

ENERGY CITIES

MEMBERSHIP PACK



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GOOD REASONS TO BECOME A MEMBER

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

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, **reaching more than 2,000** local governments located in more than 30 countries in Europe and beyond.

+2,000
CITIES



MISSION

ENERGY CITIES' MISSION IS
TO EMPOWER CITIES AND
CITIZENS TO SHAPE AND
TRANSITION TO
FUTURE-PROOF CITIES

We are driven by a 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.

Our member-community is our fuel, our *raison d'être*. Our strength lies in our members' strong commitment to reach climate neutrality in their territories by 2050 and to align their local strategic development with the Paris Agreement.

We help cities raise their voice. Through dedicated advocacy work, we transform European governance and legal frameworks to allow cities to play their part in the energy and climate transition.

Our events provide creative spaces for members to **connect and share experiences**. We develop, test, and apply new approaches in projects.

The stories we share, demonstrate the many benefits of a local participatory climate transition to national and European decision-makers.

WHAT WE BELIEVE IN

WE BELIEVE THAT BY 2050 WE WILL ALL BE LIVING IN DECARBONISED AND RESILIENT CITIES

We believe that to achieve this goal cities should be able to transform their entire metabolism with a climate-neutral approach and deliver living spaces that are accessible to everyone.

**Transformation is a broad concept.
We choose to concentrate our efforts on:**

- 1 Building concrete alternatives,** answering the intertwined social, democratic and resource crisis and acting on energy and resources systems. This gives the key to local governments to design their own future.
- 2 Changing governance at all levels,** revising economic rules, and adapting legal frameworks to the needs of a systemic transition. Our EU advocacy work is hugely important, and our Board of Mayors devotes a lot of attention to the dialogue with institutions.
- 3 Fostering cultural change,** in local institutions and communities. We promote a “municipality of action” agenda, not only to plan and regulate, but also to build solutions with local actors.





THE 5 ENERGY CITIES HUBS

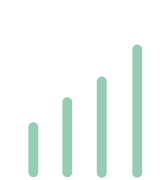
OUR COMMUNITY SPACES
TO **ACTIVATE, EMPOWER**
AND **INSPIRE** LOCAL
LEADERS FOR A CLIMATE-
NEUTRAL EUROPE.

Our Hubs will help us achieve our mission by:

- ✓ **Activating** local leaders to deliver living spaces that are accessible to everyone.
- ✓ **Empowering** local communities to decide on their own future.
- ✓ **Inspiring** a learning community of cities engaged in future proofing their economies.



**FUTURE-
PROOF LOCAL
GOVERNANCE**



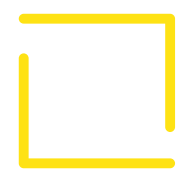
**FOSSIL FREE
DISTRICT &
BUILDINGS**



**COMMUNITY-
LED ENERGY FOR
MASSIVE RENEWABLE
PRODUCTION**



**FUTURE-PROOF
FOOD SYSTEM &
LAND POLICIES**



**RESOURCE-WISE
& SOCIALLY JUST
LOCAL ECONOMIES**



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FUTURE-PROOF LOCAL GOVERNANCE HUB

LEARN HOW TO SHAPE A CITY'S ADMINISTRATION TO MEET TOMORROW'S CHALLENGES

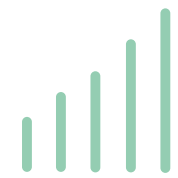


To develop a city **independent from fossil energy** and with a minimum impact on natural resources, local governments must mobilize their community. This requires **transforming the internal governance** of municipalities and empowering them to engage citizens as well as local economic and social actors into their territory's ecological transition.

Future-proof local governance mechanisms translate the climate targets into the territory and promote a sharing of responsibilities among all local stakeholders by giving them a permanent voice in decision-making processes and by supporting emerging initiatives on the ground.

- Are you wondering if your municipal governance is fit for delivering **climate neutrality**?
- Are you looking to advance **systemic change** in your municipality's governance and to set up long-lasting structures that deliver your city's **climate strategy**?
- Would you like to take **budgetary decisions** that account for your planned actions' **climate impact**?

