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# PROJECT: EU4 Energy Transition Covenant of Mayors in the Western Balkans and Türkiye

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# **Cities-meet-Cities:Capitalization and dissemination of EU programs and funds for Turkey CoM Municipalities**



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**The Covenant of Mayors is the world's largest urban climate and energy initiative, involving thousands of local and regional authorities.**

## **The programme**

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## **Covenant of Mayors**

**The adhesion to the initiative fostered the implementation of bold actions to contrast climate change, based on strong political commitment, active involvement of stakeholders and collaboration with other cities across the globe.**



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**The GCoM Cities – meet – Cities program (CmC) has been launched to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and best practices among signatory cities from different regions worldwide.**

## The initiative



## Cities-meet-Cities

The exchange has to be focused on technical and practical aspects related to the **implementation of actions and projects included in the Climate Action Plans (CAPs) developed by the participating cities.**



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**Financial and organizational support to exchanges between 20 GCoM signatory cities.**

- ✓ The 20 cities are coupled/assembled in **pairings or clusters**, based on their climatic zones, **sectors** of interest and priorities in **CAPs** implementation.
- ✓ The exchanges are definitively oriented to facilitate the CAP projects' implementation through knowledge exchange.

## The initiative

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## What needs to be identified?

- a sector of interest
- one (or more) action/project (in the sector of interest), included in the city's Climate Action Plan;
- best practices for the implementation of the identified action/project that each city could offer and/or would like to receive more extensive knowledge on; and
- learning needs on the identified sector/topic/action/project/good practice.

## The initiative

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Each participant will contribute to the mutual exchange, providing and receiving knowledge through own experts and sharing of best practices.



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## One-to-one pairings:

### Energy Transition

Melbourne (Australia) – Daegu (RoK)

### Adaptation/Waste Management

Kloto 1 (Togo) – Lurin (Peru)

Dakar (Senegal) – Zapopan (Mexico)

### Social inclusion/NBS

Santa Fe (Argentina) – Katowice (Poland)

## The pairings



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## The clusters

## Cities-meet- Cities

### Cluster 1:

Energy efficiency/NBS/Adaptation

Cesis (Latvia)

Myrhorod (Ukraine)

Bilhorod (Ukraine)

Torres Vedras (Portugal)

Gavar (Armania)

Balti (Moldova)

### Cluster 2:

Access to Energy/Adaptation

Antalya (Turkey)

Amman (Jordan)

Mingachevir (Azerbaijan)

### Cluster 3:

Risks & vulnerability/  
Adaptation/NBS

Blacktown/Sydney (Australia)

Hang Tuah Jaya (Malaysia)

Banda Aceh (Indonesia)

Nakuru (Kenya)





**Main topics: energy efficiency,  
renewable energy, water management**



**Melbourne showcased Skyfarm rooftop  
gardens, its Six Green Star building that  
reduced CO2 emission by 87% (also with  
green facades and green roof), and the  
Western Sewage Treatment Plant.**

## **The visits**

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### **Melbourne (Australia)**

**Meetings with the University and the  
city departments highlighted innovative  
CO2 reduction and energy projects and  
strategies.**



**Main topics: Renewable energy and Water management**

**Daegu presented its carbon neutrality plan and adaptation plan as well as ambitious initiatives such as the Ten Million Trees project.**

## **The visits**

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### **Daegu (Korea)**

**Daegu showcased its Sincheon sewage treatment facility and the Citizen Solar Power Plant, which enables collaboration between residents and local governments in investing on solar plans installed on public buildings.**



**Main topics: Nature-based solutions, adaptation, sustainable urban mobility**

**Torres Vedras presented its Climate Action Plan and how specific measures, such as the ones on energy efficiency, are implemented by the local authority.**

## **The visits**

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### **Torres Vedras (Portugal)**

**The visit to different public spaces and parks of the city centre and to the local energy agency highlighted the impact of the projects carried out and the resource efficiency programme for the public administration by 2030.**



