# WELCOME TO THE ENERGY CITIES NETWORK



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# WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A MEMBER OF ENERGY CITIES?

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# WHO ARE WE? ENERGY CITIES IS THE EUROPEAN LEARNING COMMUNITY FOR FUTURE-PROOF CITIES

We work with our direct members and our collective members, who act as multipliers of our community in more than 30 countries in Europe and beyond.



○ Local governments / energy agencies
♥ Collective members (NGOs, networks, associations)

### MISSION

# WE ARE DRIVEN BY THE DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN THE ROLE AND SKILLS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

We showcase concrete alternatives deployed by cities, we advocate to change political and economic governance at all levels and we foster a wide cultural change leading to a future-proofed society.



### As i WHAT WE BELIEVE IN

SIZE DOES NOT MATTER

There are no such things as

"small" changes: there are only

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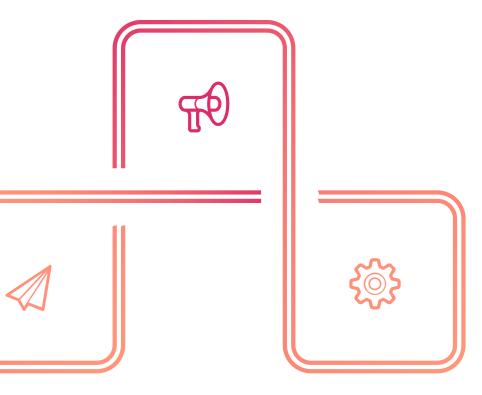
places.

#### LINKS MATTER As a network, our *raison d'être*

is to create connections.

### WE ARE CITIES' MEGAPHONE

We build a bridge between cities and EU and national institutions, helping them to find their tailored solutions.



#### EMPOWER & ENTRUST

There are no such things as "best practices", each city follows its own learning path. We offer tools and resources for them to deliver their desired strategy.

#### WE BELIEVE IN COOPERATION

What we produce is open access: the best thing that can happen to a great idea or product is to be adopted by many.

### WHO CAN JOIN?

# ENERGY CITIES HAS A DIVERSE MEMBERSHIP AND EVERY CITY HAS ITS OWN JOURNEY

### You can become a member if you are

- a local government
- an inter-municipal structure or a group of municipalities
- a local energy management agency
- a municipal company

### or join as a collective member, if you are

- a regional or
- national association of municipalities.

AS A MEMBER, You will be able to show, share & shake up!

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AS A LEARNING COMMUNITY FOR CITIES, ALL MEMBERS CAN BENEFIT IN MANY WAYS FROM OUR NETWORK.



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# WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN?

# 4 KEY BENEFITS FOR ENERGY CITIES MEMBERS

- Tackle the ongoing energy crisis with the support of a network of peers and a committed team.
- Get access to **funding opportunities** to accelerate your city's transition away from fossil fuels.
- Contribute to designing and **implementing EU projects** to meet local challenges.
- Make your voice heard at EU level to **drive the systemic changes** we need for more sustainable cities.



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We work hand in hand with our members through the Energy Cities' Hubs.

### HOW DO WE WORK?

THE HUBS ARE OUR COMMUNITY SPACES TO ACTIVATE, EMPOWER AND INSPIRE LOCAL LEADERS FOR A CLIMATE-NEUTRAL EUROPE



Join Energy Cities' Hubs





FUTURE-PROOF LOCAL GOVERNANCE FOSSIL FREE DISTRICT & BUILDINGS COMMUNITY-LED ENERGY FOR MASSIVE RENEWABLE PRODUCTION

FUTURE-PROOF FOOD SYSTEM & LAND POLICIES RESOURCE-WISE & SOCIALLY JUST LOCAL ECONOMIES

# HOW CAN THE HUBS STRENGTHEN CITIES' SKILLS?

# TRANSITION LEADERS PROGRAMME

### Capacity building to go the extra mile!

The transition leaders programme is designed to provide our members with training, coaching, tools and peer-to-peer exchanges to facilitate their transition journey.

