Lithuanian city Tauragė to advance climate-neutral ambition with €20 million in EIB financing

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Tauragė

→ **EIB lends Lithuanian city of Tauragė €20 million for sustainable development.**
→ **Loan bolsters city's goal of becoming climate neutral by 2030.**
→ **EIB financing, complemented by advisory support for sustainable mobility, forms part of Tauragė wider investment programme of more than €110 million.**
→ **Financing supports projects ranging from cycling infrastructure and clean public transport to energy-efficient schools and modern water services.**

The European Investment Bank (EIB) is lending €20 million to the western Lithuanian city of Tauragė to help transform the municipality into one of Europe's first climate-neutral mid-sized cities by 2030 through investments in sustainable mobility, energy efficiency, renewable energy and modern public infrastructure.

The EIB loan will help Tauragė municipality deliver investments that residents can see and use in their daily lives. Among the planned investments are a 16.9 km network of new cycling paths, additional zero-emission buses for the city's public transport fleet, the revitalisation of the Jūra River waterfront, energy-efficiency renovations of schools and public buildings, and the expansion of water and wastewater services benefiting communities across Tauragė district.

The financing forms part of an investment programme of more than €110 million including European Union and municipal funds.

The financing builds on the EIB's broader support for cities pursuing climate neutrality. Through the InvestEU Advisory Hub, EIB Advisory supports cities participating in the EU Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission in developing and implementing sustainable investment projects. In Tauragė, EIB Advisory will support the

implementation of cycling-path investments as part of the city's sustainable transport programme.

“Cooperation between Tauragė and the EIB will accelerate the sustainable development of our city and the entire district,” said Tauragė Mayor **Dovydas Kaminskas**. "Most importantly, every resident of Tauragė city and district will feel the benefits of these investments in their daily lives. This is another important step towards our goal of making Tauragė greener, more modern and a better place to live.”

Tauragė is among 100 EU municipalities aiming under a “Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission” to achieve climate neutrality by 2030 and to serve as innovation hubs for the wider European green transition.

"Tauragė has set itself one of Europe's most ambitious urban-development goals by seeking climate neutrality by 2030," said EIB Vice-President **Karl Nehammer**. "This financing and advisory support demonstrates how European investment can help local communities turn climate ambitions into concrete improvements for residents, from cleaner mobility and modern infrastructure to more sustainable public services."

The financing also contributes to the EastInvest Facility, a joint European initiative supporting investment in EU eastern border regions to strengthen resilience, economic development and territorial cohesion.

The programme will also support social housing and care facilities, the preservation and adaptive reuse of historic buildings, as well as renewable energy, energy-efficiency, water and wastewater infrastructure projects.

Background information

EIB Group

The European Investment Bank (EIB) Group is the financing arm of the European Union, owned by the 27 Member States, and one of the largest multilateral development banks in the world. In 2025, the EIB Group signed €100 billion in new financing and advisory services for over 870 high-impact projects under eight core priorities that support EU policy objectives: climate action and the environment, digitalisation and technological innovation, security and defence, territorial cohesion, agriculture and the bioeconomy, social infrastructure, strong global partnerships and the savings and investments union. Beyond long-term loans for large infrastructure, the EIB Group crowds in private investment for high-risk innovative projects and businesses, with a growing role in Europe’s markets for venture debt, venture capital, guarantees and securitisations.

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EIB Advisory

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InvestEU

InvestEU brings together under one roof the many EU financial instruments to support a sustainable economy and mobilise private investment for the European Union’s strategic priorities, such as resilience, green and secure energy, competitiveness, and SME support. InvestEU makes financing in Europe simpler, more efficient, and more flexible. The InvestEU Fund, part of the InvestEU programme, is deployed through implementing partners, which invest in projects using an EU budget guarantee of €29.1 billion to increase their risk-bearing capacity. As a result, including further top-ups, the programme expects to mobilise at least €427 billion in additional investment. InvestEU exceeded its original target of €372 billion in the beginning of

2026. EU Mission: Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities

The Cities Mission, under Horizon Europe, contributes to Europe's clean and digital transition, aligning with the European Green Deal, the Policy Agenda for Cities, and the Clean Industrial Deal. It involves local authorities, citizens, businesses, investors as well as regional and national authorities to deliver climate-neutral and smart cities by 2030 with over 100 having reached mission label milestone and ensure that these cities act as experimentation and innovation hubs to enable all European cities to follow suit by 2050.

City of Tauragė

Tauragė District Municipality is located in western Lithuania, covering an area of 1,179 square kilometres and home to approximately 38,000 residents. Established in 1995, the municipality consists of eight administrative districts (elderships).

Tauragė has three main strategic priorities: to become the greenest municipality in Lithuania, to build an economically strong district, and to create an attractive place to live with a strong sense of community.

The municipality follows the principles of transparent and efficient financial management, responsible use of public funds, development of modern infrastructure, attraction of investment and continuous improvement of public services.

Tauragė has set an ambitious goal of becoming a climate-neutral city by 2030. With a strong vision and ambitious plans for the future, the municipality believes that even smaller cities can achieve great things and inspire others.

"We may be too small to change the world, but we are big enough to lead by example."

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