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OCTOBER FOCUS

FROM LOCAL PRIORITIES TO CLIMATE INVESTMENT

A practical route from ambition to investment-ready action — through knowledge, finance and local leadership.

From Climate Ambition to Investment-Ready Action

Turning local priorities into bankable projects



Daiva Matonienė
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FOREWORD

Climate action requires more than ambitious targets; it demands practical projects, investment and measurable results.

Our discussions highlighted the importance of reliable data, clear objectives, sound financial planning and stronger institutional capacity. From Horizon Europe opportunities to climate finance experiences shared by İLBANK and UNDP, we explored pathways to strengthen municipal investment readiness.

Throughout October, MLGP4Climate brought municipalities, experts and international partners together through the CITY-ACCEL Labs to explore how local climate priorities can become investment-ready projects.

As COP31 approaches in Antalya, one message remains clear: global climate commitments must translate into meaningful local action. Building resilient cities requires knowledge, effective partnerships and the resources to turn plans into implementation.

02 / THE WORK AHEAD

MLGP4Climate remains committed to supporting municipalities, fostering collaboration and connecting local ambitions with practical opportunities.

Together, we can move from plans to projects, and from projects to investment and impact.

FROM CLIMATE AMBITION TO INVESTMENT-READY ACTION

FROM LOCAL PRIORITIES TO CLIMATE INVESTMENT

October highlighted the importance of turning municipal climate ambitions into practical, investment-ready projects. Through CITY-ACCEL Labs, MLGP4Climate brought municipalities, experts and partners together to explore new pathways for climate action.

FROM PROJECT IDEAS TO INVESTMENT READINESS

Municipalities need more than climate targets. They need well-prepared projects, stronger institutional capacity and access to relevant financing opportunities.

THE PATHWAY FROM PLANS TO IMPACT



Investment readiness is the turning point where local priorities become financeable projects.

The next step is turning local climate priorities into well-prepared projects that can attract investment and deliver measurable impact.



GET WELL SOON, ISTANBUL!

Our thoughts are with everyone affected by the severe rainfall and flooding in Istanbul. We extend our heartfelt condolences to those who lost their lives, and our deepest sympathies to their families and loved ones. We thank all emergency and response teams working under difficult conditions and recognise the importance of solidarity and cooperation across the city.

BUILDING MORE RESILIENT CITIES, TOGETHER.

We remain committed to working towards stronger local governments and more resilient cities in the face of climate change.

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Extreme Heat Above 50°C

Why cities need heat-ready planning now

THE CHALLENGE

Rising temperatures are pushing cities beyond the limits of conventional planning. As heat above 50°C becomes a recurring reality, local authorities face a clear question: how do we protect people, services and infrastructure when the climate is changing faster than our systems can adapt?

01 **Protect vulnerable groups**

Heat action plans must prioritise elderly residents, children, outdoor workers and people living with chronic conditions.

02 **Build cooling infrastructure**

Shade, green corridors, public cooling centres and water access are essential components of resilient urban design.

03 **Strengthen early warning systems**

Reliable data, clear thresholds and rapid communication channels turn forecasts into timely local action.

04 **Integrate heat into climate planning**

Heat risk belongs in municipal climate plans, budgeting and long-term investment decisions, not in separate emergency responses.

Cities that treat heat as a planning priority today will be the cities best prepared for the decades ahead.

NATURE IS NOT A BACKDROP.
IT IS THE FOUNDATION OF LIFE.

World Nature Day | Protecting Nature, Securing Our Future



Healthy ecosystems sustain life.

They provide clean water, fertile soil, food and the natural processes that make our communities resilient.

Biodiversity strengthens the ability of ecosystems to adapt, regenerate and respond to environmental change.

FLOOD RISK IN ISTANBUL:

HOW PREPARED ARE OUR CITIES?

Building Urban Resilience Starts Before the Rain



> Heavy rainfall is a natural phenomenon. However, poor urban planning, dense construction and inadequate infrastructure can turn extreme rainfall into a disaster.

KEY PRIORITIES FOR A FLOOD-RESILIENT ISTANBUL

1. PROTECT GREEN SPACES & NATURAL WATERWAYS

Preserve green infrastructure, permeable surfaces and natural water flows.

2. STRENGTHEN STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Improve urban drainage and rainwater management systems.

3. INTEGRATE CLIMATE RISKS INTO URBAN PLANNING

Consider flood exposure and climate risks in land-use and development decisions.

REACTIVE APPROACH

Responding after flooding occurs.

PREVENTIVE APPROACH

Identifying risks, protecting natural systems and investing in resilient infrastructure before extreme rainfall.



CLIMATE RESILIENCE BEGINS WITH TODAY'S PLANNING AND INVESTMENT DECISIONS.

Local governments play a critical role in integrating climate risks into urban planning, infrastructure investments and local climate action.

RESILIENT CITIES DO NOT WAIT FOR THE RAIN. THEY PLAN FOR THE RISK.

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CARBON FOOTPRINT

From Reducing Emissions to Enabling Positive Climate Impact

CARBON FOOTPRINT

WHAT EMISSIONS DO WE GENERATE?



Greenhouse gas emissions generated through an organisation's activities and value chain.

CARBON HANDPRINT

WHAT EMISSION REDUCTIONS DO WE ENABLE?



Emission reductions made possible through an organisation's products, services and solutions.

A SOLAR ENERGY COMPANY: TWO SIDES OF CLIMATE IMPACT

Its manufacturing and operational activities generate greenhouse gas emissions.

It's manufacturing and operational activities generate greenhouse gas emissions for organisation's activities and value chain.

Its solar energy solutions help customers replace fossil fuel-based electricity and reduce emissions.

It's solar energy solutions help customers replace fuel-based electricity and reduce emissions, fossil fuel and based electricies energy.

CLIMATE LEADERSHIP IS NOT ONLY ABOUT REDUCING WHAT WE EMIT. IT IS ALSO ABOUT INCREASING THE POSITIVE IMPACT WE ENABLE.

DON'T JUST REDUCE YOUR FOOTPRINT. EXPAND YOUR HANDPRINT.



EUROPE'S EXTREME HEAT REACHES A NEW RECORD

The Summer of 2026 Highlights Growing Risks for People, Homes and Cities.

In summer 2026, Western Europe experienced its highest recorded level of very strong heat stress. According to the Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S), extreme heat is increasingly affecting public health, housing conditions and urban resilience across Europe.

41 DAYS

52%

38°C+

WESTERN EUROPE'S HOTTEST SUMMER

21.7°C

+2.5°C

13 DAYS

EXTREME HEAT IS ALSO A SOCIAL CHALLENGE

PUBLIC HEALTH
Extreme heat increases the risk of heat-related illness and heatstroke.

HOUSING
More than 38% of surveyed respondents reported being unable to afford keeping their homes sufficiently cool during summer.

