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Call for Proposals: Enabling City Transformation

Refresher: Ambition, Approach, and Impact, & Eligibility, Assessment and Selection Criteria

Tuesday 17 September, 2024



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Welcome

Call launched:

- Call Guidelines published
- Submission platform open
- Supporting documents published (Call Guidelines, Financial Guidelines; Application templates and pro formas)

Scheduled webinars:

- **Wednesday 12 June (14:00 CEST): Ambition, Approach, and Impact**
- **Wednesday 19 June (11:30 CEST): Eligibility and Assessment Criteria**
- **Tuesday 17 September (10:30 CEST)– Refresher: Ambition, Approach & Eligibility, Assessment, & Selection criteria**
- **Tuesday 24 September (10:30 CEST) – Impact Framework and Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL)**

Register for all at the NZC website: www.netzerocities.eu





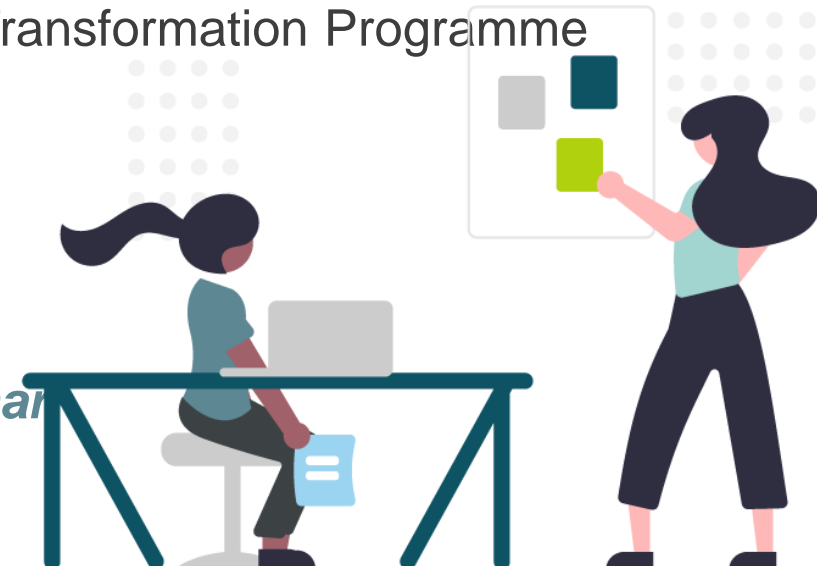
This webinar...

Is for Mission Cities who wish to undertake an eighteen-month grant-supported programme of interventions **focussed on innovation in enabling city transformation, in the context of the European Union (EU) Cities Mission.**

We will cover:

- Ambition, approach, and intended impact of the Enabling City Transformation Programme
- Eligibility, Assessment, and Selection criteria
- Key documentation & timelines

Questions should be relevant to the content of the given webinar





Overview

- Welcome & introduction
- Overview of the Call (15-20 mins)
- Q&A (10 mins)
- Call details (10-15 mins)
- Q&A (10 mins)
- Eligibility, Assessment, & Selection Criteria
- Q&A (remaining time as required)



This event is being recorded



Use the Q&A functionality to ask questions



Re/Name yourself and include your city and department



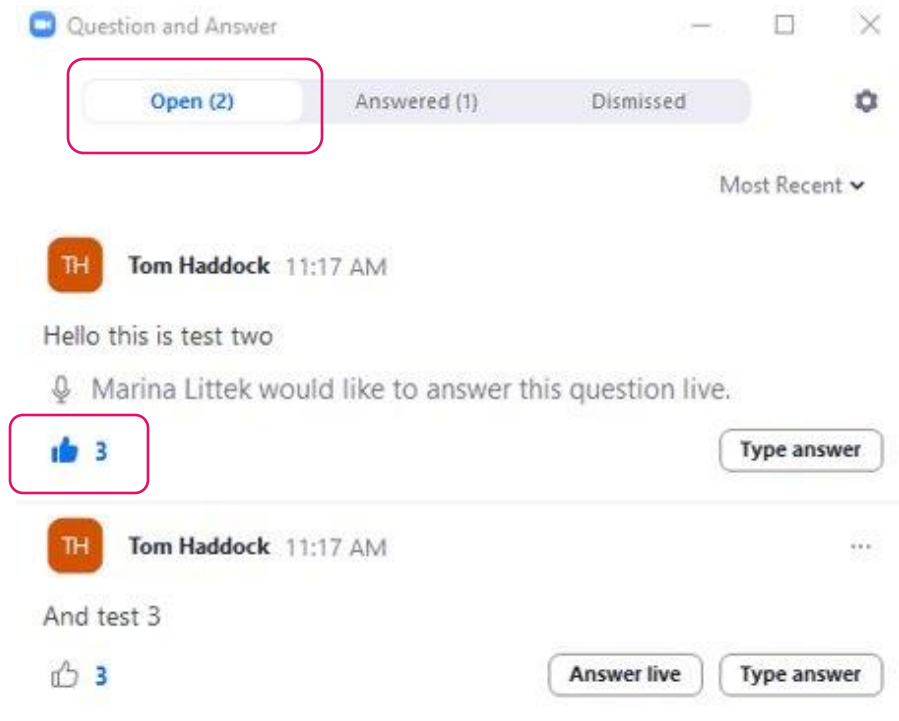


How to use the Q&A

1) Type down your questions



2) Vote up the questions





A couple of notices

- This session **won't include** the technical introduction & system orientation – please refer to the recording from the first session (available on the website) and technical guidance provided.
- This session will largely be a repetition of the previous webinars in June 2024 (for which **recordings are available**) and cover mainly **technical features** of the Call.
- There is a final **Enabling City Transformation 'Summer Sandbox'** session **tomorrow, 18 September, 10.00-12.00 CEST** (you will have received a link to register via email, and we will also share this in the chat today)