# MARKETPLACE

### Facilitate access to EU Funding

- Info sessions, matchmaking events and project ideas labs for our members on a regular basis.
- Calls for funding on specific topics.



# WHAT'S EUP?

### The latest information on EU policy developments

Our What's EUp programme delivers policy briefs for local policy makers with key updates on major EU policy files linked with each Hub.

# MAYOR'S VOICES

# An open dialogue between citizens, local leaders, EU and national governments

Via the Mayors' voices, local political leaders take part in discussions with key EU policy makers on concrete proposals in support of cities' climate transition.

### HOW DO THE HUBS WORK?



Through an exclusive **community space** where members can learn, exchange, and interact with Energy Cities' team and members.

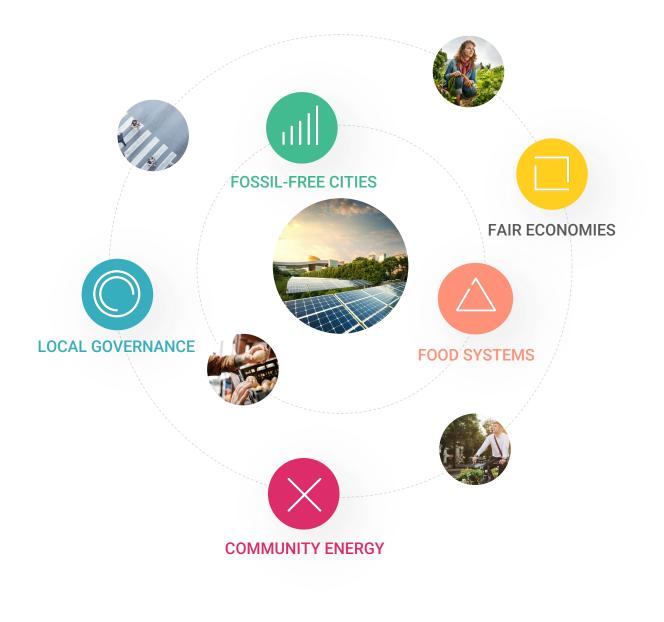


Through a **periodical bulletin** with selected information and opportunities related to members' preferred topic(s).



### AND THAT'S NOT ALL!

Thanks to the partnership between Energy Cities and the <u>Association of Cities and</u> <u>Regions for sustainable Resource</u> <u>management (ACR+)</u>, Energy Cities members can benefit - free of extra charges from the exclusive services offered by ACR+ and can multiply your networking, learning, and funding opportunities.



# THE BOARD

The Board of Directors is composed of elected representatives of 11 local governments from 10 countries. The Board of Directors gathers during the Energy Cities Annual General Assembly and three times a year to make sure that the interests of cities stay always at the heart of European energy and climate policies.



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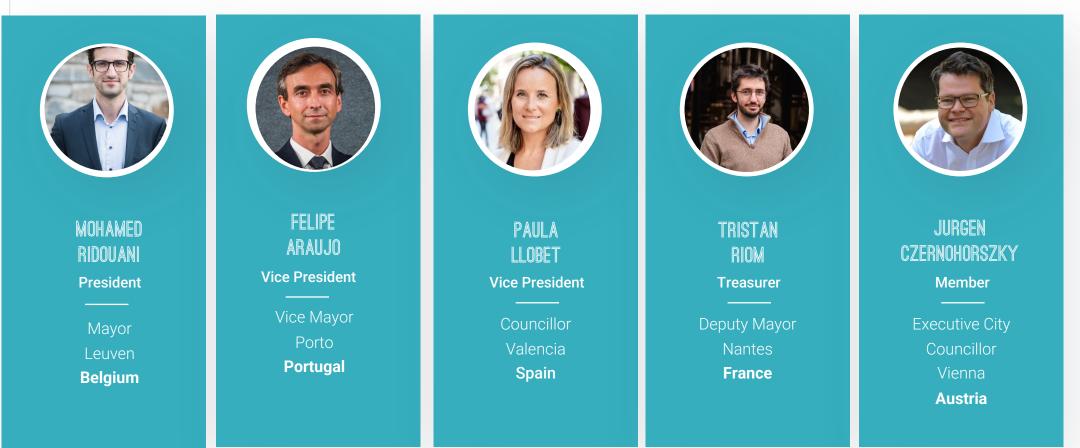
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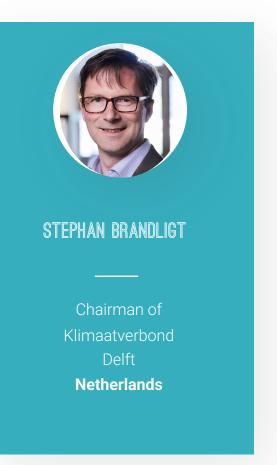
Mayor Križevci Croatia

