

**Building Capacities for the Climate Neutral and Smart Cities Mission**

Webinar #2

**20 June 2023 (10-12am CEST)**

Agenda

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| <p><b>Webinar #2: Multi-level governance - a prerequisite for successful Cities Mission implementation</b></p> <p><b>Good practice cases from Poland and Finland</b></p> <p>Date: 20 June 2023<br/>Time: 10-12am CEST<br/>Moderation: Elli Tzatzanis-Stepanovic, FFG, AT</p> |   |   |
| <p><b>Welcome</b><br/>20 min</p>   | <p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• CapaCITIES' learnings on multi-level governance</li> </ul>  | <p><b>Elli Tzatzanis-Stepanovic</b><br/>Economist, Senior Project Manager, CapaCITIES Co-ordination, FFG-Austrian Research Promotion Agency, AT</p> |
| <p><b>Capacity Building</b><br/>40 min</p>   | <p>Poland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-level and cross-sectoral governance</li> <li>• Knowledge exchange between cities, ministries and supervised units on climate neutrality</li> <li>• Creation of a national platform and the role of working groups</li> </ul> | <p><b>Izabela Juszko</b><br/>Chief Technical Engineering Specialist, Project Manager, Institute of Environmental Protection, PL</p>                 |
| <p><b>Dialogue and Exchange</b><br/>Q&amp;A<br/>10 min</p>   | <p>Finland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requirements for multi-level governance</li> <li>• Intervention portfolios at national, regional and city level with effective contributions from industry and research organisations</li> </ul>                                  | <p><b>Taina Tukiainen</b><br/>Research Director<br/>School of Management<br/>University of Vaasa, FI</p>  |
| <p><b>Alliance</b><br/>40 min</p>  | <p>Break-out groups</p>   |   |
| <p><b>Closure</b><br/>10 min</p>   |   |   |

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Advancing national support  
for climate neutral cities

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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

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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

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The Transnational Alliance gives the opportunity for the national partners in CapaCITIES 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, providing a space for learning and sharing experiences. Unlike the other formats, partners Core Countries are asked not only to participate, but to help shape the program and promote the event.

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, etc.
- action plans.

Good practices

Capacity building

Mutual learning and Exchange

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## National support platforms: Some examples

- ... a separate entity for this specific task
  - ... an established national organisation for municipalities, with the task to support climate neutral cities as one of many assignments
  - ... part of one governmental agency/ministry
  - ... a virtual organisation consisting of several partners
  - ... part of a university
- either
- ... bottom-up initiative initiated from municipalities
  - ... top-down organization initiated from authorities
  - ... a combined formation of bottom-up and top-down

### **FRANCE:**

French Cities Mirror Group -> lead by two Ministries oriented to connect local authorities that applied for the EU Mission, to foster a common position and **coordination with other EU platforms**

### **AUSTRIA:**

Austrian Mission on Climate Neutral Cities -> governmental initiative to overcome fragmentation, with **emphasis on the managerial role**

### **SWEDEN:**

Viable Cities -> independent body originally supported by three governmental agencies (currently six) facilitated by academic institutions, **pioneering Climate City Contracts** and System Demos

### **SPAIN:**

citiES2030 -> independent body created by the impulse of the four biggest cities facilitated by academic institutions (now with the support of the Ministry of Ecological Transition) with focus on piloting Climate City Contracts and on **promoting cross-city collaboration**

Source: Viable Cities

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## National support platforms: Some ideas

**PEOPLE centered process** rather than a bureaucratic instrument

- Need for specific convening vehicle
- Building trust and cultivating inter-personal relationships
- Importance to consolidate and share learnings with all the promoters

**CO-DESIGNED and ITERATIVE instruments** rather than linear or vertical

**RECIPROCAL commitments** between cities and national government (also promoting 4-helix participation) and coordination with actors on regional and European levels

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## Multi-level governance: Some challenges

Missing link between top-down and bottom-up approaches

Lack of integrated approach, multi-level approach, and stakeholder involvement

Not fit-for-purpose governance structure, short-term actions and no continuity/sustainability

Lack of funding or innovative funding instruments

## Main recommendations:

Multi-level governance needs strategic planning

Raise awareness and spread information from EU level necessary for the successful implementation on national level

Enable synergies and funding opportunities between national programs

Involve governmental level experts on city level

Source: 1<sup>st</sup> CapaCITIES Transnational Alliance webinar "Cities Mission governance support on national level" (20.03.2023), FFG



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## Multi-level governance: Some learnings

**TRANSFORMATION** through a variety of initiatives where bottom-up and top-down approaches complement each other

**LEADERSHIP** with motivation and political will, and clearly defined roles in strategies and targets

**TRUST** building, dialogue and cooperation is crucial, as it is a gradual process that needs continuity

**LEARNING** from real cases solving actual problems can help replication in other countries, sharing hands-on approaches, recommendations, strategies, tools and financing examples

Source: AIT-Austrian Institute of Technology



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