Enabling City Transformation

Ambition, Approach, Impact



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Building upon, and *progressing beyond*, the Pilot Cities Programme

- **Pilot Cities Programme: Test and learn**; local context and ‘what is your city struggling with’/ ‘what are your barriers to change’?
-**Enabling City Transformation Programme: Enable and scale**... where are the collective implementation challenges? What are the collective, enabling innovation opportunities towards implementing, at whole-city scale, against the Mission goals?
 - ...**foundations for the future: Embed and sustain**.... the change/innovation – ‘implementation is not just for Christmas....’ – how can cities embed and sustain the work of transformational change, well into the future staying carbon neutral!)

...focus proposals on **building enabling factors and conditions for transformation** in ways that other cities can **practically use, and that will be replicable** across the Mission.





What are we hoping to see / Why ‘enabling innovation’?

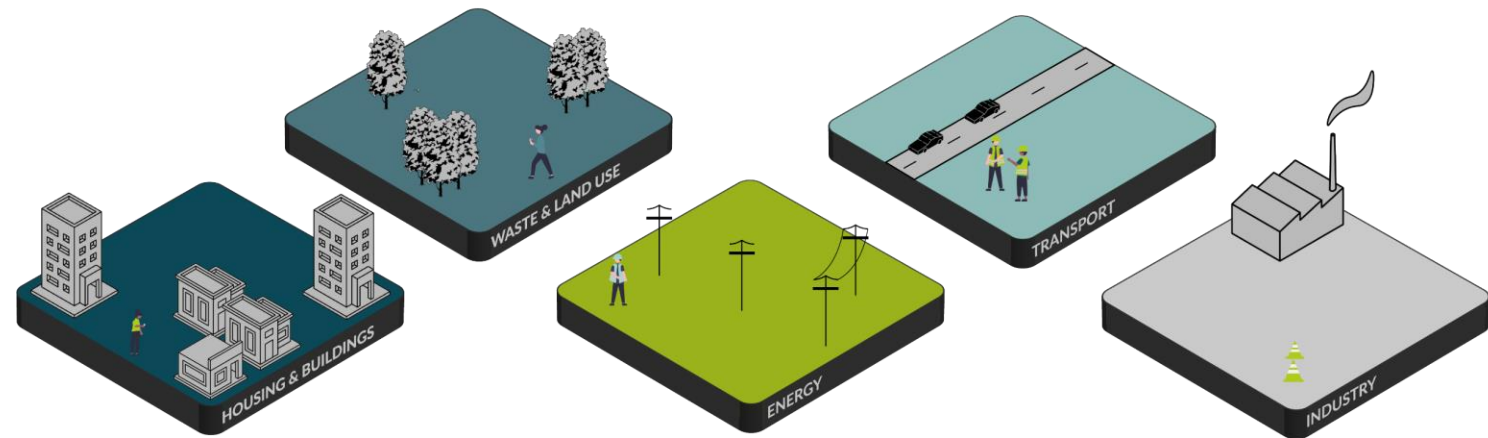
- **Not prescriptive** in defining what **systemic implementation challenges** cities might propose to address, Nor what type of **enabling innovation** may be required to overcome them – however, it should be **at the level of whole-city and relevant for many Mission Cities**
 - **This is why the call is very open (there are no thematic guardrails)**
 - **And this is why collaboration and inter-portfolio synergies is so important**
- ...considering the **complexity of challenges** and orientation of Cities Mission to European-wide decarbonisation... anticipate cities would be **willing to work together** for **higher impact and enhanced learning opportunities**.
- Cities should **take note** of the **Pilot Cities Programme** activities across the cohorts, with a view to **building upon** and **progressing beyond** them.





The Portfolio...

- ...a meaningful portfolio of interventions to address **major Mission implementation challenges** commonly emerging across Mission Cities
- ... **strategically oriented** towards enabling and supporting the implementation phase of the Cities Mission.





Building a portfolio

- Applicants are encouraged to identify synergies and complementarities with other applications
- Synergies and complementarities to demonstrate and seek to leverage opportunities for enhanced scale, scope, impact, and learning
- Specific assessment criterion related to the identification of synergies and complementarities with other applications: *Complementarity for enhanced impact.*
- Anticipate between 15 (fifteen) and 20 (twenty) proposals will be selected for the Enabling City Transformation portfolio

