



EUROPEAN UNION



# EU MISSIONS

100 CLIMATE-NEUTRAL AND SMART CITIES



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## MEET THE CITIES

### OBJECTIVES OF THE EU CITIES MISSION

- 100 **climate-neutral** and **smart cities** by 2030
- Ensure that these cities act as **experimentation and innovation hubs** to put all European cities in a position to become climate-neutral by 2050

### SELECTED CITIES

- 100 EU cities
- 12 cities from countries associated to Horizon Europe, the EU's research and innovation programme (2021-2027).



Cities from every Member State



Capital cities



Small, medium, large cities



Frontrunners and less prepared cities

### BENEFITS FOR CITIES

- **Tailor-made advice and assistance** from the Mission Platform (managed by the [NetZeroCities](#) consortium)
- Unlocking additional **funding and financing opportunities** through a Mission label
- **Research & innovation funding opportunities** for cities to join large innovation actions, pilot projects and demonstrations (total budget from Horizon Europe for 2021-2023 is €360 million)
- Support through a national **coordination network**
- Networking opportunities, **learning and exchange of experiences** among cities
- Support with **involving citizens in decision-making**
- **High visibility** – raised political profile and **attractiveness** for investment and skilled workers

# EU CITIES



## CITIES FROM ASSOCIATED COUNTRIES



**ALBANIA**  
Elbasan



**ISRAEL**  
Eilat



**TURKEY**  
Istanbul  
Izmir



**BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**  
Sarajevo



**MONTENEGRO**  
Podgorica



**UNITED KINGDOM\***  
Bristol  
Glasgow



**ICELAND**  
Reykjavík



**NORWAY**  
Oslo  
Stavanger  
Trondheim

\* The United Kingdom is associated by means of a Protocol to the Trade and Cooperation Agreement as of 1 January 2024.

## NEXT STEPS

Cities will start working on their Climate City Contracts



Including climate action plan and investment strategy



Innovative city governance and citizen engagement



Involvement of EU, national and regional level

Climate City Contracts are drawn up by cities, involving citizens and partners, and set out their plans to achieve climate neutrality by 2030. The contracts are a clear and highly visible political commitment, but not legally binding.

## EU MISSIONS

As well as the Cities Mission, there are four other EU missions addressing global challenges in the areas of:



adaptation to climate change



restoring our ocean and waters



healthy soils



cancer

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