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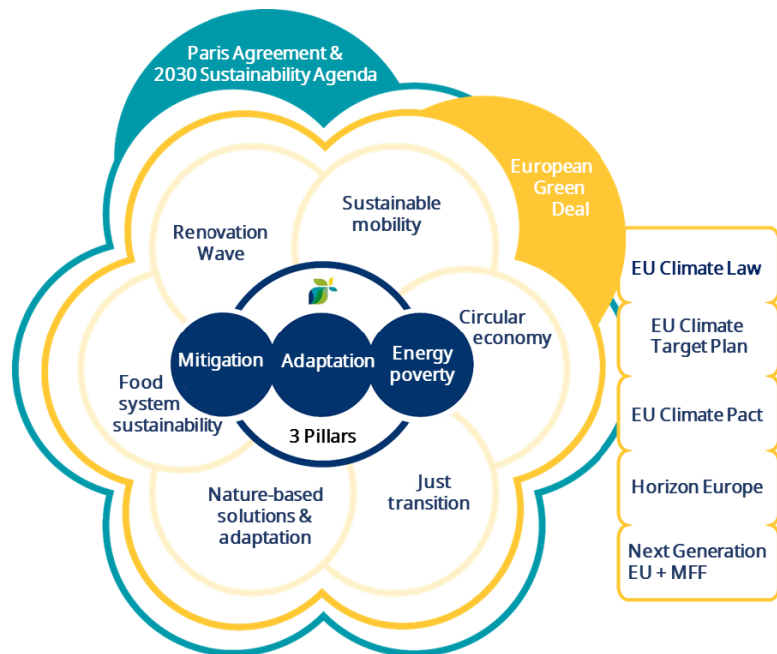
# The Cities Refresh Campaign

## Covenant of Mayors – Europe

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# THE EU COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR CLIMATE AND ENERGY



The European Commission's **reference urban initiative** that for over 15 years has been **mobilising thousands of European municipalities** to act on climate and energy, in alignment with the **EU-wide targets**.



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Supporters



Coordinators



Best Practices  
Actions



Submitted Action  
Plans

AS TEMPERATURES  
RISE...



CITIES HIT  
REFRESH

# Covenant of Mayors Campaign

## Summer 2025





# As temperatures rise, Cities hit REFRESH.

The increasing number of **heatwaves** pose an existential threat to communities worldwide. In Europe, heat represents the leading cause of climate-related deaths, claiming around **48,000 lives in 2023**.

As the **fastest-warming continent**, Europe's liveability is at risk. Faced with more **frequent and persistent heat stress**, **we must act**.



Safeguarding Europe's quality of life starts in our cities and towns, by building resilience locally and harnessing the strength of our communities.



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# Cities Hit REFRESH to

RESTORE health for safer, more liveable environments for everyone.

REBUILD communities for more inclusive societies and strong social ties.

RENEW urban design for heat-resilient spaces adapted to a hotter future.

REVIVE local economies for vibrant and safe place to live, work and visit.

## Getafe's innovative approach for addressing energy poverty and heatwaves

Getafe, Spain

In response to heatwaves, Getafe has worked on urban innovation processes at different scales through the UIA EPIU Healthy Homes project, with the lessons learnt integrated into the rehabilitation and regeneration strategy for the built environment: Getafe Rehabilita.



Extreme Heat

Energy Efficiency

Citizen Engagement

Building Renovation

Adaptation

Energy Poverty



Getafe is a municipality in the Madrid metropolitan area, Spain, with a population of around 190 000. It has a Mediterranean climate, with average annual temperatures ranging from 10°C to 20°C. Summers are hot and dry, with temperatures reaching up to 40°C. Due to the age and characteristics of its buildings, heat significantly impacts the population, as many structures lack proper insulation or cooling systems.



# Cities Hit REFRESH with



Keeping it fresh with green spaces,  
shaded corridors and water features.



