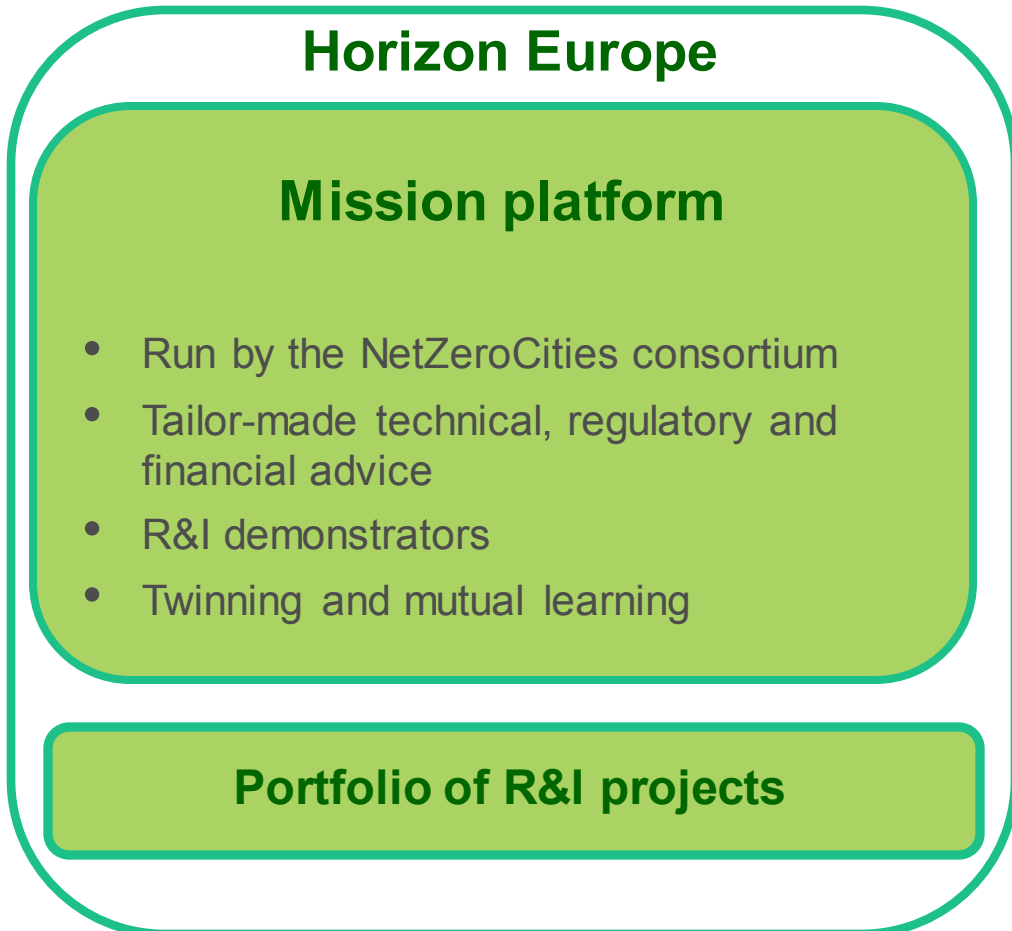




MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE MISSION





VALIDATION OF CLIMATE CITY CONTRACTS

- **Balance:** quick and efficient, but thorough to inspire confidence
- Proposal to have **two cut-off dates per year**
- **Assessments:**
 - **Core Contract** (Commitments): Cities Mission Secretariat
 - **Climate Action Plan:** Joint Research Centre (JRC)
 - **Climate Investment Plan:** Small group of financial experts (contracted by but independent of NZC)
- Consultation of **Mission Board** and **Mission Owners Group** (Commission-internal)



BENEFITS ASSOCIATED TO MISSION LABEL

- **Work in progress**
- Examples from EU programmes:

- **LIFE programme**

Specification of award criteria (g) projects that build on or upscale the results of other projects funded by the LIFE Programme, its predecessor programmes or by other Union funds, are to benefit from a bonus in their evaluation.

Strategic Integrated Projects - Climate Action

4. Urban or community-based action plans pioneering the transition to a climate neutral and/or climate resilient society, including climate-neutral cities plans and actions, **for instance in the context of the EU Mission ‘Climate neutral and smart cities’** and Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans.

- **Connecting Europe Facility**

The assessment of the award criterion “Priority and urgency” will, where relevant, also take into account:

- the new situation created by the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine;
- the Commission communication on Solidarity Lanes (COM/2022/217/Final);
- the “100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities” announced by the Commission on 28 April 2022.