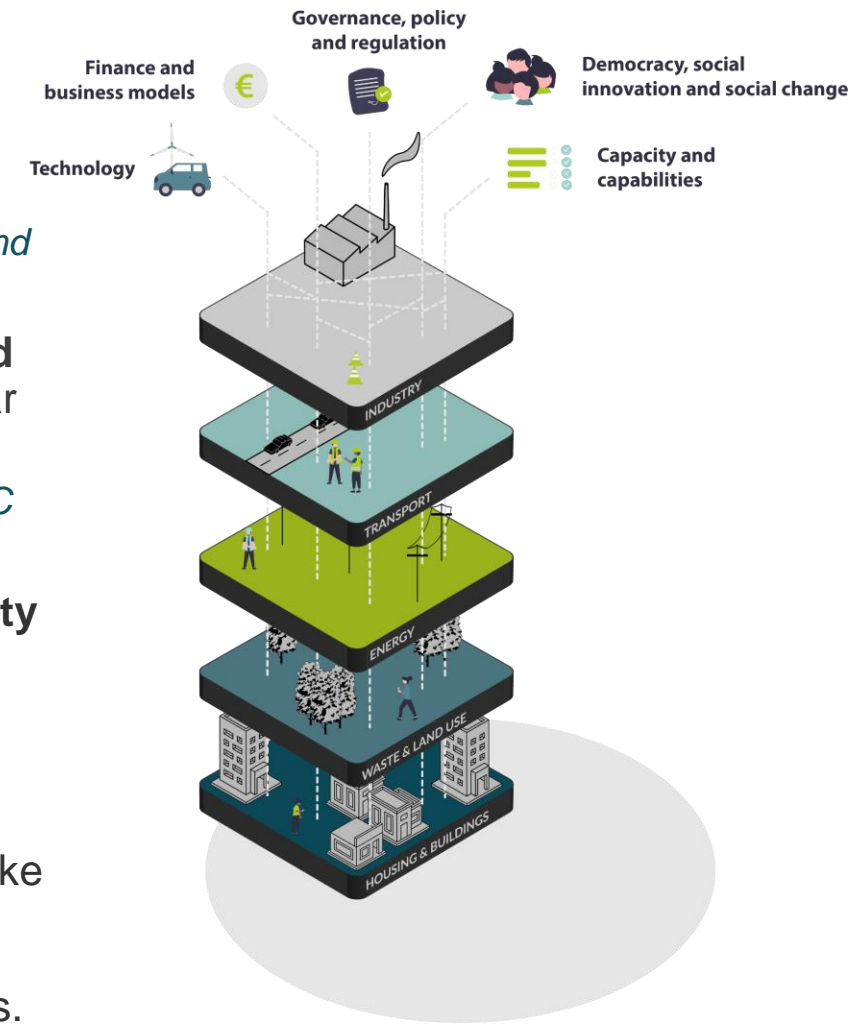
Impact (45 pts)	Impact (20 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct Outcomes of interventions: The proposal comprehensively describes foreseen early and later changes in/through the interventions, and how these are expected to lead to longer-term impacts in enabling innovation and implementation at the city-level. (5 points)• Approach to integrated monitoring, learning and evaluation (MEL): Relevant quantitative or qualitative indicators and a coherent process to monitor and continuously assess both the <i>direct outcomes of interventions</i> (targeted changes) and <i>long-term impacts on GHG emissions and Co-benefits</i>, have been included, and a description of how the MEL approach will be implemented. (5 points)• Long-term targeted impacts: The proposal articulates how the enabling innovation and expected impacts will lead to reduction in GHG emissions and identifies quantified impacts on GHG emissions that would be unlocked by the successful outcome(s) deployed at city-scale. Co-benefits of the interventions are identified (from a provided catalogue and/or, where applicable, bespoke 'non-standard' co-benefits) and the link demonstrated, with relevant indicators to measure outcomes and impact beyond the scope of direct implementation. (5 points)• Complementarity for enhanced impact: The proposal has identified practical complementarities and synergies with one or more other proposal(s) submitted to this Call for <u>Proposals</u>, and articulates how collaboration could enhance the combined impact of their respective interventions and proposed outcomes. (5 points)





What are we hoping to see / Why ‘enabling innovation’?

- ...**supporting combinations of interventions** that explore and experiment with key enabling innovations/enabling conditions to achieving Mission goals, **resolving key implementation barriers**
 - ...*hence, there is an emphasis on collaborating on submitting synergistic proposals and citing these in your application form (..there is also an assessment criterion on this!)*
- ...interventions in cities aiming at **holistically enabling the deployment and scaling of solutions**, building on insights gained from Mission activities so far and exploiting R&I outcomes
 - ...*hence building from and going beyond Pilot Cities programme and into Mission/CCC implementation*
- ...cities will **collectively aim** to achieve breakthroughs in **enabling whole-city innovation**, working individually and in combinations/clusters to generate resolutions for shared challenges
 - ...*Hence the focus on shared city challenges to implementation, moving beyond the local context*
- While working towards the direct impacts expected, cities will be asked to make space for observing and capturing **unforeseen direct or secondary effects**, as they emerge (*unforeseen outcomes*), through relevant and evolving **learning enquiries** framed in the proposal that guide the observation process.



Connecting with each other!



Encouraging collaboration between applicants

- Selected proposals will be organised in **clusters of complementary interventions at the portfolio level**; therefore, *applicants are invited to state their openness and willingness to collaborate and identify specific opportunities with other applicants in the **submission process**.*
- Portal Group
- ECT Summer Sandbox Sessions! (Last one tomorrow...)
- Engage with your City Advisors and City Support colleagues to seek out collaboration opportunities with other cities





'Upstream' collaboration, synergies, and complementarities

Why?



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Why this approach?

- Embed right from the start of the programme (i.e. the **IDEATION and CALL**) an **orientation to collaboration** and thinking about how your **proposed ideas can have synergies and complementarities**, in the process of ideation (and not 'after the fact' of selection) - our contention is that this will **improve proposals** and unlock opportunities for **learning and impact even before the programme starts....**
- To **challenge the mindset and approach** to grant funding applications (and how calls engender this in their design) that are closed off from each other, that might be duplicative or forego opportunities for enhanced impact, accelerated and complementary learning, secondary or third order affects as a result of the combination that wouldn't otherwise be possible (or more difficult to realise) if identified only after selection. To **up-turn the potentially negative impacts of competitive grant calls** that militate against such opportunities for a wider-impact and a broader learning portfolio **using the Mission as a platform to do this.**
- To **support the selection committee** and process by identifying upstream (and **BAKED IN** to the process of ideation and project design) the prospective **synergies and complementarities between projects** that can be selected towards a portfolio of interventions that are **greater than the sum of the parts** leveraging synergies/complementarities already identified as well as those that **emerge** in the course of Strategic Selection (Stage 3) and the wider in-take.





