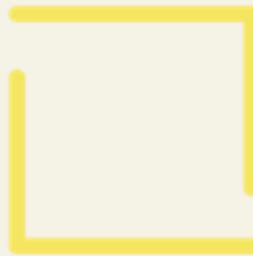
Fossil-free districts and buildings



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						
09:00 - 09:30	Welcome plenary						
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	More cows on the dancefloor: how to activate an ecosystem for change	Propagating city renewal at district level: Which methods to use?	Energy for the invisible citizen: in search for lasting renewable & fair solutions	Developing energy communities in Italy by promoting collaborations between municipalities, citizens, SMEs (Part I)	The table is set: how can we link individual and collective transformation?	Urban regeneration and vacant spaces: a walking tour through Modena's transformation	// // //
12:00 - 14:00	Networking lunch						
14:00 - 15:30	Overcoming silos in city departments to drive a systemic transition to climate-neutrality and resilience	How to phase-out natural gas in buildings and plan the infrastructures of the future?	Developing energy communities in Italy by promoting collaborations between municipalities, citizens, SMEs (Part II)		Building a urban food strategy: How to do it?	Can cities kick ads? How we can give back public spaces to the people	Mayors speak to mayors: cities building prosperity on strong cooperation and minimum footprint on the planet
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee break						
16:00 - 17:30	Towards climate neutrality: a new digital tool for your city's transition	Building renovation: a bike tour around the city of Modena	The map it show ! Treasure hunting renewable energy in our cities		Transforming urban food metabolism at the local level: join the process	Resource-wise and socially just local economies: join-up session	Mayors speak to mayors: cities building prosperity on strong cooperation and minimum footprint on the planet
18:00 - 18:30	Conclusions: Revealing what's invisible?						

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FUTURE-PROOF LOCAL GOVERNANCE HUB

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

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. Join this session to find inspiration!

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? Join this session to discover a new webtool designed to help cities determine the right measures for their transitions, [EUCityCalc](#).



FOSSIL-FREE DISTRICTS AND BUILDINGS

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

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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 and exchange 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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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.

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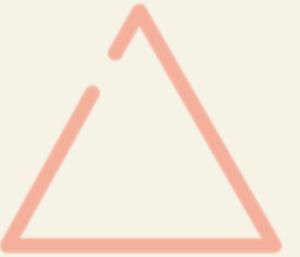
THE MAP IT SHOW ! TREASURE HUNTING RENEWABLE ENERGY IN OUR CITIES

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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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 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 with the involvement of the UNESCO network of creative cities, this participatory 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.

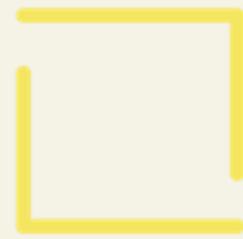
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TRANSFORMING URBAN FOOD METABOLISM AT THE LOCAL LEVEL: JOIN THE PROCESS!

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.

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RESOURCE-WISE AND SOCIALLY JUST LOCAL ECONOMIES

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

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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 neighborhood. Come with us on a walk around Modena, to discover the urban transformation of a changing city..

14:00
15:30

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

Advertising is everywhere, pushing people to consume more and more. Yet, the impacts of advertising are numerous being incompatible with the decarbonization we so urgently need. What if we reclaimed our public space from advertising? Let's dive into two city examples: Lyon (FR) and Haarlem (NL).

16:00
17:30

**RESOURCE-WISE AND
SOCIALLY JUST LOCAL
ECONOMIES: JOIN-UP
SESSION**

Do you have an experience to share? Let us know during the join-up session!

MAYORS' VOICES

DISCUSSION IN GROUPS OF 8 ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES, SUPPORTED BY EXPERTS AND EXAMPLES OF CITIES

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A FAIR CITY AWARE OF THE LIMITED RESOURCES

How did the EU respond to the latest crisis? Are we prepared to be more resilient in the future?

How to best involve citizens when discussing the limited resources of a territory?



COHESION AND EUROPEAN FUNDS

How to accelerate implementation and align the EU budget, fiscal rules to the climate action needed on the ground?

Rural vs urban divide : what EU policies to embark all territories on the same journey?



THE MISSION APPROACH TO CLIMATE NEUTRALITY IN CITIES

100 happy few versus the other cities?

How to leverage on the positive EU dynamics of the Mission and get EU funding?

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PLENARY SESSION

GRAFTING CITIES CULTIVATING OUR COMMON FUTURE



THURSDAY
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09:00 - 13:00

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| 09:00 – 10:00 | Welcome and registrations |
| 10:00 – 11:20 | Block 1: Which are the economic and fiscal reforms needed for cities to reach climate neutrality? |
| 11:20 – 12:00 | Break |
| 12:00 – 12:50 | Block 2: How to ensure that energy transition is fair and inclusive? |
| 12:50 – 13:00 | Conclusions and discussion round |
| 13:00– 14:30 | Lunch |

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THURSDAY
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15:00 - 17:00

ENERGY CITIES GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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!

LEARN AND SHARE AREA

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**FRIDAY
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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!**

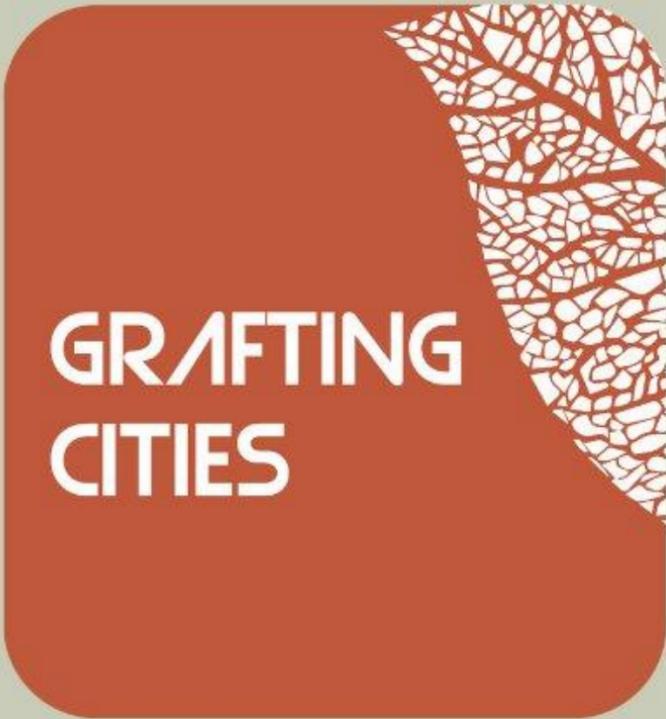


Registrations

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Join us in Modena!

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