

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, VG, EE, DE, SI

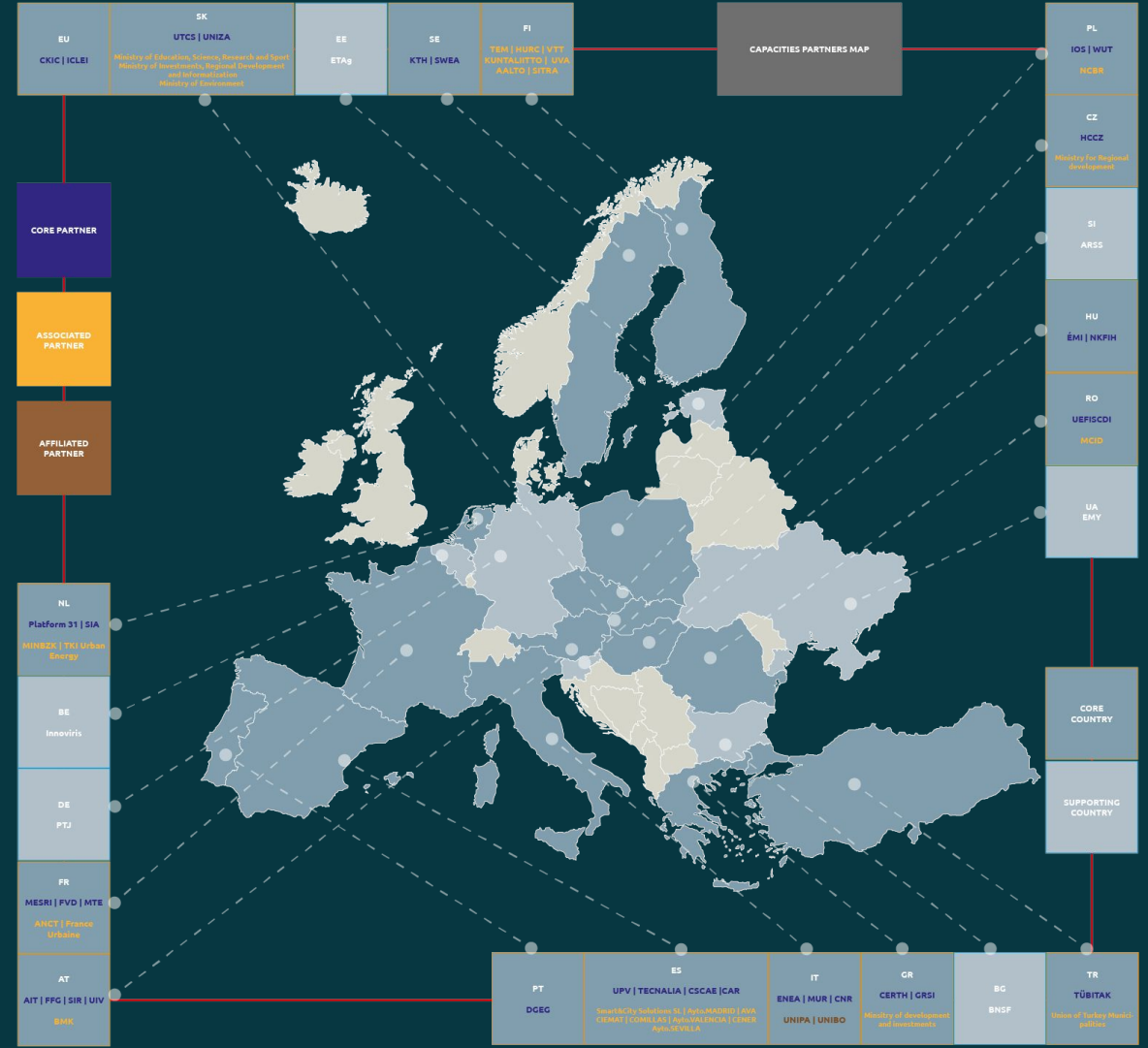


Synergies with other EU
stakeholder platforms and
initiatives to support the
Cities Mission

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 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.

CapaCITIES next events

1st Transnational Alliance “Cities Mission governance support on national level”

Presentation and discussion of national networks, platforms and other structures to support cities' transition. Dialogue and peer learning on success factors, critical aspects and ways of long-term collaboration and stakeholder engagement.

When: 20.03.2023 afternoon

1st Capacity Building session on the Mission Cities Climate City Contract (CCC) process

Deep dive into Climate City Contract: How can the national level engage in developing CCC together with Mission Cities?

When: End of March (tbc)

Webinar on Viable Cities' approach on the Transition Lab

What is the Transition Lab methodology? What and who does it need to implement a Transition Lab Event? Presentation of the offer of Viable Cities to support Core Countries in the implementation of a Transition Lab

When: Beginning of April (tbc)