What might this mean in practice?

- Identifying opportunities between projects for **collective learning**, or building upon early/later **outcomes** or specific **results**...
- Looking for **comparative interventions** or activities that could **amplify** your own impact/outcomes
- Building into your own proposals the **space, time**, and/or **platforms for collaboration** with the resulting portfolio (i.e. openness)





What might this mean?

- Other proposals you cite/link up with *may not be selected* - so **dependencies should be approached carefully.**
- Your interventions should therefore still be **coherent in their own right!**
- Check out the **Selection Criteria** - remember, the Selection Committee will be held to this at a **Portfolio-selection level!**
- **The Boot Camp** for ECT will really lean into the **suggested, ‘baked-in’, AND emergent synergies / complementarities!**
-we recognise this is a little bit of a ‘dance’!





Q&A





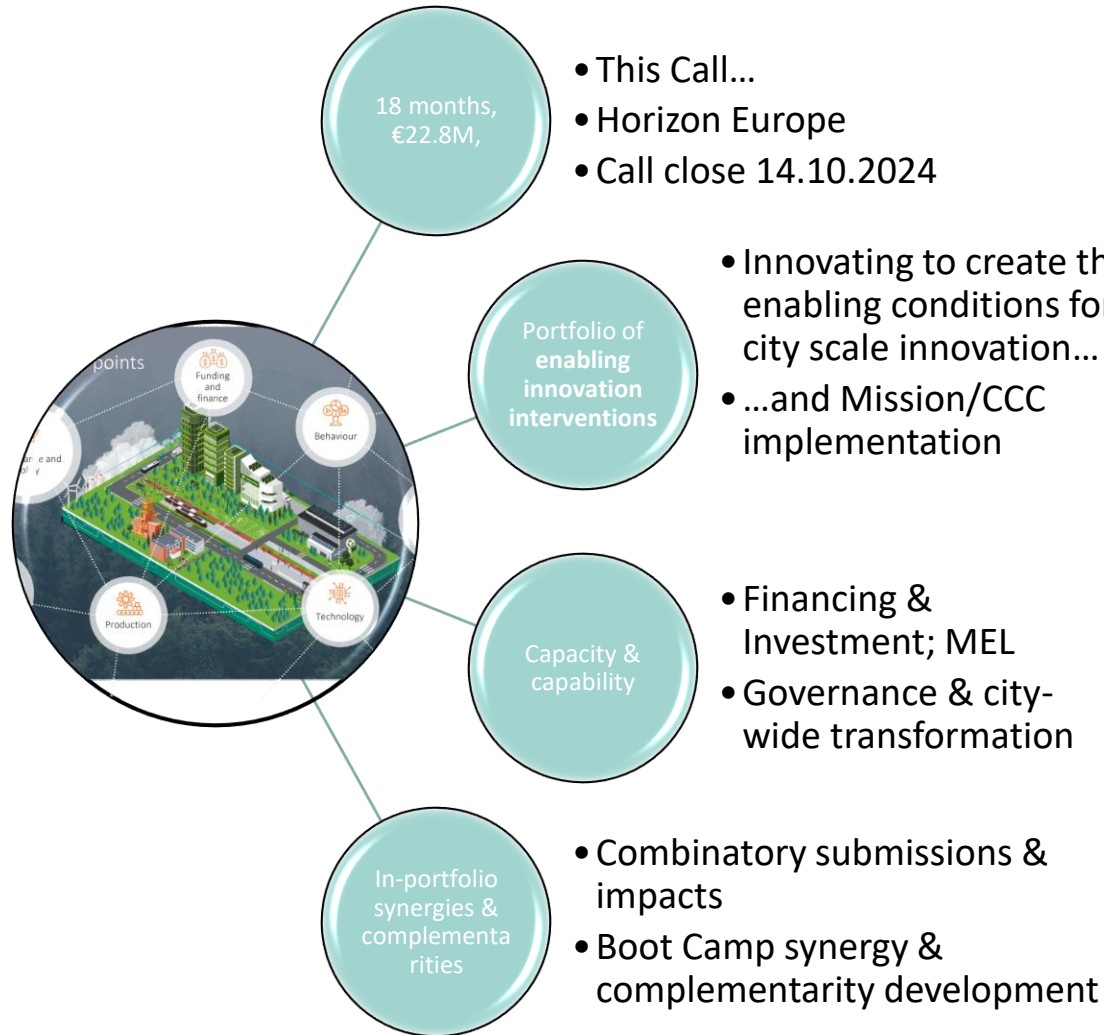
The Call

Timeline and key information

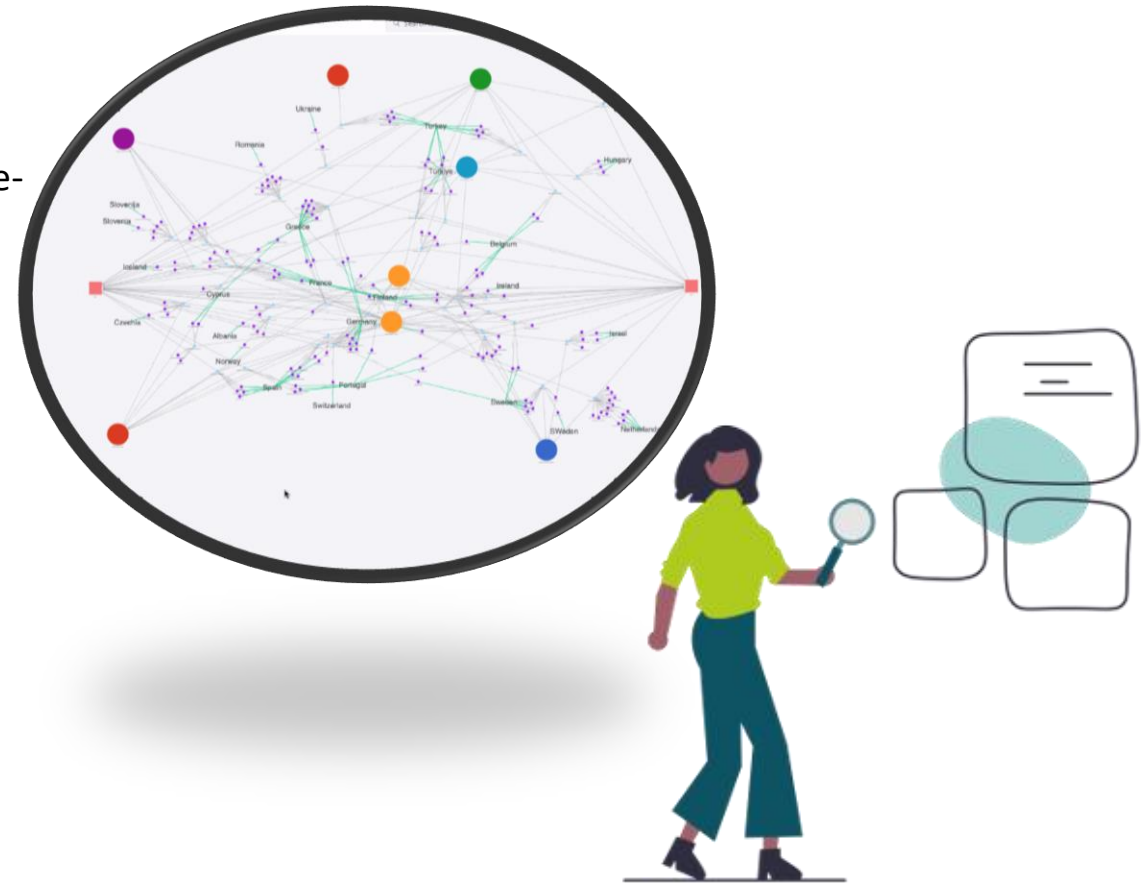


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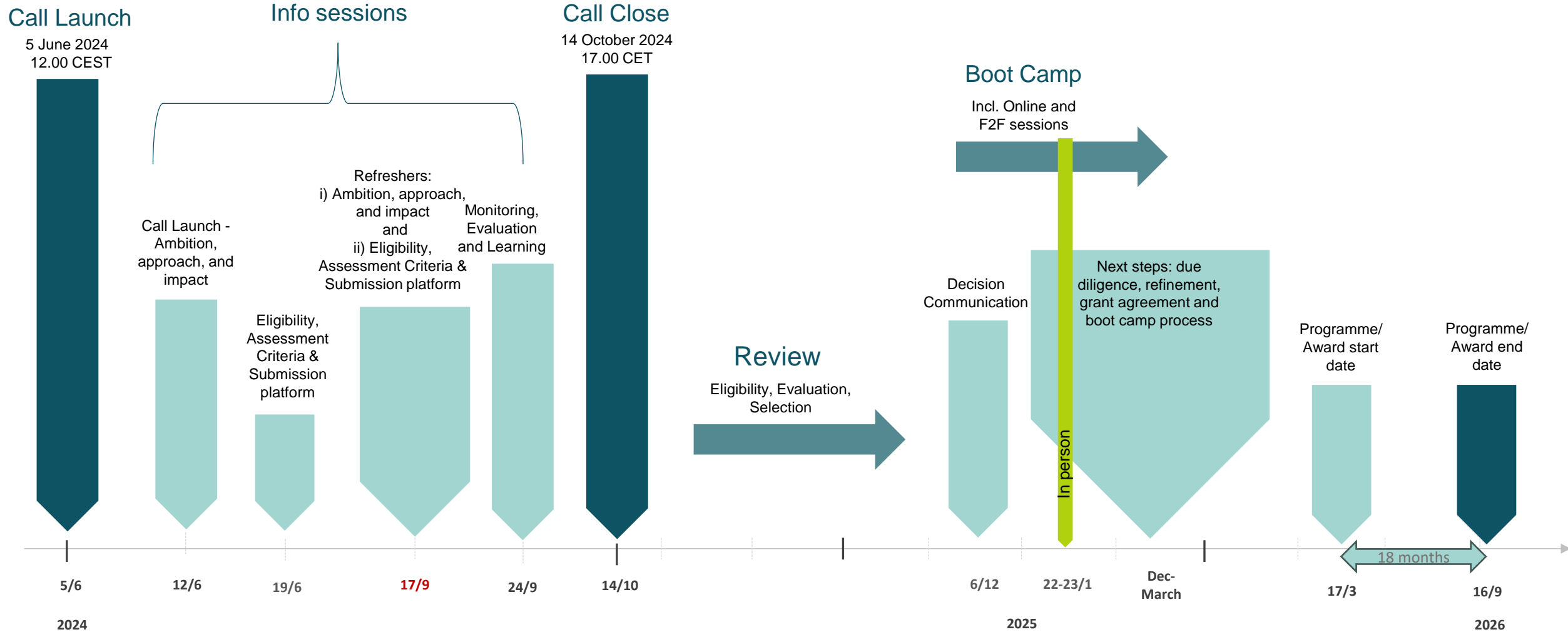
What is the NetZeroCities Enabling City Transformation Programme?