By presenting new alternatives, we will inspire cities to rethink local social and economic models based on local resources regeneration, while ensuring societal solidarity and equity.



FOSSIL FREE DISTRICTS AND BUILDINGS

JOIN OTHER CITIES IN WORKING
OUT HOW TO TURN DOWN, AND
OFF, THE GAS



Our **dependency on gas and fossil energy** for heating, impacts every single aspect of our lifestyle. Heating and cooling are essentially local, and even district matters. This means that, to transition to future-proof territories, local governments are in the driving seat when it comes to **decarbonising the systems with a district approach**. With an increased requirement for local heat plans, building (deep) renovation, and energy efficiency and sufficiency, cities must be endowed with the **right instruments and capacities** to lead the way.

- Are you willing to reduce your municipality's **energy needs**?
- Are you looking for ways to develop heat planning and use **local heating and cooling sources** efficiently while involving citizens and stakeholders?
- Are you developing support mechanisms to foster deep **renovations** and **positive energy districts**?

Together, we will coordinate efforts to **improve financial, technical, and human capacities for cities**. We will explore local and national legislation as well as public actions to trigger the energy system's decarbonization, while putting in debate the questions of governance, energy public services and ownerships. Through this, we will support cities in choosing the best local energy mix and decarbonizing their built environment.



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COMMUNITY-LED ENERGY FOR MASSIVE RENEWABLE PRODUCTION

SHARE EXPERTISE WITH CITIES
MAXIMIZING THE POTENTIAL OF
RENEWABLE ENERGY AND PEOPLE



Democratic energy systems don't take consumers in hostage but empower them, allow them to have an active role and become prosumers. They are based on **local resources and optimize** production and consumption at the level that is closer to the people, while helping overcome the urban-rural divide. Breaking with precedent, people, local governments, and entrepreneurs prove that they can be **socially responsible energy producers and distributors**.

- Are you looking to boost your city's **energy transition** while engaging the local population as much as possible and improving the **local economy**?
- Do you want a more resilient energy system that can alleviate energy poverty?

Within this Hub we want to ensure that every citizen or community can choose their own local supplier and, even more, can be an energy producer/prosumer. We see this as a new "fundamental right" of the 21st century. That's why we fight for embedding it in European and national legislation as **"the right to energy self-determination"**.



FUTURE-PROOF FOOD SYSTEMS AND LAND POLICIES

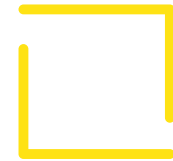
FOOD SYSTEM IS SET TO BE
RADICALLY TRANSFORMED WITHIN
AND WITHOUT CITIES



Local production is a necessity to answer basic needs in the energy as well as in the food systems. Food systems account for nearly one-third of global GHG emissions and have a huge impact in terms of natural resource depletion, biodiversity loss and people's health. Equally, food represents a key connecting element across and within different cultures: it is at the center of our existence and plays a key role as a **cultural, social, and economic pillar in society**.

- How can an integrated and effective **urban food** governance accelerate food systems transitions?
- How can cities encourage community-based organizations and **alternative food** initiatives?
- How can local governments **accelerate the transition** to sustainable and integrated food systems?
- How can **local climate** and energy plans integrate food systems policies?
- What are the right instruments to promote **soil health** and **land regeneration**?

The Hub will offer cities **inspiration and exchange opportunities** to foster cross-sectorial learning and cross-fertilize different policy areas, exploring ways and strategies to build new territorial solidarity via land and food policies.



RESOURCE-WISE & SOCIALLY JUST LOCAL ECONOMIES

SHIFT TOWARDS ECONOMIC
MODELS THAT RESPECT SOCIAL
AND PLANETARY BOUNDARIES



Cities require **natural resources to sustain the activities of the urban population**. Most of the resources used in cities come from outside and are dependent on input flows. They are fundamental not only for the economy but also for the services they provide for our health, well-being, and quality of life.

Local economies and social cohesion are very heavily impacted by energy price surges and the effects of climate change. Local actors are daring to demand support to better understand and prepare for imminent changes, and most importantly to contribute actively to the development of resilient, resource-wise and fair economic models.