URBAN RESILIENCE
Cities need better heat adaptation strategies and protection for vulnerable communities.

EEA and Eurofound survey covering more than 27,000 people across 27 European countries.

EXTREME HEAT IS NO LONGER JUST A WEATHER EVENT.
IT IS A PUBLIC HEALTH, HOUSING AND URBAN RESILIENCE CHALLENGE.

Building heat-resilient cities requires better planning, accessible cooling solutions, urban green infrastructure and stronger climate adaptation policies.

LOCAL ACTION
GLOBAL IMPACT

FINANCING CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Why Investing in Adaptation Today Matters for Tomorrow's Cities

Climate adaptation is increasingly becoming a financial and investment priority. As physical climate risks translate into financial risks, adaptation investments are essential to reducing future losses and strengthening economic resilience.



01 | CLIMATE RISKS → FINANCIAL RISKS

02 | ADAPTATION INVESTMENTS →GREATER RESILIENCE

03 | FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS →KEY INVESTMENT ACTORS

04 | PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS →SCALING UP ACTION

REACTIVE APPROACH

Responding after climate-related damage occurs.

PROACTIVE APPROACH

Investing in resilience before risks materialise.

BUILDING RESILIENCE THROUGH INVESTMENT

Financing climate adaptation means more than preventing future losses. It means creating stronger infrastructure, more reliable public services and more resilient urban environments today.

THE TIME TO INVEST IN RESILIENCE IS BEFORE CLIMATE RISKS BECOME FINANCIAL LOSSES.

FROM CLIMATE RISK TO RESILIENT INVESTMENT.
BUILDING STRONGER CITIES FOR THE FUTURE.

CLIMATE INVESTMENT READINESS

Turning Climate Ambitions into Fundable Projects



SCAP → PROJECT IDEA → **INVESTMENT READINESS** → FINANCING → IMPLEMENTATION

WHAT MAKES A PROJECT INVESTMENT-READY?

- **01 | CLEAR SCOPE & OBJECTIVES**
- **02 | DEFINED COSTS & FUNDING NEEDS**
- **03 | MEASURABLE CLIMATE IMPACT**
- **04 | IMPLEMENTATION CAPACITY & RISK**
- **05 | IDENTIFIED FINANCING OPTIONS**

FROM CLIMATE TARGETS TO INVESTMENT-READY PROJECTS.

Turning plans into projects. Turning projects into impact.

Climate Investment Is Gaining Momentum Again!

Robeco's 2026 research covers **300** institutions and **USD 28.1 trillion** in assets.

From commitment to a more resilient future.

47% Climate change is a strategic investment priority, expected to reach **62%** in two years.

42% Plan to increase climate investments in the next 12 months; expected to reach **60%** within three years.

66% Expect physical climate risks to moderately or significantly affect asset prices in five years; **82%** in ten years.

Climate objectives and investment performance: balancing challenge down from **67%** to **50%**.

A changing rationale for climate investment

Physical risks affect asset valuations.

The energy transition creates investment opportunities.

Energy security and resilience create economic value.

Climate risks can be priced before impacts fully materialise.

For local governments: turn climate targets into bankable projects as part of a wider financing and investment strategy.

CITIES TODAY. A MORE RESILIENT TOMORROW.

Climate change is a systemic challenge.

One disruption can trigger another.



- Protect forests
- Build climate-resilient infrastructure
- Strengthen public health
- Accelerate clean energy
- Build inclusive, resilient economies

Our response must be interconnected too.

WHY NATURE MATTERS



01 | HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS

Protecting water, soil, food systems and natural habitats.



02 | BIODIVERSITY

Strengthening nature's capacity to adapt, regenerate and thrive.



03 | CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Restoring ecosystems and integrating nature into sustainable urban planning.

Protect nature.
Protect life.
Secure the future.

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THE GREEN BOND MARKET REACHES $7 TRILLION

Climate Investment Is Becoming a Core Part of Global Finance



$7 TRILLION
GLOBAL GREEN BOND MARKET

$1 TRILLION+
IN ANNUAL GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE BOND ISSUANCE FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR

CLIMATE RISK
- Infrastructure and asset damage
- Long-term financial losses

FINANCIAL RISK
- Credithorithness and repayment risks

INVESTMENT IN RESILIENCE
- Stronger, more resilient communities
- A more stable financial future

Climate-resilient infrastructure

Climate adaptation investments

Low-carbon transition projects

Initiatives that reduce future climate-related losses

SECAP PRIORITIES → **INVESTMENT-READY PROJECTS** → **CLIMATE FINANCE**

Municipalities can diversify access to **climate finance** by turning **SECAP priorities** into **structured** investment projects. Green bonds may be suitable when projects and financial conditions allow.

TAKEAWAY Climate investment connects emissions reduction with risk management, infrastructure protection and long-term financial resilience.

Source: Reuters / Climate Bonds Initiative

TÜRKIYE'S CLIMATE DIPLOMACY:

FROM 2004 TO COP31 ANTALYA

Two Decades of International Climate Engagement



2004 – UNFCCC
Türkiye becomes a Party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

KYOTO PROTOCOL
Türkiye's climate diplomacy continues through the international climate framework.

PARIS AGREEMENT
A new phase of international climate cooperation and national climate commitments.

2026 – COP31 ANTALYA
Türkiye takes on the COP31 Presidency and hosting role.

COP31 | ANTALYA, TÜRKIYE

9–20 NOVEMBER 2026

A STRONGER, BRIGHTER,
MORE RESILIENT
TOMORROW TOGETHER.



INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS › **NATIONAL CLIMATE POLICIES** › **LOCAL ACTION & CITY LEADERSHIP** › **INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

The next chapter of climate diplomacy will be shaped by turning international decisions into concrete action. Cities, local governments and international partnerships have an essential role to play.

CLIMATE DIPLOMACY MUST LEAD TO CLIMATE ACTION.

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MOBILISING CLIMATE FINANCE IS NOT ENOUGH: WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

From Project Funding to Lasting Institutional Change



A climate project can secure funding, attract investment and deliver its intended outputs.

BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE PROJECT ENDS?

CLIMATE FINANCE → PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION → STRONGER INSTITUTIONS → NEW INVESTMENTS → LASTING CLIMATE IMPACT

FROM FUNDING TO DELIVERY

TOWARDS LASTING CHANGE

Institutional Continuity
Can institutions continue developing new projects?

Sustainable Financing
Do financing mechanisms continue to operate?

Lasting Capacity
Does the institutional capacity created remain in place?

Long-term Impact
Are climate benefits sustained over time?

KEY ACTIONS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

- **Link Climate Plans to Budgets**
- **Strengthen Project Development Capacity**
- **Institutionalise Cooperation**

Lasting change connects plans to budgets, strengthens project development **capacity** and makes **cooperation permanent.**

SUCCESS IS NOT JUST COMPLETING A PROJECT. IT IS MAKING THE NEXT INVESTMENT POSSIBLE.