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### THE OBSERVERS





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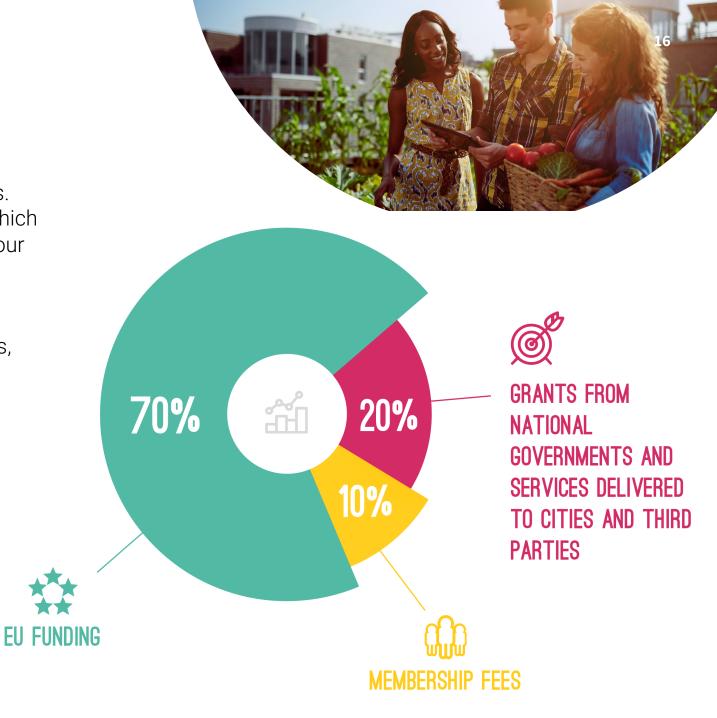
### **GOVERNANCE AND FUNDING**

Energy Cities is a non-profit network of cities. We operate with near-total public funding, which allows us to demonstrate integrity towards our member cities and preserve intellectual independence in our work.

We embrace transparency in all our activities, including our funding sources.



- Intellectual independence
- Transparency



# THE TEAM OUR ORGANISATION IS GOVERNED BY THE PRINCIPLE OF HOLACRACY

Decisions are made by the person or "circle" responsible for a role. Team members have no function or title, they are fulfilling one or more roles defined in our "constitution". They are co-owners of the organisation's strategy & development.





#### Two offices location

The network is "put into motion" by competent staff based in two offices, in Brussels (Belgium) and Besançon (France).



#### Several spoken languages

We are fluent in several languages: German, Italian, Spanish, Slovakian, Romanian, Hungarian, Russian, Portuguese and Dutch.



#### Agile & horizontal

The organisation constitution changes every time we identify a need and collectively agree on a solution.



DO YOU WANT TO JOIN US?

Get in touch with us and

fill the adhesion form!

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

Number of inhabitants		Annual fees in euros*	Special fees in euros**
L	Less than 100,000	1,250	625
RR	Between 100,000 and 300,000	2,500	1,250
<u> </u>	Between 300,000 and 500,000	3,750	1,875
RRRR	More than 500,000	5,000	2,500
	Regional/national associations of local governments	2,500	1,250
		*Countries inside the EU+Great Britain+Switzerland+Norway	
		** Countries outside the EU	

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