



Webinar #1: How to strengthen national governance for achieving the Cities Mission - Good practice cases from Austria, France, Greece and Hungary

Agenda

Date: 20 March 2023 Time: 2pm-4pm CET Moderation: Elli Tzatzanis-Stepanovic (FFG)		
2:00-2:15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Introduction CapaCITIES State of the art 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elena Simion (UEFISCDI) Margit Noll (FFG) Gudrun Haindlmaier (AIT)
2:15-2:45pm Capacity Building	France <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building bridges between the Cities Mission and cities Linking instruments, actors and areas The role of mirror groups and their challenges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pierre Pacaud (MESRI)
	Greece <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-actor groups and priority setting Cooperation between cities (MoU among nearly 80 Greek cities) Co-creation and public engagement actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antonios Gypakis (GSRI) Matina Loukea (CERTH)
	Austria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The city network's three level approach Combining top-down and bottom-up activities Promoting transferable solutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nina Mostegl (SIR)
	Hungary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top-down initiative Stakeholder involvement, core working groups and bilateral meetings Identifying needs and barriers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Krisztina Ligetvári (EMI) Viola Kelemen (EMI)
2:45-3:20pm Dialogue and Exchange	Panel discussion Q&A	
3:20-3:55pm Alliance	4 parallel breakout groups for each practice case Moderation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Katharina Berger (FFG) Gudrun Haindlmaier (AIT) Elena Simion (UEFISCDI) Elli Tzatzanis-Stepanovic (FFG) 	
3:55-4:00pm	Wrap-up and Closure	