- Are you looking for ways to translate the concept of sufficiency at the local level?
- To lead initiatives that respect planetary boundaries and ensure social justice?
- Are you wondering what local governments can do to foster changes in consumption as well as production patterns?

Within this Hub, we help cities find answers to these questions. We inspire cities with **alternatives and new narratives** for rethinking local social and economic models based on local resources while ensuring solidarity and equity in society.



HOW DO WE WORK?

EACH ENERGY CITIES
HUB CONSISTS OF TWO
ACTIVITY-STRANDS
TO FACILITATE OUR
MEMBERS' TRANSITION
JOURNEY



POLICY & ADVOCACY: STRENGTHENING CITIES' ROLE AT THE EU LEVEL

Our actions foster an atmosphere of mutual trust in the dialogue between citizens, local leaders, national authorities and the EU.

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.

MAYORS' 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.

We aim to raise the profile of mayors at European level, and strengthen the relationship between elected representatives in our network.



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & CAPACITY-BUILDING: STRENGTHENING CITIES' SKILLS

Our actions shape new alternative economies built around networks and resilience.

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.

Energy Cities leads the Local Transition Learning Centre, where we co-design our learning opportunities with local governments and stakeholders.

MARKETPLACE

Facilitated access to EU funding

We organize info sessions, matchmaking events and project ideas labs for our members on a regular basis. We also run competitive calls for funding on specific topics.

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WHO CAN JOIN?

IN OUR NETWORK, SIZE
DOES NOT MATTER
AND THERE ARE NO
BARRIERS TO JOIN,
OTHER THAN THE
WILLINGNESS TO SHARE
EXPERIENCES





You can become a member if you are

- ✓ **a local government (city, county, region)**
- ✓ **an inter-municipal structure or**
- ✓ **a group of municipalities (metropolitan areas, conurbation authority, etc.),**
- ✓ **a local energy management agency,**
- ✓ **a municipal company,**



or join as a collective member, if you are

- ✓ **a regional or national association of municipalities, for instance.**

**BEING PART OF OUR
LEARNING COMMUNITY,
ALL MEMBERS CAN
BENEFIT FROM OUR
NETWORK IN MANY
WAYS.**



WHAT WILL WE DO TOGETHER?

AS A MEMBER, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO #SHOWSHARESHAKE!

SHOW that it works – Give visibility to your achievements

- ✓ Gain **visibility and promote** your local initiatives in our publications, podcasts and on our website.
- ✓ **Join** one of our study tours and receive feedback on your local policies.



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SHARE your experience - Connect, test & learn

- ✓ [Choose the Hub](#) you want to contribute to and join our multiple activities.
- ✓ Join an [exclusive community space](#) where members can learn, exchange, and interact with Energy Cities' team and members.
- ✓ Stay up to date about [EU funding opportunities](#) with clear and accessible information on funding opportunities.
- ✓ Find potential [partners for new projects](#) through our marketplace and matchmaking events.
- ✓ Join, design, and implement EU projects.
- ✓ Read the Hubs [periodical bulletin](#) with selected information and opportunities related to members' preferred topic(s).
- ✓ Receive our [monthly newsletter](#) and website with a clear picture of the latest EU institutional news, the main innovation and tools tested by our members and upcoming events.
- ✓ Take part in [peer-learning activities](#) to access cities' experiences and access many webinars providing expertise on specific topics.
- ✓ Access concrete [guidebooks, toolkits, and case studies of other cities](#) to find your own solutions.



SHAKE the business as usual - Influence major policy decisions

- ✓ **Make your voice heard** as a member of the Board and get higher visibility and responsibilities.
- ✓ **Engage** with EU policymakers and other relevant stakeholders to change the conversation at EU level.
- ✓ **Advocate** for cities' empowerment through our campaigns.

AND THAT'S NOT ALL!

Thanks to the partnership between Energy Cities and the **Association of Cities and Regions for sustainable Resource management (ACR+)**, 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.



NOT CONVINCED YET?

The best way to discover our network in a short time is to attend our **multiple online or in-presence events**. It is the perfect opportunity to meet members and find out by yourself what an inspiring network we are!