Portfolio Approach:



Call timeline





Funding

4.1 Funding

The total available budget under this call is 22.8 million Euros (EUR). The funding will be allocated across three subgrant envelopes as follows:

- **500,000 - 600,000 EUR** : proposals with a minimum of one city/district plus at least one additional consortium partner (NB: the additional consortium partner may be another eligible Mission city/district).
- **1,000,000 EUR**: proposals with a minimum of two cities/districts, plus any additional consortium partners.
- **1,500,000 EUR**: proposals with a minimum of three cities/districts plus any additional consortium partners.





Who can apply

- Only local authorities or city administrations **selected to be part of EU Mission for climate-neutral and smart cities by 2030 (Mission Cities)** are eligible to apply to and receive funding under this Call. For the avoidance of doubt, this call is addressed to designated Mission cities only and therefore these consortia may not include other city, district, or municipal authorities (i.e., 'non-Mission').

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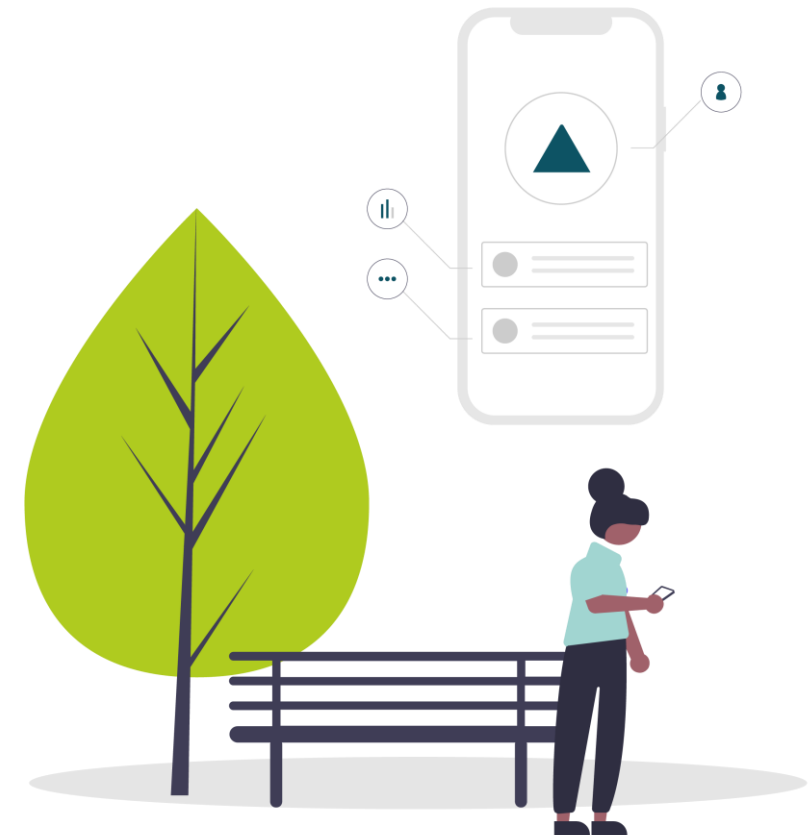
Administrations of a higher level of governance (i.e. a metropolis, region, or national/governmental departments) are eligible to participate as consortium partners where there is a formal governance link with the Mission City/cities leading or involved with the proposal, however do not themselves count towards the eligible Mission City *count* (i.e. as related to **the prescribed** budget envelopes and the number present in the proposal) *unless* the metropolis or region is itself the Mission City, formally.





Key differences to Pilot Cities Programme,

- **Think big!** Shared implementation challenges and enabling factors for succeeding in Mission goals...
- New application form (though with some familiar questions!).
- New assessment criteria.
- **18-month** programme, not 24 months
- Collaboration **between proposals** highly encouraged (and assessed by individual criterion)
- Portfolio selection based on familiar diversity factors **but also focuses** on complementarity and synergistic interventions – across a diverse range of implementation challenges.
- ...**Not** about maximising number of Mission cities...
- It's about a **complementary portfolio of interventions** to support the widest constituency of Mission and EU Cities in their implementation challenges as relates to climate neutrality and Mission goals....





Q&A

The Programme





Call for Proposals: Enabling City Transformation

Eligibility & Assessment Criteria



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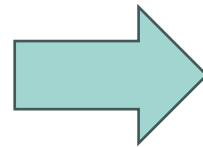
Three-stage evaluation process



Stage 1: Eligibility

Assessment of **5 pass/fail criterion** that must be all met:

- 1- Only 1 proposal/city
- 2- Consortium with at least 2 legal entities including the local authority
- 3- Proposal led by city administration
- 4- Letter of support from Mayor
- 5- List of stakeholders

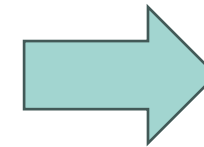


Stage 2: Assessment

Assessment by at least two independent experts; individual criteria are scored:

- **Mandate to Act**
- **Capacity to Act**
- **Impact**

NB: Unlike Pilot Cities Programme, there are **no specific points threshold** for individual or grouped criteria



Stage 3: Strategic selection

Selection committee selects proposals as a portfolio of enabling transformation interventions, with a maximum value of 22.8M EUR, based on a range of contextual selection criteria.