**Main topics: Energy efficiency and nature-based solutions**

**Cesis highlighted the strategies carried out at provincial and regional level for enhancing energy efficiency through the active collaboration with the local community and among different levels of governance.**

## **The visits**

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### **Cesis (Latvia)**

**The visit to public spaces, parks and architectural projects combining health and NBS showcased the impact that local strategies had on quality of life for different categories of residents.**





**Main topics: Adaptation, civic engagement/social inclusion, Nature-based solutions**

**Katowice presented its Climate Adaptation Plan and SECAP, giving a wider framework on how the action on climate is connected to the regeneration of brownfield and mine coals areas.**

## **The visits**

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### **Katowice (Poland)**

**The visit to waste management plants, public parks and Kato Science Corner highlighted not only how these challenges are tackled by city agencies and departments but also how awareness on climate issues is raised among residents.**





**Main topics: resilience, waste management, adaptation**

**Blacktown presented its urban heat resilience programme and how the local authority collaborates with local and regional organizations within the Sydney heat taskforce.**

## **The visits**

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### **Blacktown-Sydney (Australia)**

**The tour to local gardens and green Star 6 buildings and International Sport Park showcased important examples of collaboration between public and private stakeholders for energy efficiency and sustainability**



**Main topics: Renewable energy management; access to energy; development of green areas**

**Antalya presented its SECAP and energy efficiency projects which are contributing to achieve carbon neutrality goals.**

## **The visits**

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### **Antalya (Turkey)**

**The site to the Environmental Education and Innovation Center highlighted awareness raising activities and sustainable practices, while the visit to SCADA center shed light on efficient use of water resources and strategies to contrast climate change.**



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## Learning points

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**Global exchanges  
on different  
dimensions of  
sustainability**

**The exchange of knowledge between cities is fostering the implementation of the SECAP but it's also highlighting innovative dimensions of energy and climate action which were not targeted at the beginning of the initiative.**

**Furthermore, the exchanges were strongly focused on administrative and financial tools for the implementation of innovative actions and strategies**





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## Capitalization and dissemination of EU Funds

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Possible needs

**The support to integrated planning on different dimensions of sustainable urban development is one of the main challenges to be tackled with the use of EU funding.**

**Granting full access to EU funds on urban innovation (URBACT, European Urban Initiative, etc.) is one of the main needs for blending EU resources into medium and long-term strategies for Turkish cities**



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## Capitalization and dissemination of EU Funds

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Driving Urban  
Transition



**DUT enables local authorities, businesses, and citizens to translate global challenges into local action.**

**Each project proposal must involve at least 3 partners from 3 different eligible countries.**

**Positive Energy Districts, 15-Minute City and Circular Urban Economies are the main themes of the Transition Pathways under which transnational research and innovation projects can be proposed**



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Horizon Europe



**Horizon Europe covers the entire spectrum of the research and innovation cycle and contribute to the implementation of research results in different fields.**

**Turkish municipalities can apply to Horizon Europe Missions and Clusters on Climate, Energy and Mobility (C5), Food, Bioeconomy, Environment and Natural Resources (C6), Civil Security (C3), Health (C1)**



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**INTERREG**

**INTERREG fosters the exchange of knowledge with EU public authorities on several fields of sustainable urban development.**

**Turkish municipalities can apply to INTERREG Next Black Sea Basin Programme with focus on greener, low-carbon and resilient Mediterranean and better cooperation governance, INTERREG Next Med and INTERREG Bulgaria-Turkey**



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## Capitalization and dissemination of EU Funds

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**ERASMUS +**



**ERASMUS + funds high quality, inclusive education and training on different topics, improving qualifications and skills through international exchanges.**

**Turkish municipalities are eligible for several key actions, such as Cooperation among Organizations and Institutions and Support to Policy Development and Cooperation.**



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## Capitalization and dissemination of EU Funds

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IPA

**The Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance supports the development of several initiatives promoting the collaboration between Turkish and EU Municipalities.**

**The improvement of the governance of challenges related to sustainability is at the core of IPA projects, such as Town Twinning technical assistance programs.**

# Thanks!

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