Lviv, Ukraine



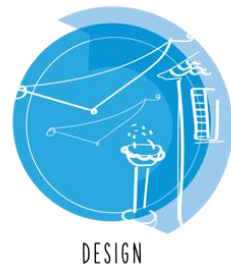
Vienna, Austria



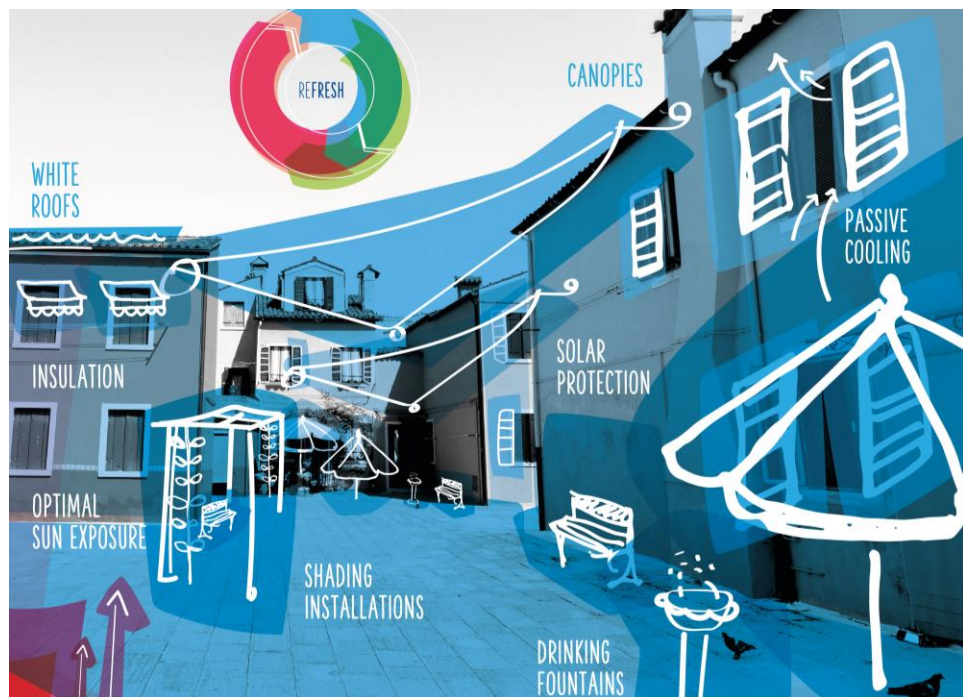
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# Cities Hit REFRESH with



Promoting heat-resilient infrastructure and urban planning.



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Toulouse, France



Worms, Germany



Getafe, Spain





# Cities Hit REFRESH with

Leading with proactive policies,  
widespread awareness and  
warning systems.



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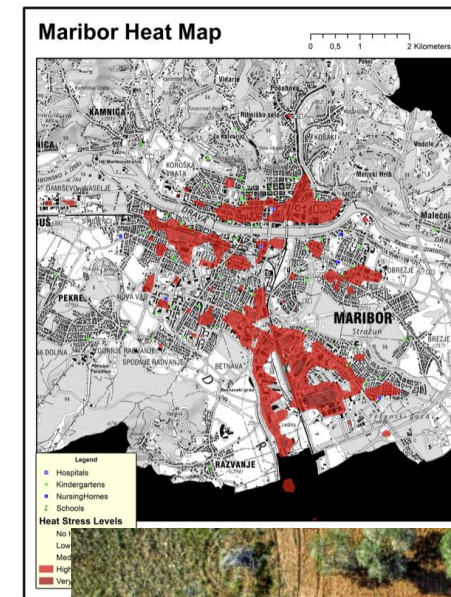
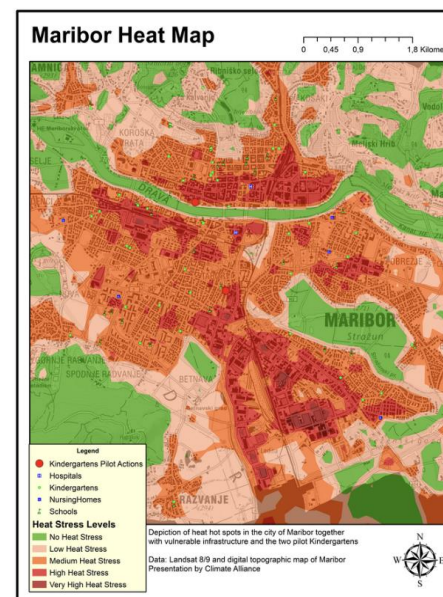


