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Good practice case Hungary

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Backgorund

- Matthew Baldwin /Patrick Child visit
- Set up Climate neutral and smart city working group.
- Working Group event in February 2022.
- Selected cities (Budapest, Miskolc, Pécs)

NET
ZERO
CITIES



Budapest



Miskolc

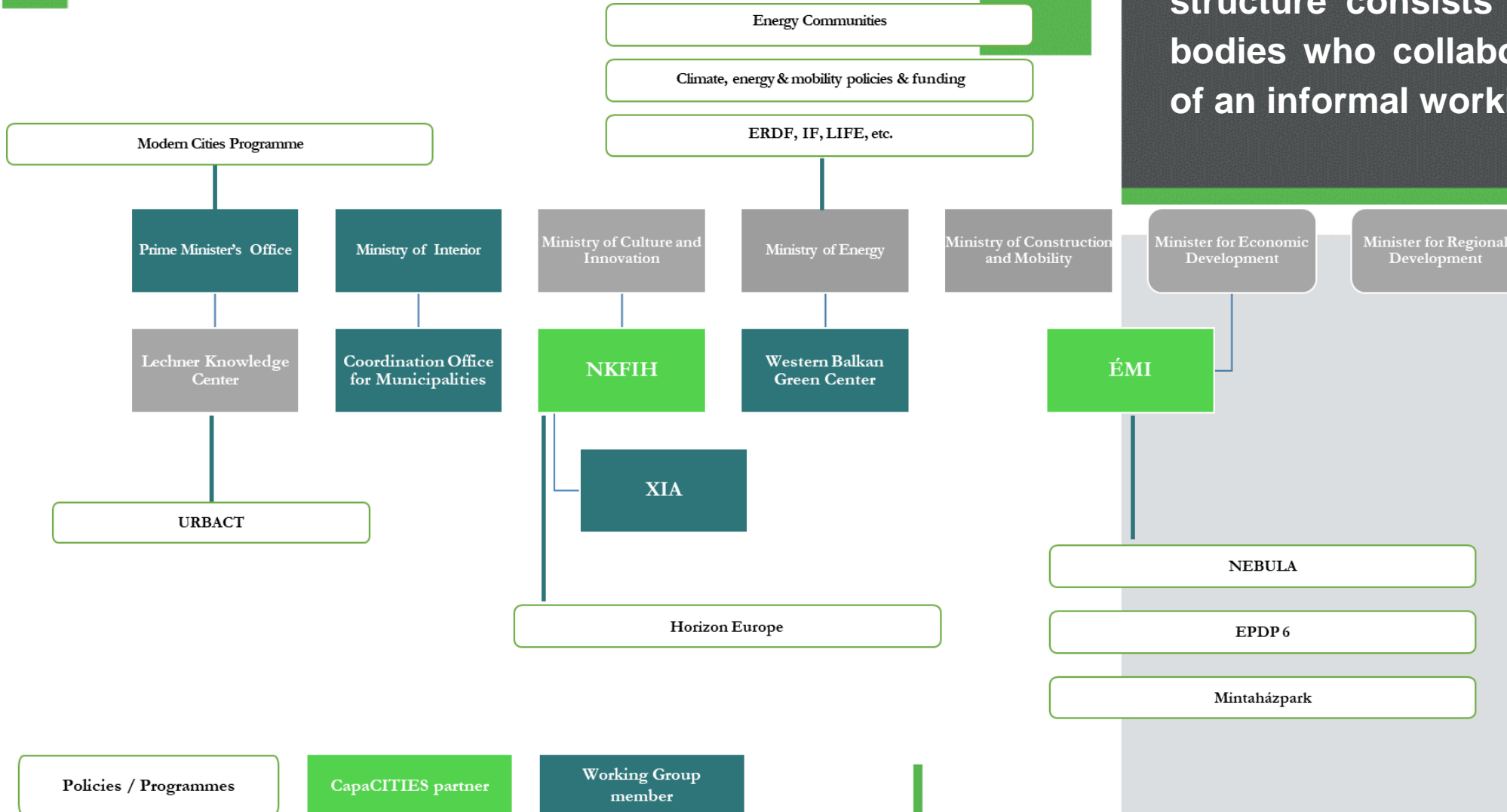


Pécs



Background

In Hungary currently there is no platform dedicated to Climate neutral cities, the current support structure consists of governmental bodies who collaborate in the form of an informal working group.

