

Step further into your climate future

Join the Twinning Learning Programme

Cohort 5 (2026-2027)

An invitation-only opportunity for cities working in EU projects to scale up results and connect with Mission cities.



WHAT IT IS

The **Twinning Learning Programme** helps European cities accelerate climate neutrality through structured peer-learning between:



- **Mission cities** – Part of the [EU Mission for Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities](#), and
- **Mission-minded cities** – like yours – aligned with the Cities Mission mindset and already active in EU projects testing climate solutions

Now entering its 5th cohort, the Twinning Learning Programme has **already supported 180+ cities** since 2023 to exchange experiences, learn from peers, and replicate what works.



This new edition is designed for you – cities that have developed concrete solutions under a partner project and want to keep the momentum going.

WHAT'S NEW



You join first

You (as a Mission-minded city) [register first](#), presenting your project's tested practices. Mission cities each select their preferred twinning, with **ten Mission-minded cities selected overall**.



Direct connection

Join **Matchmaking Days** (online and in person, including at the [2026 Cities Mission Conference in Torino](#) in 28-29 May 2026) to meet your future pair.



Focused themes

Collaborate around real challenges – from financing and governance to citizen engagement and data-driven planning.

WHO CAN JOIN

Mission-minded cities

Cities already part of selected EU-funded projects partnering with NetZeroCities, and working on concrete climate actions.

Share your experience and scale up your project's results through a new partnership.

Mission cities

Cities part of the EU Cities Mission seeking proven examples, ready-to-learn peers, and collaboration opportunities.

Select the Mission-minded cities whose work best fits your local ambitions.



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HOW YOU'LL BE INVOLVED



Online workshops



2 city visits

one in each city, travel and hosting costs covered



1 joint Replication

or Action Plan developed together



Programme duration: 12 months from September 2026 to September 2027

KEY MILESTONES

December 2025 –
January 2026

Registration for
Mission-minded
cities open

February –
March 2026

Registration for
Mission cities
open

April – May
2026

Matchmaking Days
(including Cities Mission
Conference in Torino)

June 2026

Twinning pairs
confirmed

September 2026 –
September 2027

Programme runs

WHY JOIN

- Continue the work started under your EU project
- Gain visibility for your city's solutions within the EU Cities Mission network
- Exchange directly with peers tackling similar challenges
- Receive support for travel, facilitation, and learning design
- Be part of shaping the next phase of Europe's climate-neutral cities journey

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



HOW TO JOIN?

➔ Complete a [short survey](#) to express your city interest.

Curious to know more? Register to one of the webinars below on the Twinning Cohort 5:

➔ [Tuesday 16/12, 12h00-13h00 CET](#)

➔ [Thursday 15/01, 13h00-14h00 CET](#)

For any questions in the meantime

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