We will also be happy to put you in touch with one of our member cities that is located in your country so that you can hear from them how they benefit from the network.



HOW ARE WE ORGANISED?

The board of directors

The Board of Directors is composed of elected people of 11 local governments from 9 countries. We strive to ensure gender balance in its composition. The Board gathers during the Energy Cities Annual General Assembly and three times a year to make sure the interests of cities stay always at the heart of European energy and climate policies.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD



CHRISTINE KUGLER

Member

City Councillor



Munich

Germany



PR. DR. ECKART WURZNER

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Lord Mayor



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Executive City Councillor

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Vienna
Austria



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Valencia
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Treasurer
Deputy Mayor

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Nantes
France



MARIO RAJN

Vice President
Mayor

📍
Križevci
Croatia



VITTORRIO MOLINARI

Member
Deputy Mayor

📍
Modena
Italy

THE TEAM

TEAM MEMBERS HAVE NO FUNCTION OR TITLE, THEY ARE FULFILLING ONE OR MORE ROLES DEFINED IN OUR "CONSTITUTION"

Our internal organisation is governed by the principles of holacracy, which means that decisions are made by the person or "circle" responsible for a role.



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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

Our team is fluent in several languages: Dutch, English, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Slovakian, Spanish.



Agile & horizontal

The constitution changes every time we identify a new need, making our organization not only horizontal, with co-ownership of its strategy and development, but also very agile.

