

WORKSHOP

**Multi-level governance to support cities under the EU *Climate-Neutral
and Smart Cities Mission***

February 7, 2024, 9:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Organized by DGEG - Directorate-General for Energy and Geology, with the support of IN+

The [European Union Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities](#) Mission is an initiative of the Horizon Europe Programme aimed at European cities to support them in their climate action activities. The Mission aims to achieve 100 smart and climate-neutral cities by 2030 and ensure that these cities act as hubs for experimentation and innovation to enable all European cities to follow suit by 2050.

The [CapaCITIES Project](#) is a consortium of 60 partners from 16 member states and associated states of the European Union, which aims on the one hand to contribute to the design of effective cross-sectoral governance structures to enable the processes of change in each of the countries involved and, on the other hand, to establish a transnational alliance of public authorities for information sharing and mutual learning. The Project is funded by the Horizon Europe Missions Programme.

The transition to climate neutrality in 2030 requires coordination between all levels of governance (European, national, regional, and local level), as well as new forms of dialogue and interaction that contribute to promoting an effective multi-level governance model. This requires clear communication, integrated planning and constructive collaboration between public authorities and other stakeholders.

It is in this context that DGEG and IN+ propose the organization of a strategic meeting between different entities of the public administration and the cities involved in the Mission, to share knowledge and experiences that facilitate a coordinated strategy, aligning the national, regional, and local levels, to strengthen climate neutrality initiatives and discuss the most appropriate way to pursue this joint effort.

PROGRAM

- 9:30 a.m. Opening speech - Paulo Partidário (DGEG) and Paulo Ferrão (Mission Board)
- 9:45 a.m. *The evolving European landscape of national Cities Mission support structures* - Lena Holmberg - Viable Cities, CapaCITIES

Legislative framework

- 10:00 a.m. *National Energy and Climate Plan* - António Vasconcelos, DGEG (DG Energy)
- 10:15 a.m. *Basic Law on Climate* - Paulo Lourenço, APA (Environmental Agency)

Initiatives to support climate action in cities

- 10:30 a.m. *Net Zero Cities Platform* - Gabriela Uchoa, Eurocities
- 10:40 a.m. *Network of Portuguese Cities and Regions for Climate Neutrality* - Patrícia Baptista, IN+ (research center)
- 10:50 a.m. *National Platform for Missions Support* - Cristiana Leandro, ANI (Innovation Agency)
- 11:00 a.m. National Coordination of the Covenant of Mayors - Sofia Cordeiro and Maria Albuquerque, ADENE (National Energy Agency)
- 11:10 a.m. *Driving Urban Transition Partnership* - Alexandre Maurício, FCT (Science and Technology Foundation)

Funding Opportunities

- 11:20 a.m. *2024 Funding Opportunities in Cities Mission* - Cristiana Leandro, ANI
- 11:30 a.m. *2024 Funding Opportunities in Climate Mission* - Flávio Soares, ANI

Multi-level governance

- 11:40 a.m. *The experiences of the National Circular Cities Initiative and the URBACT Liaison Group* - Rita Zina and Maria João Matos, DG Territory
- 11:50 a.m. Debate
- 12:40 p.m. Next steps: second CapaCITIES workshop, 26th March 2024
- 12:45 p.m. Closing