## WHY DOES THE EU NEED A HEATING AND COOLING STRATEGY?

Heating and cooling (H&C) represent almost half of the EU's energy use. A H&C Action Plan is crucial to:



## HOW CAN THE HEATING AND COOLING STRATEGY SUPPORT CITIES?



Best practice examples & exchanges between city planners



Dedicated funding mechanisms

This strategy should establish clear decarbonisation pathways for industrial and urban heat, accelerate permitting processes, and unlock investment in clean technologies and infrastructure by providing:



Clear guidelines



Technology guidance



Programmes up-skilling city planners



Support the development of one-stop-shops



Monitoring and implementation of municipalities' development plans to meet 2030 and 2040 targets

## A SUCCESSFUL STRATEGY MUST ALSO ENABLE SYSTEM-WIDE CHANGE

Phasing out gas networks in favour of clean alternatives Promoting and supporting renewable technologies

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Reforming taxes to favour electrification and renewables

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Strengthening local governance in planning and operating district heating

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Socialising connection costs to ensure equitable access for all citizens

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The EU should support regional collaboration, enabling small and cross-border municipalities to pool resources and expertise through joint technical offices.

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