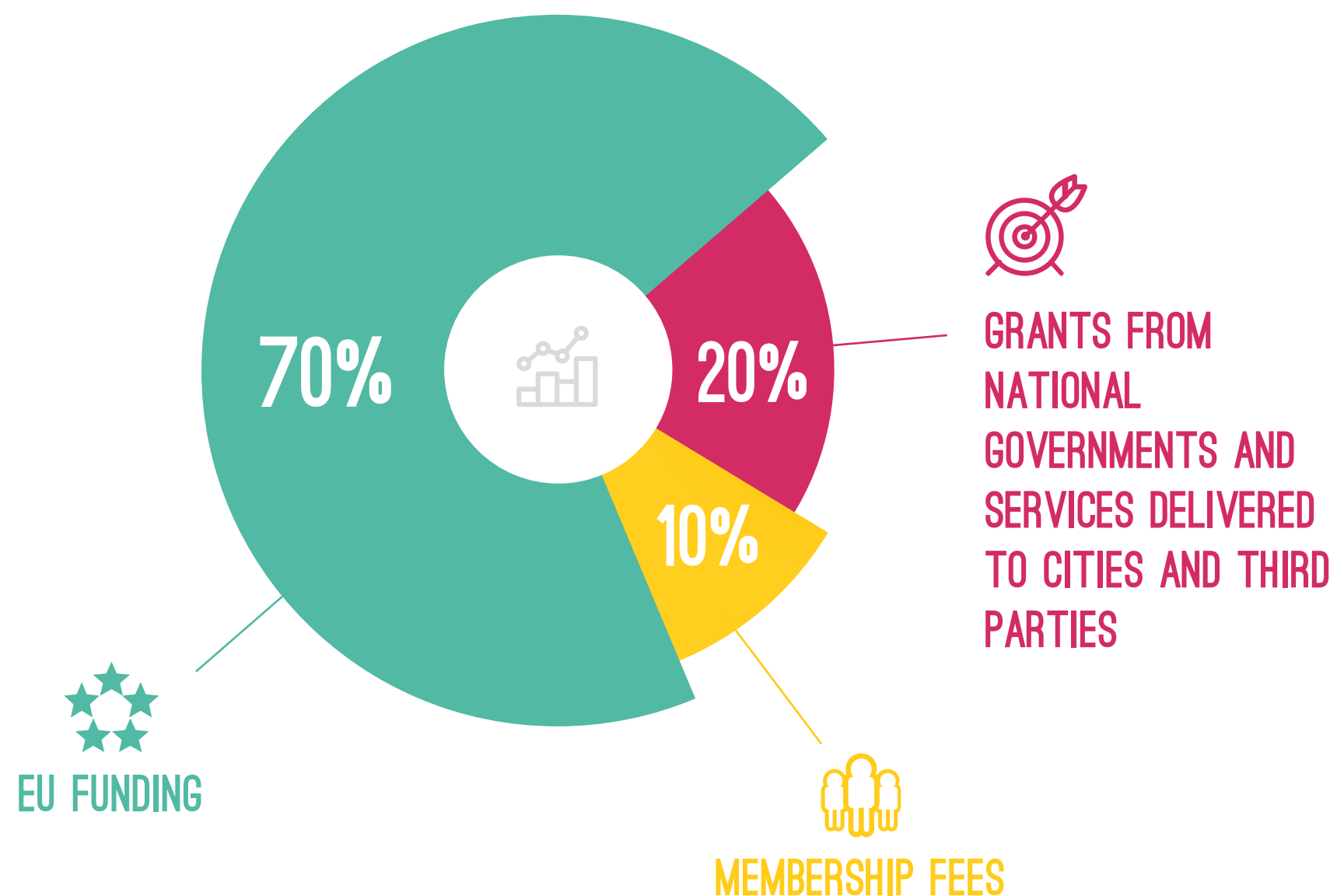


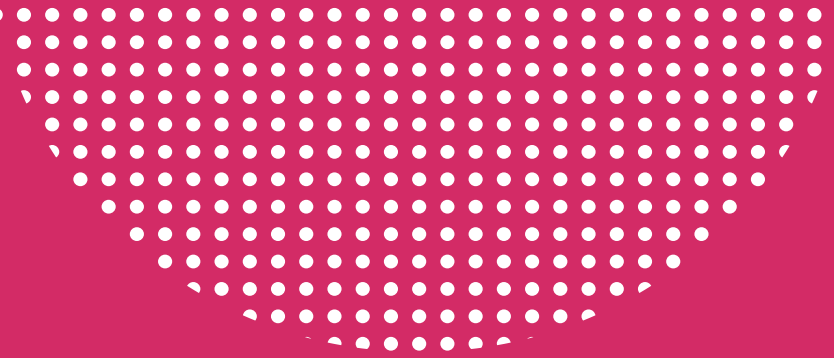
GOVERNANCE AND FUNDING

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





DO YOU WANT TO JOIN US?

Get in touch with us and fill in the application form!

MEMBERSHIP FEES

	Number of inhabitants	Fees*	Special Fees**
	Less than 100,000	1,250 €	625 €
	Between 100,000 and 300,000	2,500 €	1,250 €
	Between 300,000 and 500,000	3,750 €	1,875 €
	More than 500,000	5,000 €	2,500 €
	Regional/national associations of local governments	2,500 €	1,250 €

* EU countries + UK, Switzerland, Norway

** Non-EU countries

Your go-to persons



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I, the undersigned, surname: _____ name: _____

acting as:

- > Position _____
- > Name of the organisation _____
- > Address _____
- > Phone _____
- > Email _____
- > Website of the organisation _____
- > Number of residents _____

declare:

- Being acquainted with the Statutes and Charter of the “Energy Cities/ Energie-Cités” Association.
- That the organisation wishes to become a member of the “Energy Cities/ Energie-Cités” Association .

Designated as legal representatives to the «Energy Cities/Energie-Cités» Association:






1 | POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVE

- > Surname _____
- > First name _____
- > Position _____
- > Phone _____
- > Email _____

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- > First name _____
- > Position _____
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The following persons agree to register to the following Energy Cities Hub(s) and receive the related news, bulletins and information.

By registering to the Hubs, they agree to be included in the Hubs Community Space, on Microsoft Teams.

	HUB1 – Future proof local governance Setting up long-term local partnerships & trying out new participatory processes to transform local ecosystems
	HUB2 – Fossil free districts & buildings Ensuring our energy system's stability through diversified local renewable energy sources, strong energy public services & improved energy efficiency & sufficiency
	HUB3 - Community-led energy for massive renewable production Providing cities with tools to increase their locally-owned renewable energy production
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



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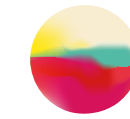
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