Building Capacities for the Climate
Neutral and Smart Cities Mission

More than 100 entities



15 core countries –partners and associated partners

RO, AT, SE, IT, CZ, EL, HU, NL,
SK, ES, PT, TR, PL, FR, FI



Supporting countries

BE, BG, EE, DE, SI, UA

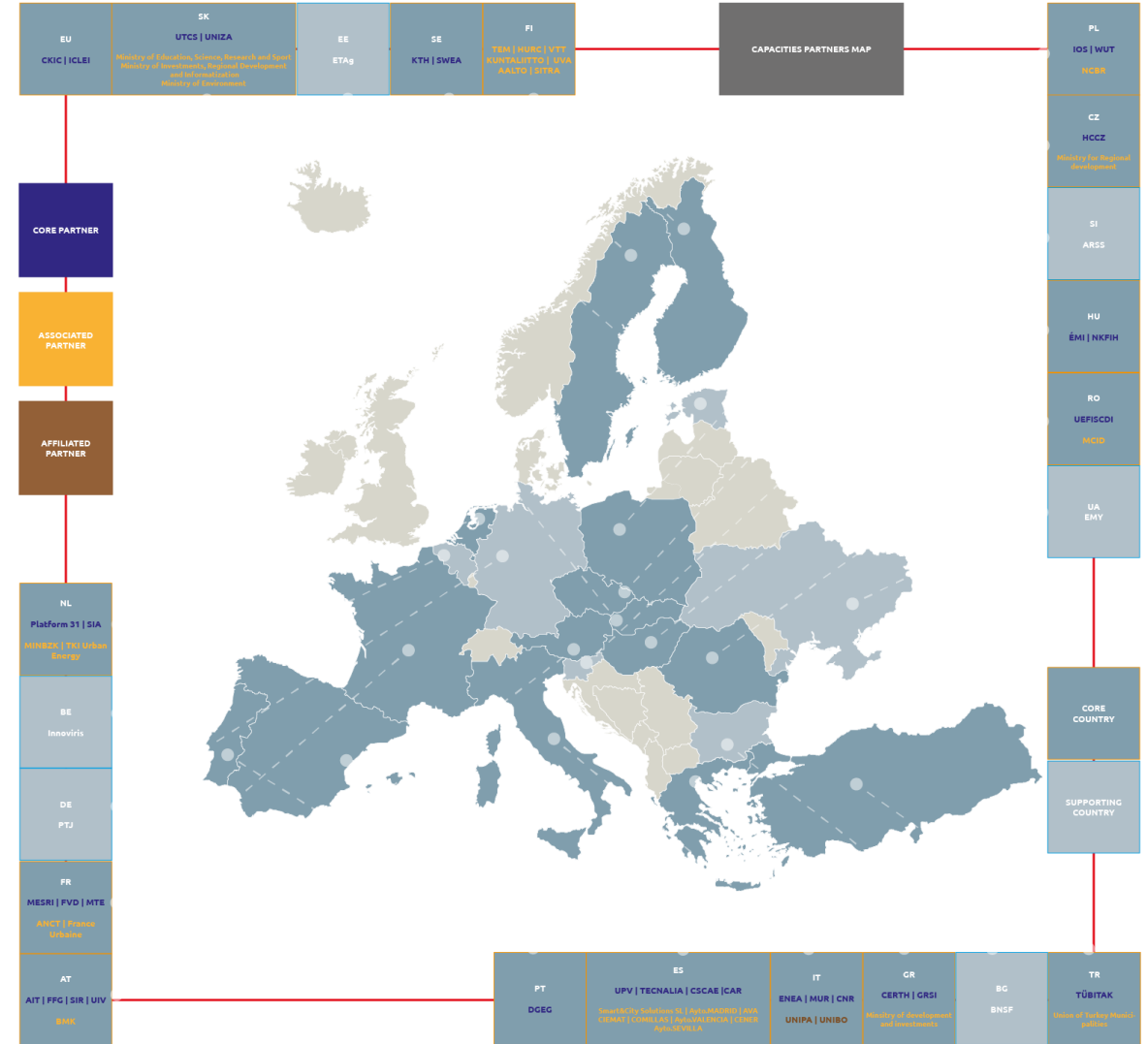


Synergies with other EU stakeholder platforms and initiatives to support the Cities Mission

CapaCITIES Partners Map

15 Core Countries representing a country team, including ministries, policy agencies, R&I funding agencies, national networks and research organisations.

6 supporting countries following and learning from the activities of CapaCITIES.



CapaCITIES' Vision

CapaCITIES will shape a European environment conducive to urban climate neutrality transitions for national, regional and local authorities.

It will initiate and strengthen national change processes to establish national networks and governance structures and provide dedicated support for public authorities to put enabling conditions and measures for cities in place to achieve the mission.

CapaCITIES ...

supports, connects, empowers and inspires national authorities, national ministries, funding agencies and agencies responsible for urban transitions in their efforts to implement the Cities Mission nationally.

CapaCITIES Activities

To support the countries in their
journey

A **Transnational Alliance** to showcase good practices so that they can be shared and learned from on a larger scale

Capacity building sessions based on the Core Countries' specific issues addressed in the self-assessment provided by ICLEI's expertise

Learning materials to deepen the understanding of the design and process behind national support structures, barriers and levers to implementation, good practices for engaging relevant stakeholders and supporting smaller cities and non-mission cities

Webinars and one-on-one workshops with the Core Countries to assist in the set-up of a countries' **Transition Lab** to advance the national change processes

Communication efforts such as a website, a Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation Plan (C&D&E), a newsletter, and ambassadors in each country to disseminate and leverage results.

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State of the art

Overview and deep dives into core countries' challenges and activities

Multi-level Government and Alignment

Most activities in this category

- Foster transformation through a variety of initiatives

Involvement and engagement of stakeholders

National platforms with different focus, maturity and process history

- Support the willing – leave no one behind

Financing

National support funding and involvement in EU projects

- Go beyond RTD funding and link to capacity building

Regulation and legislation

Changes in political cycles, complicated procurement rules

Capacity Building and Skills

Language barriers, lack of experts, limited personnel capacities

Other topics

- Knowledge transfer to smaller cities, acceleration, clear direction, make it the new normal

Learning topics collected so far

- Understand the design of and process behind national support platforms better
- Barriers and levers in the implementation of actions plans
- New approaches to collaboration between government departments and communities
- How do cities communicate relevant information between them and how can that communication be supported?
- How to engage local and regional politicians as well as industry players?
- How to support smaller cities and „non-mission“ cities best?
- How to build institutional capacity and how to formalize partnerships

Overcoming fragmentation



Engagement at various levels



Build institutional capacities



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