MORE FINANCING. STRONGER INSTITUTIONS. LASTING CLIMATE BENEFITS.

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COP31:
TURNING CLIMATE COMMITMENTS INTO INVESTMENT

From Climate Ambition to Investment-Ready Projects



Countries have climate targets. Cities have SECAPs. But where are the projects and financing needed to turn these commitments into action?

PREDICTABLE POLICIES

Stable conditions for clean energy investment.

INVESTMENT-READY PROJECTS

Climate targets linked to concrete opportunities.

ACCESS TO FINANCE

Public resources, development finance and private investment.

CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Climate risks included in planning and investment.

SECAP PRIORITIES → PROJECT DEVELOPMENT → FINANCIAL STRUCTURING → MATCHING WITH FINANCING SOURCES → IMPLEMENTATION

MLGP4CLIMATE + GCOM + CITY-ACCEL

Connecting local climate targets, implementable projects and financing opportunities.

CLIMATE PLANS ARE ONLY THE BEGINNING. REAL TRANSFORMATION HAPPENS THROUGH PROJECTS AND INVESTMENT.

FROM CLIMATE TARGETS TO INVESTMENT.
FROM PLANS TO IMPLEMENTATION.

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COP31 BRIDGE:
INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY IS THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS CLIMATE FINANCE



Turning Climate Priorities into Investment Opportunities

Climate investment requires more than access to funding. It takes the capacity to identify investment opportunities, develop strong projects and support financing requests with reliable data.

INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY
- Reliable data and analysis
- Technical expertise
- Strong decision-making processes

PROJECT PREPARATION
- Feasibility studies
- Environmental and social safeguards
- Financial structuring

ACCESS TO FINANCE
- Public funding
- Concessional finance
- Private capital and risk-sharing mechanisms

INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY
The enabling component across the entire process

CLIMATE & DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES → INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES → PROJECT PREPARATION → FINANCING PARTNERS → IMPLEMENTATION

Türkiye's Climate Implementation Bridge (BRIDGE) initiative aims to connect countries' climate and development priorities with concrete investment opportunities and financing partners.

BUILDING THE CAPACITY TO INVEST

- Identify their own investment priorities
- Evaluate financing proposals
- Safeguard public interest

A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

Bringing together expertise for greater impact

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS · UNIVERSITIES · TECHNICAL EXPERTS · FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

FINANCING MAKES INVESTMENT POSSIBLE.
INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY MAKES IT SUSTAINABLE.

EXPLORE THE COP31 BRIDGE INITIATIVE
https://lnkd.in/eP-ej3wm

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STRONGER CITIES.
A SAFER, GREENER TOMORROW.

GLOBAL COOPERATION FOR CLIMATE ACTION

STRONGER LOCAL ACTION.

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Highlights from the 2026 EU Covenant of Mayors Ceremony | Brussels

15 OCTOBER 2026 | BRUSSELS

LOCAL LEADERS FOR AFFORDABLE ENERGY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE



1. ENERGY TRANSITION

Strengthening access to clean and affordable energy.

2. CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Improving cities' preparedness and adaptation capacity against climate risks.

3. FROM PLANNING TO INVESTMENT

Turning Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs) into investment plans and strengthening coordination across governance levels.

Tackling Climate Disinformation

Strengthening Public Trust

Empowering Local Governments

GLOBAL COOPERATION. LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION.

MLGP4Climate follows this shared agenda in connection with the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM). Strong local climate action depends on institutional capacity, multi-level governance, access to finance and international cooperation.

SHARED GOALS. STRONGER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. MORE RESILIENT CITIES.

SOURCE:

GLOBAL COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR CLIMATE & ENERGY

STRONGER CITIES A SAFER TOMORROW

THE WORLD'S CLIMATE WARNING IS GROWING LOUDER



7 of 16 Key Climate Indicators Have Reached Record Levels

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KEY CLIMATE INDICATORS AT RECORD LEVELS

2026 State of the Climate Report

Rising CO_2
atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations continue to increase.

Ocean Heating
oceans continue to accumulate heat.

Ice Loss
glaciers and ice sheets are shrinking.

Extreme Weather
growing pressure on ecosystems and communities.

A MIXED PICTURE ON ENERGY

+18%
solar and wind energy consumption growth in 2025.

NEW RECORDS
for fossil fuel consumption.

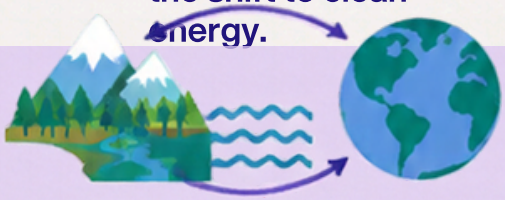
RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH MUST REPLACE NOT SIMPLY ADD TO THEM.

THREE PRIORITIES FOR A SAFER TOMORROW

1. ACCELERATE THE ENERGY TRANSITION
Move away from fossil fuels and strengthen the shift to clean energy.

2. PROTECT NATURE
Strengthen ecosystem resilience and natural carbon storage capacity.

3. BUILD CLIMATE RESILIENCE
Prepare cities and communities for growing climate risks.



A CONNECTED PLANET

Changes in one ecosystem can affect other parts of the Earth system, potentially triggering consequences that are extremely difficult to reverse.

SCIENCE SHOWS THE URGENCY. POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION MUST KEEP PACE.

The challenge is to translate climate warnings into concrete policies, investments and action.

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LOCAL ACTION GLOBAL IMPACT

CLIMATE RESILIENCE IS NOT A COST. IT IS AN INVESTMENT IN OUR FUTURE.



Why Investing in Climate Adaptation Makes Economic Sense

€40–50 BILLION

Annual economic losses caused by extreme weather events in Europe.

€1→€6

Every €1 invested in coastal flood protection can generate approximately €6 in returns.

27%

The average global return on investment in climate adaptation projects.

KEY BENEFITS OF INVESTING IN CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Protect Infrastructure
Reduce damage to essential urban systems.

Strengthen Economic Security
Support agriculture, energy and transport systems.

Reduce Future Losses
Anticipate climate risks before they become costly disasters.

A MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT PATHWAY

1. **IDENTIFY RISKS**
   Floods, droughts and extreme heat.
2. **STRENGTHEN INFRASTRUCTURE**
   Invest in resilient urban systems.
3. **INTEGRATE ADAPTATION INTO INVESTMENT PLANS**
   Connect climate risks with municipal budgets and priorities.
4. **TURN SECAP TARGETS INTO PROJECTS**
   Develop implementable climate adaptation investments.



FROM SECAP TARGETS TO INVESTMENT-READY PROJECTS

MLGP4Climate and GCoM support local governments in translating climate commitments into concrete projects and implementable investments.

