

CAPACITIES

Advancing national support
for climate neutral cities

More than 100 entities



15 core countries – partners and associated partners

RO, AT, SE, IT, CZ, EL, HU, NL, SK, ES, PT, TR, PL, FR, FI

Supporting countries BE, BG, EE, DE, SI, UA

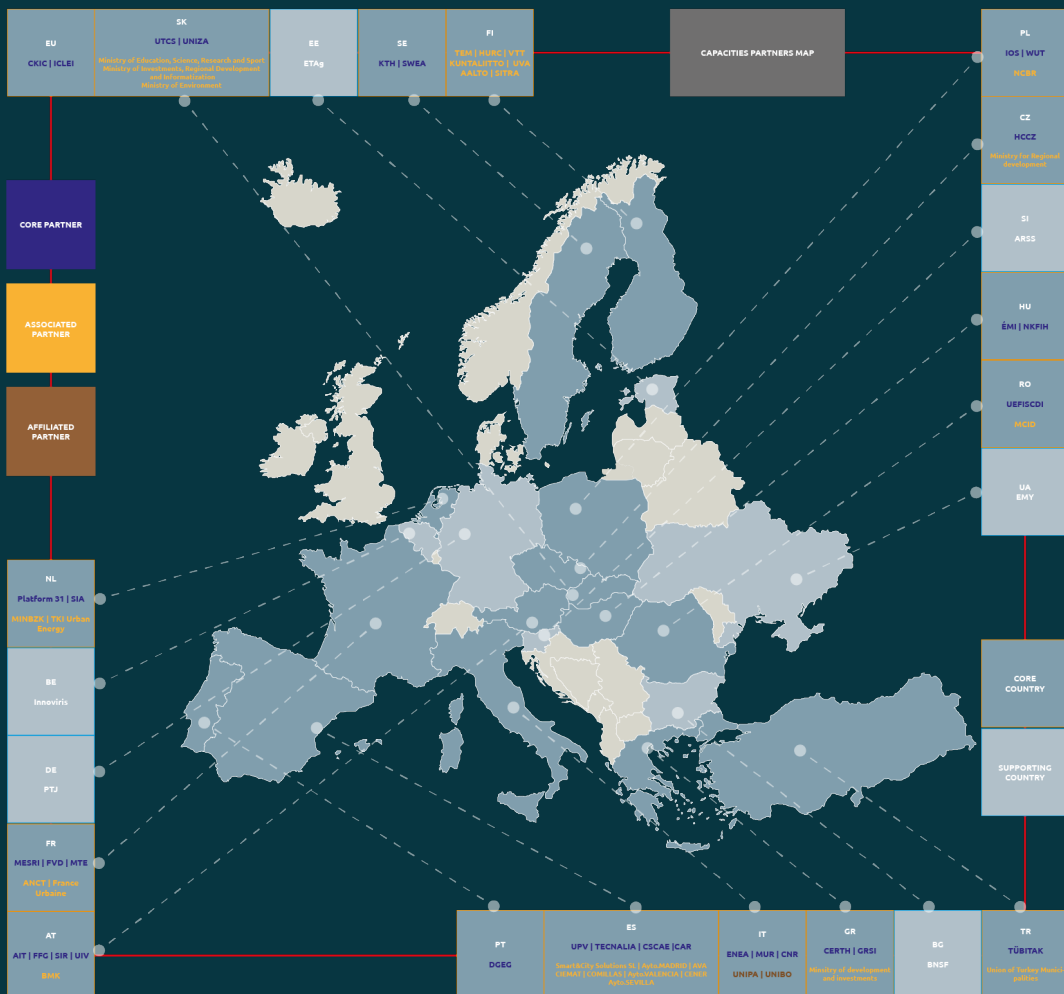


Synergies with other EU stakeholder platforms and initiatives to support the Cities Mission

CapaCITIES Partners Map

15 Core Countries representing a country team, including ministries, policy agencies, R&I funding agencies, national networks and research organisations.

6 supporting countries following and learning from the activities of CapaCITIES.



CapaCITIES` Vision

CapaCITIES will shape a European environment conducive to urban climate neutrality transitions for national, regional and local authorities.

It will initiate and strengthen national change processes to establish national networks and governance structures and provide dedicated support for public authorities to put enabling conditions and measures for cities in place to achieve the mission.

