



NetZeroCities: Supporting Cities' Climate Transition Efforts

5th June 2024 (Day 2) | Expert Side Program | Agora II (national zone) | 16:00-17:30

Achieving climate neutrality for a city involves a comprehensive and rapid systemic transformation. Crafting a clear pathway is essential, where different sectors, obligations, and plans become unified under one climate vision. This transformation will yield numerous co-benefits, including improved air quality, public health, and more liveable urban spaces, positively impacting various sectors.

However, to do so, new governance models are essential to replace siloed and fragmented ways of working with coordinated and integrated actions across different departments. This way of working is ideally extended beyond the city department, where strong alliances with different levels of government (such as the regional and national level) and other important stakeholders (such as research institutions, citizens representatives, NGOs as well as the private sector) are also established. This will enable coherence and coordination in the form of a connected national ecosystem supporting cities' efforts toward climate neutrality.

The [NetZeroCities](#) (NZC) project supports the 112 Mission Cities selected as part of the EU Mission: Climate Neutral and Smart Cities to deliver on their climate neutrality commitment by 2030. The project offers resources such as a Climate Transition Map which helps a city design its climate neutrality journey as well as a knowledge repository on the [EU Cities Mission Platform](#). Discover how NZC could help you deliver on your climate ambitions!

This workshop, which will be animated in English, will provide a platform for sharing experiences and insights on the following themes:

- Developing a climate vision/strategy like the Climate City Contract.
- Integrating existing actions and initiatives within a climate strategy.
- Identifying needs and support from the national ecosystem for Czech cities to reach climate neutrality.
- Learning from each other's ambitions, challenges, and solutions (peer-to-peer exchange).

Agenda:

16:00 - 16:05 | Icebreaker

16:05 - 16:15 | Introduction to NetZeroCities: How could it boost a city's journey towards climate neutrality?

16:15 - 17:05 | Roundtable Discussions (25 minutes each, with a table swap after 25 minutes)

- Discussion 1: Aligning agendas for climate neutrality.
- Discussion 2: Enabling bottom-up & top-down collaboration to support cities in their climate transition.

17:05 - 17:15 | Discussion Outcomes

17:15 - 17:25 | NetZeroCities Portal offer and other opportunities

17:25 - 17:30 | Concluding remarks