TAKEAWAY

INVESTING IN CLIMATE RESILIENCE TODAY MEANS REDUCING TOMORROW'S LOSSES.

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FROM SECAP TO CLIMATE FINANCE ACCELERATOR

Turning Municipal Climate Commitments into Investment-Ready Projects.

COP31 TÜRKIYE ANTALYA

LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION STRONGER CITIES BRIGHTER FUTURES



13 NOVEMBER 2026

10:00-12:00 (Türkiye Time)

Antalya Metropolitan Municipality Pavilion | COP31 Green Zone

WHY THIS WORKSHOP MATTERS

How can municipalities transform their climate and energy commitments into bankable projects?

Municipal capacity-building, AI-assisted finance matchmaking, innovative financing instruments, and engagement with financial institutions can unlock climate finance and strengthen urban resilience.

1. SECAP TO INVESTMENT -READY PROJECTS

2. AI-ASSISTED FINANCE MATCHMAKING

3. MUNICIPAL CLIMATE ACTION IN PRACTICE

4. FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

HOW TO ACCELERATE CLIMATE PLANS INTO INVESTMENT-READY PROJECTS.

CITY-ACCEL Coordination in Türkiye.

With: Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM), MLGP4Climate, Antalya Metropolitan Municipality, GAP Fund, and international financial institutions and European Commission (subject to confirmation).

THE TRANSFORMATION PATHWAY

SECAP PRIORITIES → PROJECT DEVELOPMENT → AI-ASSISTED FINANCE MATCHMAKING → FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES → IMPLEMENTATION

FROM CLIMATE PLANS TO INVESTMENT. FROM LOCAL COMMITMENTS TO GLOBAL IMPACT.

GLOBAL COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR CLIMATE & ENERGY

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CITIES ARE HEATING UP:
THE HIDDEN THREAT OF URBAN HEAT ISLANDS

Why Urban Areas Remain Hotter – Even After Sunset



COOLER CITIES BRIGHTER TOMORROWS



CONVENTIONAL CITY
HOTTER, DENSER, LESS GREEN

DAYTIME:
Built surfaces absorb and store heat.

VS



GREEN AND CLIMATE-RESPONSIVE CITY
COOLER, GREENER, MORE RESILIENT

NIGHTTIME:
Stored heat is gradually released, keeping cities warmer than surrounding rural areas.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

RISING TEMPERATURES
Climate change intensifies existing urban heat pressures.

NIGHT-TIME HEAT STRESS
Higher night-time temperatures reduce opportunities for the human body to recover after extreme

PUBLIC HEALTH & RESILIENCE
Urban heat increases health risks and makes climate adaptation an important urban planning

HOW CAN CITIES BECOME COOLER?

1. **EXPAND GREEN SPACES**
2. **PROTECT TREE CANOPY**
3. **DESIGN COOLER CITIES**
4. **IMPROVE SHADE**

KEY TAKEAWAY

COOLER CITIES ARE HEALTHIER, GREENER AND MORE RESILIENT CITIES.

Urban cooling is not only an environmental concern. It is also a public health and urban resilience priority.

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CLIMATE FINANCE | WATER SECURITY

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The Invisible Source of Artificial Intelligence: Water

As altitude increases, so does the pressure on water systems.



AI and data centers are growing. There is one increasingly important source for this growth: water.

Are we also including the resources that make growth possible in our growth calculations?

WATER SECURITY IS AN INVESTMENT ISSUE.

Water security is no longer just an environmental issue, but also a matter of economic resilience and investment.

INVESTMENT AREAS

- Watershed protection
- Pond rehabilitation
- Groundwater recharge
- Better water management

MEASURABLE | VERIFIABLE | INVESTABLE

THE ROLE OF AI: MEASURING AND VERIFYING

AI INFRASTRUCTURE → ARE BASQUES → MEASUREMENT AND VERIFICATION → DURABLE INVESTMENT

AI and digital technologies can play a role not only in generating results, but also in measuring and verifying those results.

For sustainable growth, water systems must be resilient, measurable, and accountable.

The intersection of water security and climate finance could be one of the critical investment areas.

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GLOBAL COVENANT OF MAYORS CLIMATE & ENERGY

ÇANAKKALE BELEDİYESİ



ÇANAKKALE MUNICIPALITY JOINS THE MLGP4CLIMATE NETWORK!

Partnerships for Climate Action. Stronger Steps Towards a Sustainable Future.

Canakkale Municipality has joined the MLGP4Climate network, becoming part of a national and international collaboration platform supporting climate action, energy transition and sustainable cities.

1. KNOWLEDGE SHARING
SECAP development and local climate action.

2. CLIMATE FINANCE
Access to international funding and financing opportunities.

3. CAPACITY BUILDING
Training, knowledge exchange and institutional development.

4. PARTNERSHIPS & PROJECTS
New collaborations and joint project development opportunities.

WELCOME, ÇANAKKALE MUNICIPALITY!

Together, we work to turn local climate commitments into concrete solutions and build more resilient and sustainable cities.

STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS. MORE RESILIENT CITIES. A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.

DESIGNING HEALTHIER CITIES:
WHERE DOES MENTAL WELLBEING FIT INTO URBAN PLANNING?

A City's Success Is Measured Not Only by How It Looks, but Also by How It Makes People Feel.

PEOPLE
THRIVING
CITIES
STRONGER
TOMORROWS



FIVE PRIORITIES FOR HEALTHIER CITIES

1. ACCESSIBLE GREEN SPACES
2. WALKABLE STREETS & SAFE MOBILITY
3. SOCIAL AND INCLUSIVE PUBLIC SPACES
4. CLIMATE-RESILIENT & COOLER ENVIRONMENTS
5. INCLUSIVE URBAN PLANNING

SUSTAINABLE CITIES PUT PEOPLE AT THE CENTRE.

Sustainable cities do more than reduce carbon emissions. They also support people's physical health, psychological wellbeing and quality of life.

TAKEAWAY

A GOOD CITY IS NOT JUST A PLACE WHERE WE LIVE. IT IS A PLACE WHERE WE FEEL GOOD.

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BÜYÜKÇEKMECE MUNICIPALITY JOINS THE MLGP4CLIMATE NETWORK!

Partnership for Climate Action.
Working Together for a Sustainable Future.



Büyükçekmece Municipality has joined the MLGP4Climate network, becoming part of a national and international collaboration platform supporting climate action, energy transition and sustainable cities.

KNOWLEDGE SHARING
Exchange of experience on SECAPs and local climate action.

CLIMATE FINANCE
Access to funding and financing opportunities.

CAPACITY BUILDING
Training, knowledge exchange and institutional development.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS
New collaborations and joint project development opportunities.

WELCOME, BÜYÜKÇEKMECE MUNICIPALITY!
Together, we support local governments in turning climate commitments into concrete solutions through knowledge exchange, partnerships and collective action.

STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS, MORE RESILIENT CITIES.
A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.

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BURHANIYE MUNICIPALITY

JOINS THE MLGP4CLIMATE NETWORK!

Partnership for Climate Action. Working Together for a Sustainable Future.

Burhaniye Municipality, located in Balıkesir, Türkiye, has joined the MLGP4Climate network, becoming part of an international collaboration platform supporting climate action, energy transition and sustainable cities.

KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE SHARING

Exchange of knowledge on SECAPs and local climate action.

CLIMATE FINANCE

Funding and financing opportunities for climate and energy projects.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Training, learning and institutional development activities.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

New collaborations and joint project development opportunities.

WELCOME, BURHANIYE MUNICIPALITY!

MLGP4Climate and GCoM support local governments in bringing together their knowledge and experience and transforming climate commitments into concrete projects.

TOWARDS MORE RESILIENT, LOW-CARBON AND SUSTAINABLE CITIES – TOGETHER.

Eskişehir Tepebaşı Belediyesi

ESKIŞEHIR TEPEBAŞI MUNICIPALITY JOINS THE MLGP4CLIMATE NETWORK!



Partnership for Climate Action.
Working Together for a Sustainable Future.

Tepebaşı Municipality has joined the MLGP4Climate network, becoming part of an international collaboration platform supporting climate action and sustainable cities.

- KNOWLEDGE SHARING
- CLIMATE FINANCE
- CAPACITY BUILDING
- INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

WELCOME TO THE MLGP4CLIMATE NETWORK, TEPEBAŞI!

Together, we work towards stronger local climate action and more resilient and sustainable cities.

STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS.
MORE RESILIENT CITIES.
A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.

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GLOBAL COVENANT of MAYORS for CLIMATE & ENERGY

20 October 2026

FROM CLIMATE TARGETS TO CONCRETE SOLUTIONS:

MLGP4CLIMATE EXPERTS COME TOGETHER



Highlights from the **Monthly Experts Meeting** | 20 October 2026

On 20 October, MLGP4Climate experts came together to discuss ongoing initiatives, strengthen local climate action and explore new opportunities for collaboration.

LOCAL ACTION A STRONGER CLIMATE FUTURE

CITY-ACCEL

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

KNOWLEDGE SHARING

COP31 & PARTNERSHIPS

GREEN TRANSITION

OUR SHARED PATHWAY

CLIMATE TARGETS → **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT** → **STRONG PARTNERSHIPS** → **CONCRETE INVESTMENTS** → **LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION**

TURNING MUNICIPAL CLIMATE AMBITIONS INTO IMPLEMENTABLE PROJECTS, STRONG PARTNERSHIPS AND TANGIBLE INVESTMENTS.



FROM PLANS TO PROJECTS.

FROM PROJECTS TO IMPLEMENTATION.

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FROM THE PARIS MOTOR SHOW TO EU EMISSIONS TARGETS

Dr. Arda Deniz Aksular, PMP



At last month's Paris Motor Show, automotive giants showcased their latest models. While the global SUV invasion continues, it was also refreshing to see the return of practical, spacious family MPVs.

The most striking models pointing to the future of motoring were, once again, electric vehicles. Yet, behind the flashy stands, another spectre was looming: China.

Having participated in the 2025 show with 10 brands, China doubled its presence this year, bringing 20 brands to Paris. Europe, which managed to field 25 brands this year, looks increasingly likely to be outnumbered by China on its own turf in 2027.



Alongside flying cars, there is still hope for affordable family MPVs and small cars...

The picture on display at the motor show has already found its reflection in the corridors of the EU institutions. The EU's target of reducing CO_2 emissions from new cars by 100% from 2035 onwards is now being softened following an agreement reached in the European Parliament on 20 October 2026.

The proposed change could remove the requirement to phase out petrol and diesel vehicles entirely after 2035, allowing room for hybrid vehicles and certain internal combustion engine technologies alongside electric cars. Emission reduction targets for light commercial vehicles are also being relaxed. Although the agreement does not yet constitute a change in legislation and the EU's legislative process still needs to be completed, no major surprises are expected to derail the process.



Behind this shift lies the competitive pressure facing Europe's automotive industry, particularly from Chinese manufacturers, as well as concerns over production costs and employment. Major automotive-producing countries such as Germany and Italy are advocating a more flexible approach that takes into account the industrial implications of the green transition.

This development does not mean that the EU is abandoning its 2050 climate neutrality objective. What is becoming increasingly clear, however, is that the Union is seeking to strike a new balance between the green transition and industrial competitiveness.

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ENERGY TRANSITION | CITIES | COP31

Are Cities Ready for the Age of Electrification?

How clean electricity is shaping the future of urban energy systems

Cities are key drivers of the clean-energy transition. Electrification, renewable energy and efficiency are changing how cities move, operate and grow.

ELECTRIFICATION MEANS

- Cleaner energy systems
- Electric and low-carbon mobility
- More efficient buildings
- Greater renewable-energy integration

GCOM FOCUS

GCoM is engaging with the Electrify Now campaign to connect global energy ambition with local innovation and city action.

Electrify Now

35%

of final energy demand from electricity by 2035

GLOBAL AMBITION NEEDS LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION

The transition depends on international targets, city leadership, strong partnerships and practical solutions.



Future cities will be shaped by cleaner, smarter and more resilient energy systems.

From Urban Ambition to Practical Climate Action

A monthly editorial briefing on city transformation, climate finance and cross-border cooperation.



Each month, we bring together the initiatives, knowledge and opportunities helping cities move from climate ambition to implementation.

CITY-ACCEL LABs

Turning SECAP Priorities into Investment-Ready Climate Projects

City-ACCEL supports municipalities in translating Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan priorities into structured, financeable climate projects.

CLIMATE & ENERGY TRANSITION

Editorial coverage of climate change, energy transition and sustainable urban development.

FUNDING & GRANTS

New European funding opportunities and grant calls for municipalities and their partners.

EVENTS & ENGAGEMENT

Expert meetings, city exchanges, learning sessions and partnerships that move local action forward.

Connecting municipalities, institutions and communities across Türkiye, the Western Balkans, the Baltic countries, Ukraine and EU cities.

EXPLORE THE LATEST UPDATES

Discover new resources, funding opportunities, project developments and events from the MLGP4Climate network.

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FEATURED STORY

CITY-ACCEL:

Turning Climate Plans into Investment-Ready Projects



From SECAP priorities to bankable climate solutions

Cities across Türkiye are developing ambitious climate plans. The next challenge is transforming these plans into concrete projects that can attract investment and move from strategy to implementation.

CITY-ACCEL helps municipalities bridge the gap between climate ambitions and financeable solutions.

FROM CLIMATE GOALS TO REAL INVESTMENTS

SECAPs set priorities. Investment readiness requires clear project concepts, technical preparation, feasibility work, financial models and suitable funding mechanisms.