CapaCITIES

supports, connects, empowers and inspires national authorities, national ministries, funding agencies and agencies responsible for urban transitions in their efforts to implement the Cities Mission nationally.

CapaCITIES Embedded in the European Landscape



establish interface with the mission platform and its services to serve both cities and national level aligned



CapaCITIES national support structures and governance systems for the Cities Mission



DUT Driving Urban Transitions



utilising the DUT network of national and regional R&I funding authorities and policy makers

CapaCITIES Activities

To support the countries in their journey

A **Transnational Alliance** to showcase good practices so that they can be shared and learned from on a larger scale

Capacity building sessions based on the Core Countries' specific issues addressed in the self-assessment provided by ICLEI's expertise

Learning materials to deepen the understanding of the design and process behind national support structures, barriers and levers to implementation, good practices for engaging relevant stakeholders and supporting smaller cities and non-mission cities

Webinars and one-on-one workshops with the Core Countries to assist in the set-up of a countries' **Transition Lab** to advance the national change processes

Communication efforts such as a website, a Communication, Dissemination and **Exploitation Plan (C&D&E)**, a **newsletter**, and **ambassadors in each country to disseminate and leverage results.**

Transnational Alliance

The Transnational Alliance builds the opportunity for the national partners in CapaCITIES Core Countries to promote and share their ongoing activities in a wider forum. The Alliance is open to all national, regional, and local authorities and city representatives to provide a space for learning and sharing with other authorities facing similar challenges. Unlike the other formats, partners Core Countries are asked not only to participate, but to help shape the program and promote the event. The first webinar is taking place on March 20th online.

The scope of the interactive webinars is to provide a platform for interaction, alliance and cooperation among national public authorities and policymakers to develop skills and share expertise on:

- good practices on national governance structures,
- capacity building measures,
- transition labs,
- methodologies and instruments e.g. climate city contracts, national innovation programmes,
- action plans.

Communication, Dissemination and
Exploitation Plan

References, Guidelines, etc.

Learning and exchange

Capacity building session

The Capacity Building sessions provide an opportunity for the stakeholders developing the national support structures for climate neutral cities Core Countries to learn and build their thematic capacity on the key drivers and enabling factors at the national level for climate neutral cities. For this reason, a self-assessment template was sent out to the 15 countries participating in the CapaCITIES project. It will help identify concrete needs and interests and will inform the series of capacity building sessions. The suggested topics include financing (e.g. innovative funding instruments or private financing), good practices in integrated planning as well as impact measurement and climate reporting.

The first capacity building session will be held at the end of March in early April and will provide a continuation of the discussion with NetZeroCities City Advisors. It will focus on the role that the national support structures can play in developing Climate City Contracts, including Action and Investment Plans.

The identified need for action at the national level will inform a discussion on how best to establish a process to support the Mission Cities as a Core Country. Core countries National partners in CapaCITIES may be encouraged to extend the invitation to other individuals and organizations they deem relevant



Co-creating
concrete
solutions



Capacity
building



Capacity
mapping

Transition Lab Webinar

The Transition Lab webinar provides an opportunity to learn more about the Viable Cities' format and how it can be implemented in the Core Countries' own different countries contexts.

The Transition Lab is a method that brings the necessary people to the table and into dialogue. This method should help the coordinators of national support structures in different countries Core Countries to empower the relevant actors and to create the appropriate structures to implement the Cities Mission. Viable Cities' offer is to provide core countries with a guidance and sessions to advise them on how to implement a Transition Lab in their different national contexts.

Multi-level stakeholder governance

Set up transition labs

Support across European and national levels

CapaCITIES' Ambassadors

Ambassadors will help bring the need for urban transitions into the public debate, disseminate information and good practices among cities and different parts of society, and encourage participation in such transitions.

By identifying one or more Ambassadors, countries will be able to test new approaches to communication, form new alliances and advocate for the needs of transitions and their positive effects.

In addition, knowledge and experiences from the Climate Neutral and Smart Cities mission and the CapaCITIES project will be disseminated among other cities, stakeholders, businesses, and the general public.

A team of national Ambassadors needs to be identified in each core country and together they will form the transnational CapaCITIES network of ambassadors).

National Ambassadors Team



Transnational Ambassadors
Network



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