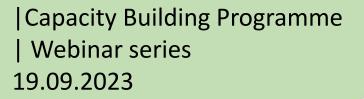


Ready4NetZero: Capacity building for long-term climate neutrality strategies in towns and cities







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Ready4NetZero in a nutshell

Fight with the **climate change** is one of the key challenges faced by humanity today. The EU is leading this fight striving for **climate neutrality** by 2050.

Climate neutrality refers to the idea of achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions by reducing and balancing those emissions so they are equal (or less than) the emissions that get removed through the planet's natural absorption

The transition to a climate-neutral society is both an urgent challenge and an opportunity to build a better future for all.

All parts of society, economic sectors and levels of administration play a role, however.... **cities are at the forefront of the fight with climate change** since they have capacities and tools to act, the will to act and are the closest to the citizens, therefore they can offer solutions that are both environmentally and socially friendly

One of the key tools, which are critical to drive the necessary socio-ecological transformation & manage a fair transition to local net-zero emission, are **the Local Long-Term Climate Neutrality Strategies (LLCS)** that will guide the cities in the process

Ready4NetZero key challenges



- **limited staff capacities and resources** (technical, financial) hampering their potential to act for climate.
- **knowladge gaps** regarding setting, implementing and monitoring longterm visions and targets, as well as **lack of technical expertise** on translating long-term planning into short- and midterm strategies and concrete actions.
- lack of sufficient governance frameworks, support from national and regional level and participation processes to support the design and implementation of LLCS.
- lack of access to context-specific knowledge, case studies, relevant tools & exchange opportunities to build capacities on the topic, especially in case when the topic of climate neutrality is also becoming increasingly important but the capacity gaps are bigger than in case of bigger cities and it is harder to translate the overall commitment into concrete strategies and actions.

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Ready4NetZero obcjetives



Supporting small- and medium-sized cities in Poland, Romania, Hungary and Croatia in <u>development and implementation of local 2050 climate neutrality</u> strategies (LLCS) through:

- development of **capacity**, **knowledge** and **skills** among the municipality officials, staff and local stakeholders
- fostering **exchange and networking** between municipalities that have decided to take steps towards achieving climate neutrality
- elaborating guidance to developing ambitious LLCS as well as a tailored capacity-development programme consisting of a webinar series, inperson workshops in pilot cities and a study visit to Germany
- kick-starting concrete actions that directly contribute to the development of LLCS in pilot cities in PL, HU, HR and RO (e.g. co-creating a 2050 vision; a stakeholder engagement campaign; conducting a necessary study)
- dissemination of project products and results to a broader audience beyond the 8 pilot cities through an online platform, a communication campaign and train-the-trainer events.

Steps towards reaching the goal



Equipping municipal staff in the pilot cities and other EU cities with capacities, knowledge, networks and tools to develop and implement long-term local climate strategies (LLCS).

Step 4:

Dissemination of project results via on-line platform

• Step 1:

Development of guidance ocument on "Developing ambitious local long-term climate neutrality strategies"

Step 2:

Elaboration of the capacity development programme with diverse training activities

• Step 3:

Kick-starting concrete actions towards development of LLCS in partner cities Capacity development programme Webinar series



Ready4NetZero project facilitates knowledge exchange and capacity development by providing a forum for exchange and a communication campaign for the results.

The webinar series, which begins today, provides access to all stakeholders who are considering the development of LLCS to show how work can begin and how to ensure that the long-term vision is achieved, taking into account the full local potential.



Partners









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