SECAP ACTIONS → **PROJECT CONCEPTS** → **INVESTMENT READINESS** → **FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES**

CITY-ACCEL LAB: BUILDING CAPACITY TOGETHER

A COLLABORATIVE JOURNEY TOWARDS COP31

Helping cities turn climate commitments into projects with measurable environmental, social and economic impact.

CITY-ACCEL LAB 3 COMPLETED!

Connecting Municipal Climate Projects with the Right Financing Opportunities



Another important step towards transforming municipal climate commitments into concrete projects and investment-ready proposals. CITY-ACCEL LAB 3 focused on identifying suitable financing sources for municipal climate projects and strengthening local project development capabilities.

01 EBRD GREEN CITIES PROGRAMME

02 CARBON EMISSIONS CALCULATIONS



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03 FINANCING MAPPING

04 FINANCING INSTRUMENTS

A GOOD CLIMATE PROJECT NEEDS THE RIGHT FINANCING MECHANISM.

PROJECT IDEA → CLIMATE IMPACT ASSESSMENT → FINANCING MAPPING → FINANCING INSTRUMENT → INVESTMENT

MLGP4CLIMATE + GCOM | CITY-ACCEL

Through CITY-ACCEL, MLGP4Climate and GCoM support municipalities in transforming project ideas into stronger, implementable and finance ready investment proposals.

FROM CLIMATE AMBITIONS TO FINANCE-READY PROJECTS

Thank you to all experts and municipal representatives who contributed their knowledge and experience.

CITY-ACCEL LAB 4 COMPLETED!

From Climate Plans to Investment-Ready Projects

27 OCTOBER 2026

Organised through the collaboration of MLGP4Climate and the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM), CITY-ACCEL LAB 4 brought together experts and municipal representatives to explore climate finance, investment readiness and financing opportunities for local governments.



KEY TOPICS ADDRESSED

CLIMATE FINANCE & INVESTMENT
Financing opportunities and investment pathways for municipalities.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY
GIZ experience and practical approaches to energy efficiency projects.

HORIZON EUROPE OPPORTUNITIES
Research, innovation and funding opportunities through TÜBİTAK.

İLBANK'S SURFF APPROACH
Sustainable urban resilience financing.

AI-ASSISTED FINANCE MATCHMAKING
The CITY-ACCEL digital tool for identifying potential financing opportunities.

CLIMATE DATA & RISK ANALYSIS
UNDP contributions on climate data and risk assessment.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE
Sharing approaches and lessons on climate resilience.

GOOD CLIMATE PLANS NEED STRONG PROJECTS AND INVESTMENT-READY PIPELINES.

CLIMATE PLANS → PROJECT DEVELOPMENT → FINANCIAL STRUCTURING → INVESTMENT-READY PIPELINES → IMPLEMENTATION

NEXT STOP: COP31 ANTALYA!

13 NOVEMBER 2026 | ANTALYA, TÜRKİYE

FROM SECAP TO CLIMATE FINANCE ACCELERATOR

Continuing the work on climate finance and municipal Investment readiness at COP31.



PLANNING TOGETHER. DEVELOPING TOGETHER. DELIVERING TOGETHER.

Thank all speakers, partners and participants for their contributions.

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FROM CLIMATE PLANS TO INVESTMENT-READY PROJECTS

The municipality bridges climate goals, project development, and climate finance.



Abdulvahap Sevim
MLGP4Climate Volunteer Specialist

Cities are exposed to the impacts of climate change and play a central role in implementing solutions. SECAPs define goals and priorities, but the plans alone do not constitute an investment portfolio.

A climate plan does not automatically mean a project ready for investment.



A CLIMATE PROJECT

WHAT MAKES AN INVESTMENT READY?



CLEAR PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PRIORITIZATION

Describe the problem, its scope, beneficiaries, and contribution to climate goals.

TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL PREPARATION

Evaluate feasibility, technical design, realistic cost estimates, and financial requirements.

MEASURABLE ACCELERATION EFFECT

For mitigation, specify indicators such as emission reduction or energy saving; for compliance, specify indicators such as risk reduction, resilience, or water safety.

ENTERPRISE APPLICATION CAPABILITIES

Clarify responsibilities, expertise, interdepartmental coordination, and monitoring.

INVESTMENT PREPARATION: BOTH PROJECT AND...

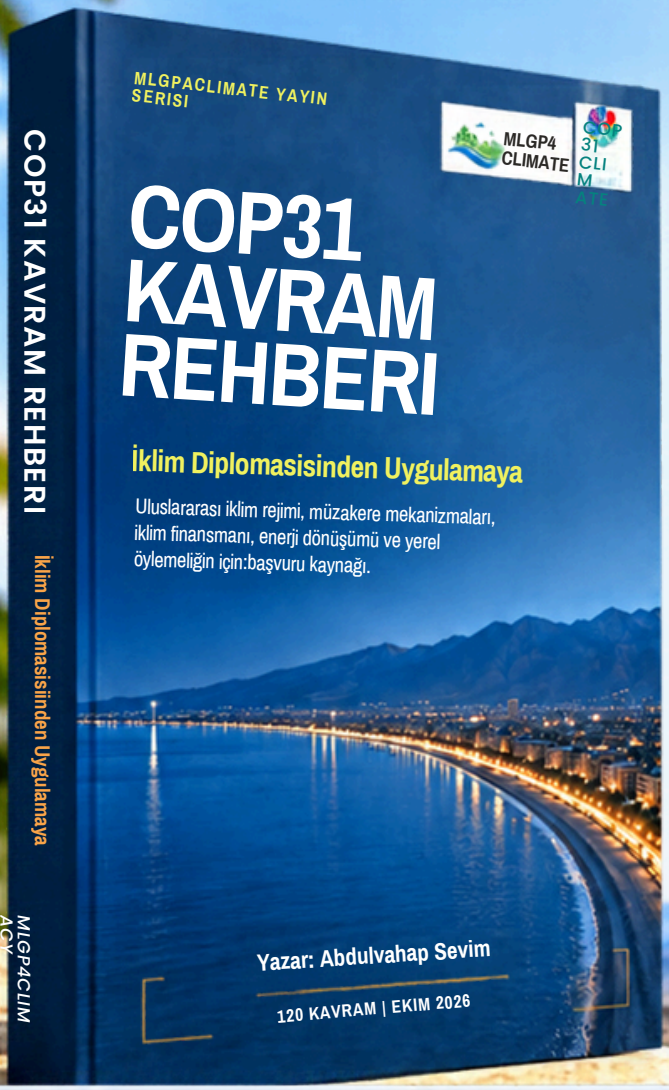
IT'S A MATTER OF INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY.