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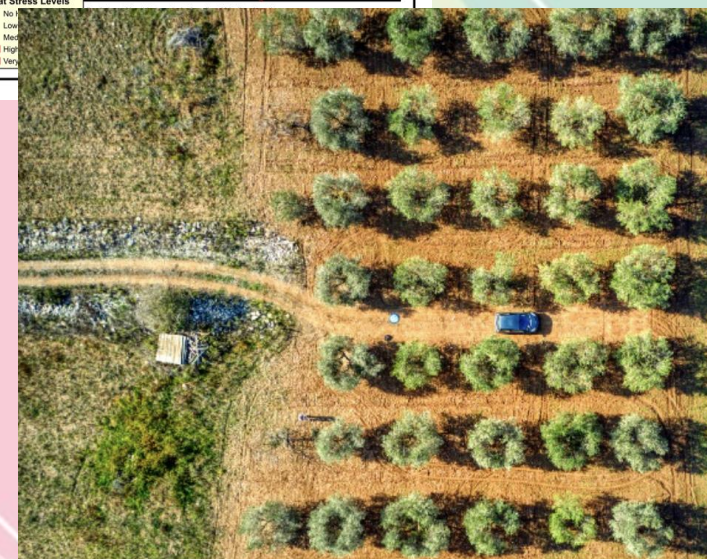
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## Maribor, Slovenia



## Puglia, Italy





# Cities Hit REFRESH with



COMMUNITY

Working together to support the most vulnerable.



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Valencia, Spain



Braga, Portugal

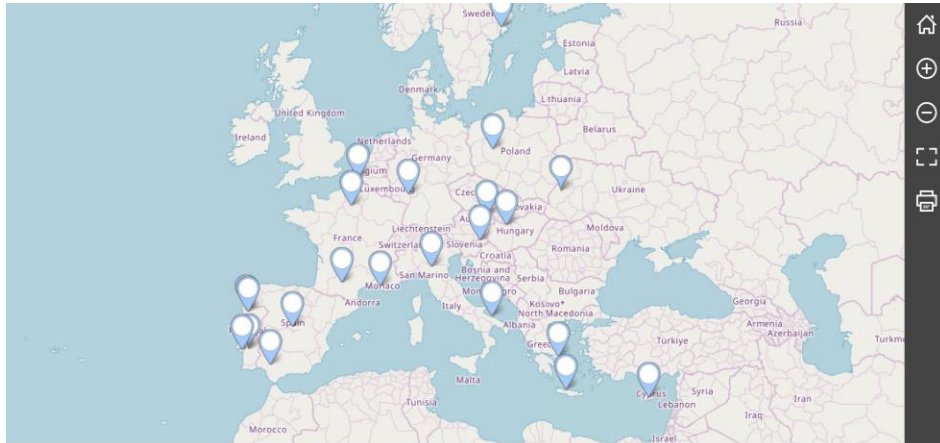




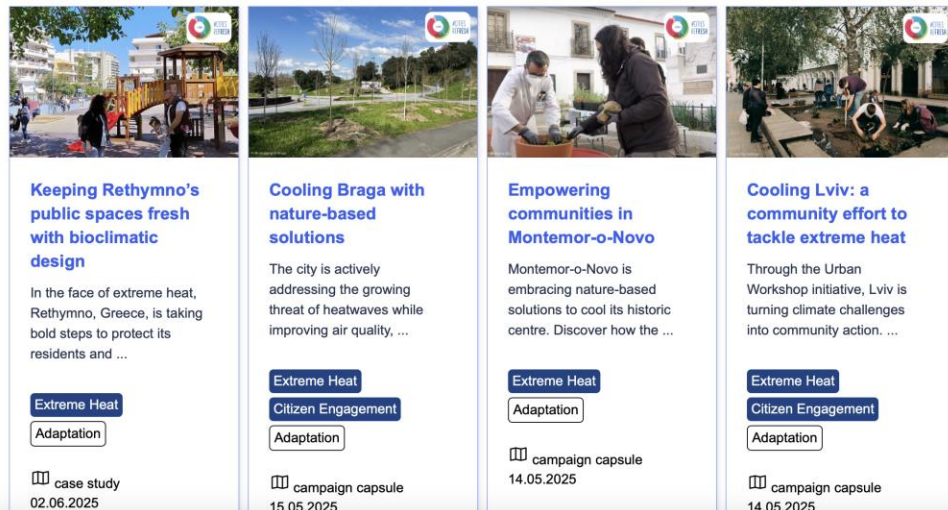
# How do Cities #HitRefresh?