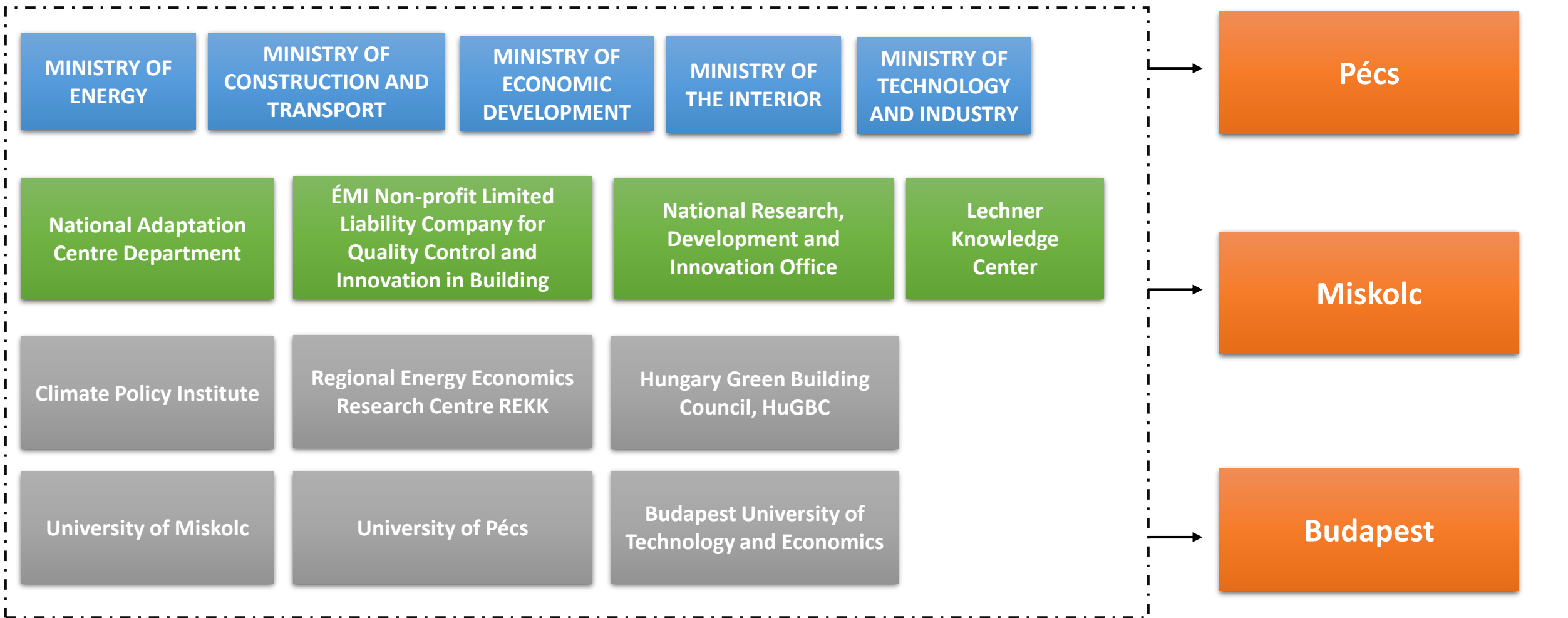


Methodology

- Currently there is no national platform for climate neutral cities in Hungary
- Top down approach to set up support structure (climate change strategies are available or in progress)
- Starting with Ministries and intermediate bodies and their liaison (professional organisations)



Organisations linkage



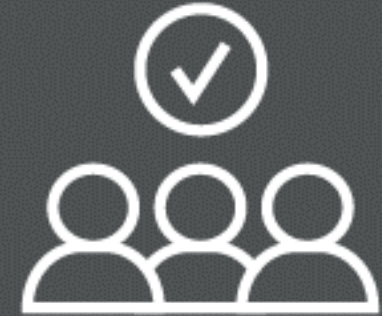
SWOT analysis

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are dedicated ministries for Climate Policy and Energy Policy• Skilled experts are available on a governmental level• Experts of governmental organisations are engaged and support the project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continuously changing governmental structure• Lack of experts at city level• Lack of foreign language skills• Budapest is fragmented, districts• Lack of national and regional financing and funding for climate neutrality• Knowledge transfer to smaller cities is difficult
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RES and clean energy are boosting (PV, wind)• There is an increasing interest about EU funding opportunities on a city level	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Global energy crisis negatively affects the funding opportunities (climate measures are not a priority on an EU level)• Challenging to make stakeholders interested on lower levels



Stakeholder involvement

- On a governmental level stakeholders are enthusiastic
- On local levels it is challenging to make stakeholders interested
- Important to emphasize the benefits for each type of stakeholders
- Challenging to create efficient communication between different levels (political barriers)
- Language barriers at local levels



Steps of engaging stakeholders implemented:

1. Identification of relevant stakeholders on different levels (governmental, regional, city)
2. Set up of working groups
3. Organization of events for stakeholders



Learn from others

- How to engage stakeholders and make them interested?
- How to integrate governmental level experts to city level?
- Guidance in how to connect with the EU level initiatives and partnerships (e.g. NetZeroCities, Driving Urban Transitions, other EU Missions - in particular the EU Mission on Climate Adaptation, EU Covenant of Mayors, EU Climate Pact, New European Bauhaus, Smart City Market Place, NetworkNature);
- Guidance in how to access funding (e.g. EU initiatives, leveraging taxonomy, private funding);
- Good practices in climate reporting (e.g. reporting platforms, supportive national reporting frameworks);
- Innovative multi-level governance approaches (e.g. Climate City Contracts, Local Green Deals);
- Innovative financing instruments (e.g. revolving funds, SPVs).



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