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ON THE ROAD TO COP31:
FROM CLIMATE DIPLOMACY TO LOCAL ACTION

PEOPLE
CITIES
SOLUTIONS
A BRIGHTER
TOMORROW

Understanding the Language of Climate Diplomacy



COP31 CONCEPT GUIDE

From Climate Diplomacy to Implementation

120 KEY TERMS

8 THEMATIC CHAPTERS

TURKISH DEFINITIONS & ENGLISH TERMINOLOGY

As COP31 approaches, understanding the language of climate diplomacy is more important than ever. This guide explores the connections between global climate decisions, national policies and local implementation.

KEY THEMES INCLUDE

- International Climate Negotiations
- Climate Finance
- Energy Transition
- Municipal Climate Action

FROM GLOBAL GOVERNANCE TO LOCAL ACTION

A practical reference for understanding international climate processes and translating climate ambition into action.

EXPLORE THE GUIDE →

https://linkd.in/dbU8H2Js

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TO THE RIGHT PROJECT SUITABLE FINANCING



No single financing solution is suitable for all municipal climate projects. The choice depends on the project's financial profile, climate benefits, implementation risks, and the municipality's financial capacity.

Funds

Project preparation, technical support, and investments with strong public benefit.

Loans

A predictable financial structure or infrastructure investments that generate long-term savings.

Guarantees

Mitigating specific risks and supporting access to finance.

Concessional financing

More favorable conditions for projects with strong development and climate benefits.

Mixed financing

Bringing together public, privileged, and private resources.

Public-private partnerships

Project characteristics will be evaluated where institutional capacity and public benefit allow.

First, understand the project's needs;

Then choose the appropriate financing mechanism.

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FROM PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TO SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

A roadmap that translates climate plans into concrete projects, funding, and implementation.



SECAP PRIORITIES → PROJECT CONCEPTS → PROJECT PREPARATION → FINANCING MATCHING → INVESTMENT PREPARATION → APPLICATION

CITY-ACCEL APPROACH

Capacity building, technical guidance, climate impact assessment, financial indicators, and AI-powered financing matching complement each other.

DIGITAL TOOLS

Digital tools help reduce information barriers; AI-powered matches require technical, financial, and institutional validation.

CONCLUSION

Sustainable municipal investment capacity monitors prioritized project ideas, readiness, estimated costs, climate benefits, funding requirements, and implementation responsibilities.

Climate plans set the direction. Investment-ready projects pave the way.

Funding makes the project possible.

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HORIZON EUROPE 2027:

NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN CLIMATE, ENERGY & MOBILITY



New EU Funding Opportunities for Climate Resilience, Artificial Intelligence, Sustainable Energy and Urban Mobility.

The Horizon Europe NCP Portal has announced new funding opportunities under the 2027 BRIDGING calls, bringing together research, innovation and project development opportunities across several strategic fields.

AI-POWERED ENERGY SYSTEMS

TOPIC BUDGET: $15 MILLION

AUTONOMOUS URBAN MOBILITY

TOPIC BUDGET: €15 MILLION

CLIMATE PREPAREDNESS & RESILIENCE

TOPIC BUDGET: €20 MILLION

CLIMATE PROJECTIONS & DATA

TOPIC BUDGET: €5 MILLION

MONITORING SOLAR RADIATION MODIFICATION ACTIVITIES

TOPIC BUDGET: €10 MILLION

FROM RESEARCH TO APPLICATION & MARKET

TOPIC BUDGET: €32.5 MILLION

IMPORTANT DATES

16 OCTOBER 2026
Online Information Day
BRIDGING and NATURE Calls.

28 JANUARY 2027
Application Deadline
Research-to-application and market call.

16 FEBRUARY 2027
Application Deadline
Energy, mobility and climate-related topics listed above.

WHO SHOULD EXPLORE THESE OPPORTUNITIES?

- Universities and Research Institutions
- Local and Regional Authorities
- Technology and Innovation Developers
- Energy and Mobility Stakeholders
- Climate Research & Application Organisations

FROM RESEARCH TO INNOVATION.

FROM CLIMATE KNOWLEDGE TO REAL-WORLD SOLUTIONS.

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What Is Climate Finance?

Turning climate ambition into investment-ready solutions



Climate finance refers to financial resources directed towards the transformation needed to achieve climate targets, including greenhouse-gas reduction, climate adaptation and resilient infrastructure investments.

ACCESSING FINANCE IS ONLY PART OF THE CHALLENGE

How can we turn good ideas into finance-ready projects?

A CLIMATE INVESTMENT NEEDS

- A clear project definition
- Technical preparation
- Feasibility studies
- A financial model
- An appropriate financing source

FROM CLIMATE TARGETS TO INVESTMENT

1 SECAP TARGETS



2 PROJECT IDEAS



3 BANKABLE PROJECTS



4 CLIMATE INVESTMENTS



As COP31 approaches, one of the most important priorities for cities will be turning climate targets into concrete, feasible and implementable investments.

Climate finance becomes meaningful when ambition is translated into projects that can be prepared, financed and delivered.

Horizon Europe 2027 Calls:

Manufacturing, Circularity and AI

Four new calls under the Made in Europe Partnership

Total indicative budget:

€138 million



Applications opened on

13 October 2026

The calls focus on advanced manufacturing technologies, production and remanufacturing automation, circular advanced materials, and human–AI collaboration.

Advanced Manufacturing Technologies

€36 million

Explore the call
https://lnkd.in/qpABmAK2

Automation of Production and Remanufacturing Processes

€36 million

Explore the call
https://lnkd.in/duUhsM6q

Circular and Innovative Advanced Materials

€36 million

Explore the call
https://lnkd.in/eVX9MCDv

Human-AI Collaboration for the Future Workforce

€30 million

Explore the call
https://lnkd.in/esNdaCVZ

Applicant eligibility:

Industrial companies, SMEs, universities, research organisations and technology providers.

Explore consortium opportunities, align project ideas with the call priorities, and review eligibility and application requirements.

Further information: EU Funding & Tenders Portal https://lnkd.in/d4GVKX65

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MLGP4Climate October Newsletter

What Is the Enhanced Transparency Framework?

From climate targets to measurable progress and trust



Announcing climate targets is important. But how do we know whether those targets are being achieved?

THE ENHANCED TRANSPARENCY FRAMEWORK

The Enhanced Transparency Framework, or ETF, is the common framework established under the Paris Agreement for countries to regularly measure and report their emissions, progress towards climate targets and climate policies.

THE LOGIC IS SIMPLE

TARGETS → MEASUREMENT → REPORTING → TRUST → FINANCE

WHY THIS MATTERS FOR CITIES

The same approach matters for municipalities. To make a SECAP action finance-ready, it is not enough to answer: What do we want to do?



A STRONG PROJECT ALSO ASKS

- **What is the current situation?**
- **What is the target?**
- **How will impact be measured?**
- **How will results be verified?**

FROM DATA TO FINANCE

The SECAP → Project → Bankable → Financing chain explored through CITY-ACCEL is built on this foundation of data, measurement and transparency.