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Explore our map and get inspired.

Explore our **refresh stories** – with more to come – with information on:

- Highlights of solutions to tackle extreme heat
- Expected results
- Description of process and stakeholders involved
- Key challenges
- Budget of strategy and rough breakdown of funding and financing sources
- & much more...



## Reggio Emilia's Climate-Friendly Parks



**Reggio Emilia, Italy**  
Reggio Emilia is leading the way in green spaces. Through smart urban planning, the city is making public spaces more vibrant and healthy.

### Reggio Emilia's Climate Adaptation Strategy

The Municipality of Reggio Emilia is launching "Climate Adaptation Strategy" as a new vision for the city's future. It aims to reduce the city's vulnerability to climate change through various measures.

1. Increase green spaces in urban areas
2. Implement water management systems
3. Enhance the resilience of urban infrastructure
4. Develop a green infrastructure plan
5. Implement a green infrastructure plan
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Climate change is a global threat. It is a threat to our health, our economy, and our environment. We need to act now to reduce the impact of climate change.

### Climate-Friendly Parks

Under the "Climate Adaptation Strategy", the Municipality of Reggio Emilia is launching a series of initiatives to create more green spaces in the city.

### Reggio Emilia's Refresh

Reggio Emilia is leading the way in green spaces. Through smart urban planning, the city is making public spaces more vibrant and healthy.

- Reduce
- Enhance Urban Environment
- Community Action

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# New: EU Covenant of Mayors' Refresh Kit



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## Need help tackling extreme heat?

Our Refresh Kit provides practical tools, useful tips, inspiring stories, and essential resources to support your city at every step.

Explore the kit



## Welcome to the Refresh Kit

Looking solutions to address extreme heat? The Covenant of Mayors' Refresh Kit is here to provides the help and resources you need to succeed in your refresh journey.



Whether you're just starting or refining your approach, you'll discover practical guidance, inspiring stories, essential tools and toolkits, insightful publications, and much more.

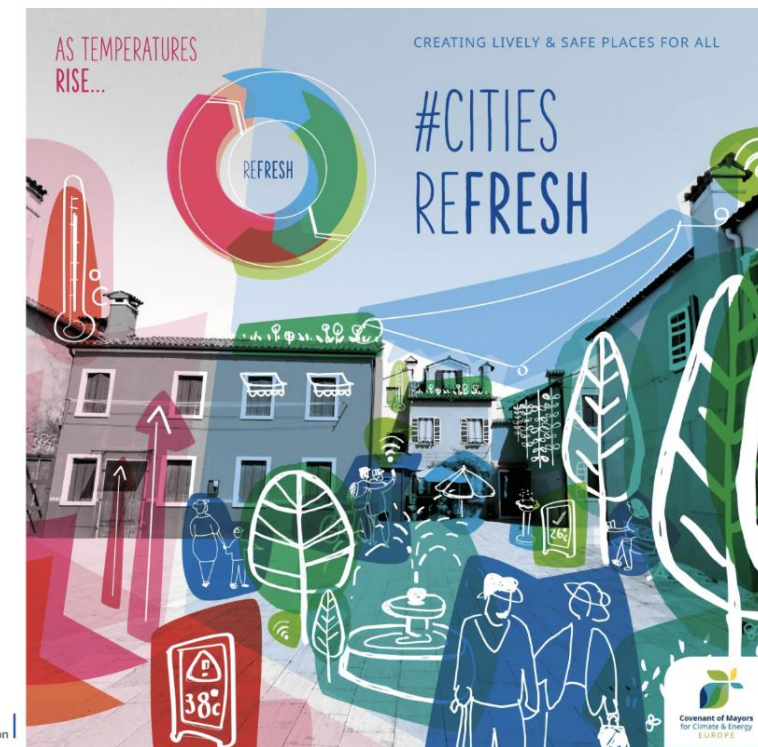


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 > Share your actions

 Contact us



# Join the Campaign!



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Submit your **Action** to be displayed on our Refresh Map and inspire others!

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