Concrete solutions for our greatest challenges

CHALLENGES

- Cities produce >70% of global CO₂ emissions.
- They account for > 65% of global energy consumption;
- They take up only 4% of the EU’s land area;
- Cities are home to 75% of EU citizens.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Contribute to the European Green Deal ambition to reduce gas emissions by at least 55%;
- Offer cleaner air, safer transport and less congestion to citizens;
- Lead in climate and digital innovation, making Europe attractive for investments from innovative companies and skilled workers.

GOAL

Deliver 100+ climate-neutral and smart cities by 2030 and inspire all other cities to follow suit by 2050

ACTIONS

- The Horizon Europe programme will provide €359.3 million in seed funding during the period 2021-23 to help deliver on the mission;
- Launch of a Mission Platform to provide technical, regulatory, and financial assistance to cities working on the mission;
- Cities will prepare, sign and implement Climate City Contracts, co-created with citizens and local stakeholders;
- Launch a portfolio of research and innovation projects and set up a Global Knowledge Exchange Centre;
- A network of national, local and regional authorities will support the cities’ transition to climate neutrality.