A KEY CONCEPT ON THE ROAD TO COP31

ETF — the Enhanced Transparency Framework. In climate finance, trust begins with information that can be measured and verified.



GLOBAL EBA FUND

Grants of up to USD 500,000 for Ecosystem-based Adaptation

Scaling up nature-based solutions to strengthen climate resilience.



Grant Amount:
Up to USD 500,000

Project Duration:
Up to 24 months

Application Deadline:
16 November 2026

Geographic Scope:
Global and ODA-eligible countries

Priority Areas

01 Innovative and blended finance for EbA

02 Climate resilience and biodiversity

03 Policy and institutional transformation

04 Locally led adaptation

05 Investment-ready projects and capacity building

Eligible Applicants

NGOs, community organisations, Indigenous Peoples' organisations, universities, research institutions, eligible private sector organisations and consortia.

We welcome innovative proposals that harness the power of nature to build more resilient communities and ecosystems around the world.

Supporting sustainable, locally driven and scalable ecosystem-based adaptation initiatives.

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Accelerating climate action through local leadership

MLGP4Climate supports cities and regions to deliver ambitious, integrated and inclusive climate solutions.

A defining challenge. A shared response.

WHY LOCAL LEADERSHIP MATTERS

Climate change is a defining challenge of our time. Cities and regions are on the front line — facing growing risks, but also uniquely positioned to drive transformative solutions.

MLGP4Climate is a global partnership that mobilises local and regional governments to accelerate climate action aligned with the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals.

We connect local leadership with finance, knowledge and networks to turn ambition into impact.

OUR APPROACH

01 Build knowledge and partnerships
Share expertise and foster collaboration across governments, sectors and communities.

02 Mobilise climate finance
Unlock and direct finance towards high-impact, locally led projects.

03 Empower local leaders
Support cities and regions to set ambitious goals and deliver results that matter.

CONNECTING AMBITION TO IMPACT

Local action, global impact.

FINANCE **KNOWLEDGE** **NETWORKS**



PARIS AGREEMENT • SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS • CITIES + REGIONS

USD 75,000 Grant for Climate Intervention Environmental Impact Research



Assessing the environmental and social impacts of emerging climate intervention technologies.

Grant:
USD 75,000 per project

Projects Funded:
3

Application Deadline:
1 December 2026

Geographic Scope:
Worldwide

Eligible Activities

- Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA)
- Predictive impact modelling
- Stakeholder engagement and public consultation

Eligible Applicants

Non-profit organisations, academic institutions, research teams and eligible private companies.

General climate adaptation, clean energy and sustainable development projects are not eligible.

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COMMUNITY & ENGAGEMENT

Growing a Global Climate Community

A stronger network creates stronger climate action.



Communication connects people, strengthens partnerships and turns local climate action into shared global impact.

4,800	1,460
LinkedIn Followers	Instagram Followers

We share climate knowledge, sustainable city solutions and inspiring stories to expand climate awareness and engagement.

Join our digital ecosystem and stay connected with knowledge, partnerships and local climate solutions.

linkedin.com/company/mlgp4climate

A CONNECTED REGION

Every city we connect becomes more resilient.

Cross-border cooperation turns shared knowledge into practical climate action — across municipalities, communities and institutions.



LET'S BUILD RESILIENT CITIES TOGETHER

MLGP4Climate is a joint initiative designed to empower local municipalities, support transboundary climate adaptation plans, and secure investments from international financial institutions.

1 **210+** ACTIVE PARTNERS

2 **1,740+** RESOURCES

3 **4,800+** FOLLOWERS

Join the movement: mlgp4climate.com

Knowledge travels. Cooperation compounds.

Discover the network, resources and partnerships shaping resilient cities across borders.

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Online Resource Library

Where local knowledge drives climate action.



POLICY

SECAP Strategies

Turning Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans into structured climate pathways for local governments.

INVESTMENT

Climate Finance Insights

Knowledge resources supporting bankable projects, funding pathways and investment readiness.

IMPLEMENTATION

Local Action Tools

Practical guidance, examples and shared solutions helping municipalities deliver climate action.

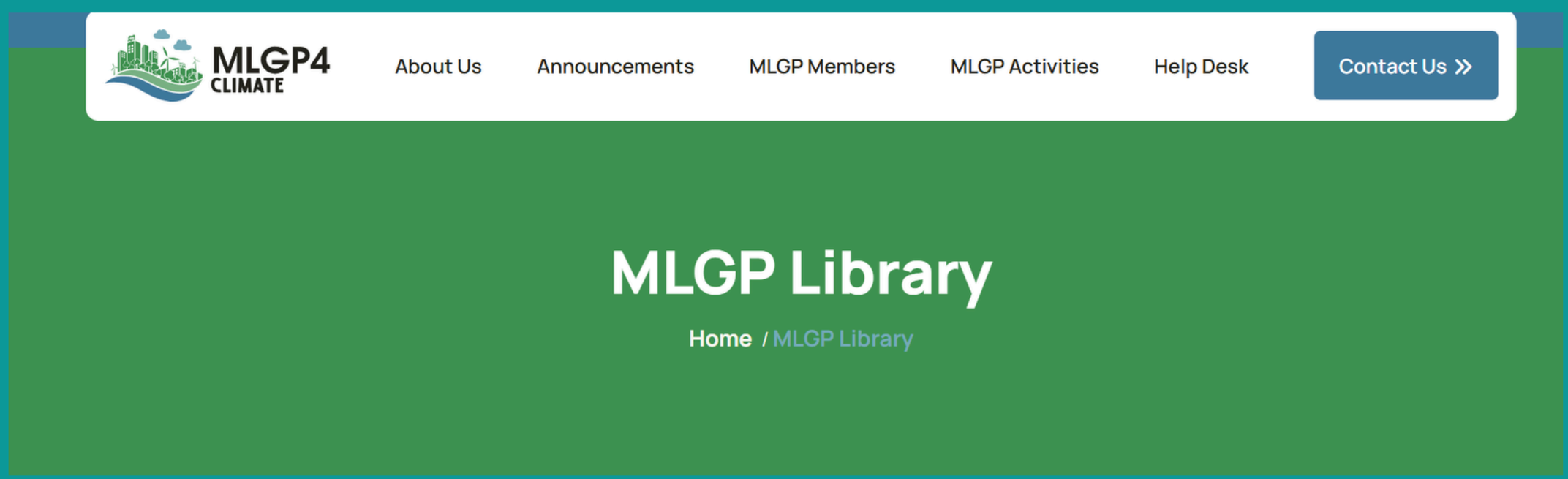
Knowledge connects cities. Action transforms the future.

1,740+

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Cities Change When Cooperation Becomes Capacity

Thanks for green journey together

MLGP4Climate connects people, knowledge and partnerships to help cities act with confidence across borders.

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