Stage 1 Eligibility Criteria

1. **Only one proposal may be submitted by an eligible Mission City / District*** (also in case of multi-city applications).

*Only one proposal may be submitted by an eligible city/district. In the case of multi-city/district proposals, each city/district may appear in only one proposal. There shall be **no territorial double-funding**; therefore, a higher level of administration should not appear in a separate proposal to that of a constituent, lower-level administration (e.g., district). Applicants are advised to coordinate at the relevant city/district administrative levels before applying.*

2. The **consortium** must contain **at least two legal entities** (one of which must be the local authority or city administration).

The consortium must contain at least two partnering organisations, one of which must be the city / district administration, and any others must be separate, independent (from the city) legal entities.

3. The proposal must be **led by one of the city administrations**

The proposal must be led by the city administration; in case of a district submission, it must be led by an authorised administration from within the specified district.

* *City = defined as a Local Administrative Unit (LAU), or a “greater city” or metropolitan region
District = administrative sub-division of a city, with the authority to act on behalf of the local community*





Stage 1 Eligibility Criteria

- 4. A letter of support from the city mayor (or equivalent) must be provided. In the case of a multi-city proposal, one letter must be provided for each city.**

Letter of support from the city mayor (or equivalent) and/or any city official mandated to sign on the city/mayor/city council's behalf, for the Enabling City Transformation programme. In the case of a multi-city proposal, one letter must be provided for each city.

The letter must include:

- Applicant's official document header/template.*
- Signed and dated by a city/district official mandated to signed on the city/mayor/city council's behalf.*
- The name of and/or code of the Call.*
- Unambiguous commitment to collaborating and learning with other cities in the Enabling City Transformation portfolio.*

Please see pro forma template that has been provided with the launch of this Call

- 5. List of stakeholders engaged/to be engaged provided**
A list of stakeholders engaged/to be engaged are provided





Stage 2 Assessment

Assessment Criteria

- Each criterion is scored, on a scale of **0 to 5**, by at least two independent external experts.
- The score across all categories is totalled to produce a ranked list of proposals. The maximum available score is **95 points**.

Criteria grouping	Points available / number of criteria
Mandate to Act	25pts / 5 criteria
Capacity to Act	25pts / 5 criteria
Impact	45pts / 9 criteria





Mandate to Act

- Clear articulation of both the **implementation challenge** but also the **enabling opportunity** that brings with it* - in the context of the applicant city/ies.
- **and** links to the city's/ies strategic ambition and vision for carbon neutrality **and the challenges connecting to achieving this overarching vision** – hence **articulating the implementation challenge**.
- * With the ECT Call and its orientation to support Mission implementation: **how** are the challenge and opportunity relevant to **other European cities**? What will they **learn**?
- Importance of having **strong political backing and mandate, and**
- ...the support and / or secured collaboration of **relevant stakeholders and partners** – holding **expertise, experiences, and competencies** required to work on the challenge – to implement interventions.





Mandate to Act

Criterion	Description
Articulating the challenge(s) (15 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enabling implementation challenge(s): The proposal clearly articulates the implementation challenge and subsequent expected enabling innovation. (5 points)• Strategic connectivity to city vision: The proposed interventions are well connected to the city's overarching vision for climate neutrality and the challenges to/for implementing and achieving this vision. In the case of multi-city applications, the logic of this multi-city collaboration is well articulated. (5 points)• Relevance of implementation challenge(s) and enabling innovation to other EU Cities: The proposal states how and why other European cities, pursuing carbon neutrality and the Mission goals, will learn and benefit from the interventions and/or outcomes. (5 points)
Mandate to Act (5 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Political: The proposal has a high level of political support and endorsement from the city/ies, with a strong mandate for continued support through political will (5 points),
Consortium and stakeholders (5 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consortium and relevant stakeholders/contributors: The proposal identifies and includes consortium partners and contributing stakeholders that are relevant and important to the challenge(s) identified, and enabling innovation proposed. There is relevant expertise, experience, and competencies represented. Roles are elaborated, and it is clear how the city/ies and partners/stakeholders will collaborate to implement the innovation interventions. (5 points)





Capacity to Act

- **It's a short programme!:** The **sound implementation** (including planning for space to be agile / responding to arising risks) of planned interventions and the **financial planning / sustainability** of the work that will be implemented through ECT is critical.
- Climate crisis requires becoming **more democratic, collaborative, and collectively action-oriented**, with conscious integration of considerations for *diversity, inclusion, gender, accessibility*, and a **just transition for all**.
- **Engaging citizens and urban stakeholders** in meaningful and inclusive participation, where relevant, and articulating their material contribution to the enabling opportunity.
- Building **capacity and capability collectively** within the city, but also with partners, stakeholders and the wider ecosystem, to leverage learning and outcomes to wider climate action and sustain progress (i.e. the conditions for implementation and change)