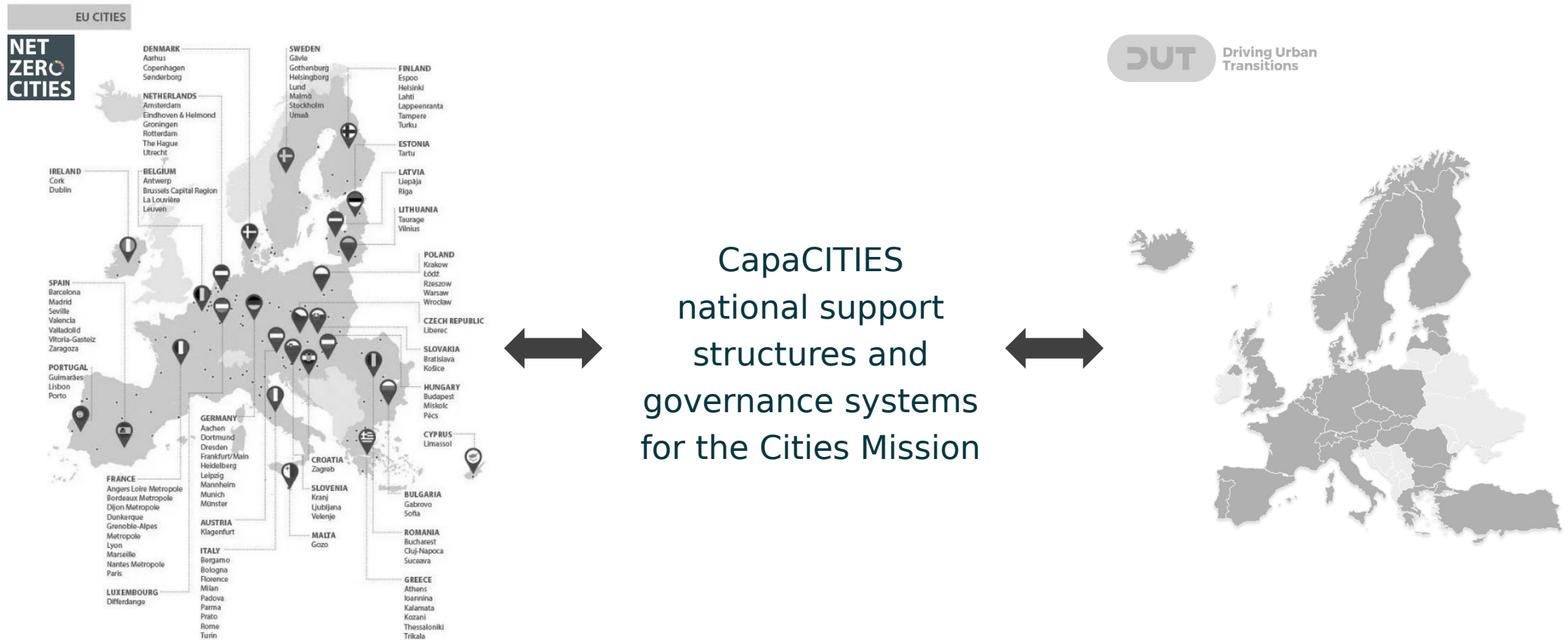
CapaCITIES' Framework

National change processes at the core of the project

Support measures provided to advance national systems and support measures

Flexible approach to find common ground and support all countries on their different paths

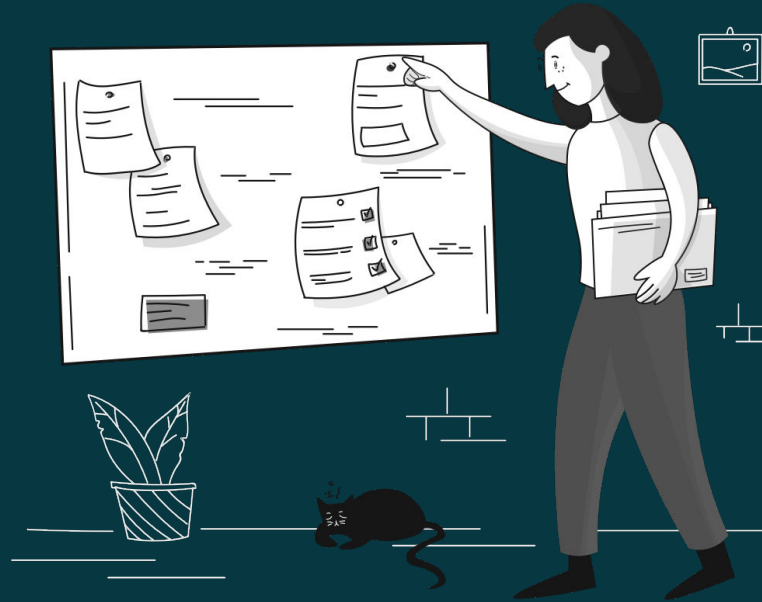
CapaCITIES Embedded in the European Landscape



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

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

Annual Activity Plan



defines the activities of CapaCITIES and the objectives and commitments of the national partners

CapaCITIES' Annual Activity Plan



Annual
Action Plan
for each
(core)
country

The **Annual Action Plan** for each core country defines the **objectives and actions** of each country to build up national change processes to support their national (Mission) cities

CapaCITIES' Annual Activity Plan highlights the supporting activities for countries to help them on their journey. These activities are carried out by the **CapaCITIES management team** or core team.

Annual Activity Plan



Organize bilateral and small group meetings.

Map, contact and involve all relevant stakeholders.

Definition of the country's key processes, networks, institutional infrastructure and financial instruments.

Definition of specific thematic challenges and opportunities.

Identification of needs, measures, and intervention portfolios through the dialogue between cities, government organisations and other relevant stakeholders.

Co-development of training and awareness raising schemes for local/national authorities, cities and prefectures, policy makers, as well as the general.

Objective 1 of Core Countries

Establish national
platforms and working
groups

Objective 2 of Core Countries

Develop support
framework for Mission
cities' activities

Develop connection between national Mission cities and international community.

Develop strategy for comparing national experiences to ones of other Mission cities.

Development of appropriate citizen engagement and co-creation strategies and tools, in order to enhance public engagement and demand on these issues and change the current public behavior (e.g., from vehicle ownership towards vehicle use; as well as to accept much more goods/services sharing across all sector domains).

Organise events.

Gather and disseminate information, materials, resources and operational tools to cities and municipalities.

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

Capacity mapping



Capacity building



Co-creating concrete solutions



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



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