Capacity to Act

Criterion	Description
Capacity and capability (5 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capability and capacity building: The proposal comprehensively presents how the city administration, its partners, and the wider ecosystem of contributing stakeholders and long-term strategic partners, will collectively generate, share, and retain knowledge, know-how, skills, and partnerships, from the proposed interventions, beyond the life of the programme. (5 points)
Soundness of work plan (10 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sound work plan and budget: The proposed work plan to implement the interventions, within the allocated timeframe and budget, is sound and coherent. The proposed budget is clearly outlined and justified and reflects value for money. Where the interventions cannot be fully implemented with the provided subgrant, a coherent plan is demonstrated for identifying and securing additional resources (by the city/ies or co-financers) to fully implement within the prescribed 18 months. (5 points)• Risk management: The proposal identifies risks related to both the practical implementation of the interventions and the potential indirect impacts and outcomes, with adequate mitigation and appropriate contingency measures. (5 points)
Cross-cutting considerations (5 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cross-cutting considerations: The proposal demonstrates awareness of how its interventions and/or outcomes relate to and cater for cross-cutting themes such as diversity, inclusion, gender dimension, accessibility, and a just transition. The proposal outlines a practical and proportionate approach to how it will approach how such considerations are treated in the implementation of its interventions. (5 points)
Citizen engagement and participation (5 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Citizen engagement and participation: Where relevant, citizens are engaged at relevant stages of the interventions, and it is clear how their engagement will contribute materially to the enabling innovation. Where relevant, the proposal describes how citizen engagement will contribute to the design and implementation of the interventions. If/where citizen engagement and/or co-design is not included, the proposal provides a robust rationale for why citizen engagement and participation is not relevant for the proposal. (5 points)





Impact

- Linking back to the articulation of the **implementation challenge** and **enabling innovation opportunity/ies**: what do **successful outcomes look like**, and how do they enable whole-city transformation? Given the European scale, innovation unique to or untested in the EU context..
- **Learnings from interventions** are continuously captured, **but also making time and provision for observing unforeseen/unanticipated outcomes**.
- **Enabling innovation is intended to pave the way for long-term impacts, learning, promoting and systemising learning outputs** to make them scalable and transferable
- The ECT Portfolio is aiming at **strategically complementary and synergistic interventions** – what other interventions are cities **proposing to this call** that connect with and can be **leveraged for enhancing/combined impact?**
- The **nature of the ETC programme** and portfolio means interventions that can be (if successful) **replicated across the EU rapidly (speed)** but also how **widely transferable (scale) the interventions are** – both in support of Mission Goals and in terms fo EU-wide and timeline targets for climate neutrality.



Impact



Criterion	Description
Innovativeness: Enabling whole-city innovation (15 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Enabling innovation (expected outcomes): The proposal clearly articulates expected outcomes to overcome the identified implementation challenge(s), and how this will enable system change / whole-city city transformation towards climate-neutrality. (5 points)● Openness to unforeseen outcomes (learning enquiries): The proposal details how the consortium will plan and make space for observing and capturing unforeseen direct or secondary effects, as they emerge. To this end, relevant learning enquiries are framed in the proposal to guide the observation process, and provision is made for how these may evolve. (5 points)● Innovativeness: The proposal describes how proposed interventions are cutting edge innovation, relevant to both the applicant city/cities and beyond them (i.e. EU dimension), and have not been successfully implemented or tested on the ground in the European Union. (5 points)
Impact (20 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Direct Outcomes of interventions: The proposal comprehensively describes foreseen early and later changes in/through the interventions, and how these are expected to lead to longer-term impacts in enabling innovation and implementation at the city-level. (5 points)● Approach to integrated monitoring, learning and evaluation (MEL): Relevant quantitative or qualitative indicators and a coherent process to monitor and continuously assess both the direct outcomes of interventions (targeted changes) and long-term impacts on GHG emissions and Co-benefits, have been included, and a description of how the MEL approach will be implemented. (5 points)● Long-term targeted Impacts: The proposal articulates how the enabling innovation and expected impacts will lead to reduction in GHG emissions and identifies quantified impacts on GHG emissions that would be unlocked by the successful outcome(s) deployed at city-scale. Co-benefits of the interventions are identified (from a provided catalogue and/or, where applicable, bespoke 'non-standard' co-benefits) and the link demonstrated, with relevant indicators to measure outcomes and impact beyond the scope of direct implementation. (5 points)● Complementarity for enhanced impact: The proposal has identified practical complementarities and synergies with one or more other proposal(s) submitted to this Call for Proposals, and articulates how collaboration could enhance the combined impact of their respective interventions and proposed outcomes. (5 points)
Enabling innovation interventions' replication and transferability (10 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Replication (speed): The proposal describes how the interventions, if/where successful, may be replicated and deployed rapidly across the EU, in support of Mission goals and the target for 2030 climate neutrality. (5 points)● Transferability (scale): The proposal presents detailed assumptions of the interventions' potential for transferability to other cities and/or contexts (e.g. national) across the EU. (5 points)





Stage 3 Strategic Selection 1/2

- **Selection Committee** composed of two members of the Executive Committee, the Coordinator, and the potential addition of (an) external independent observer(s)
- **Contextual judgement** that considers and looks for potential connections, synergies, and combinatorial learning and opportunities across proposed portfolio interventions, as well as the European dimension.
- **Strategic selection** takes consideration of (in order):
 - **Geographic diversity** - based on data gathered at application stage (highest possible representation of EU MS & HE AC)
 - **Diversity of city size & typology** - based on data gathered at application stage (best possible representation of cities' size and typology)
 - **Diversity of focus on emissions domains/barriers and of intended levers off/for change to be tested*** - based on data gathered at application (highest representation of combined emissions domains and levers of change)
 - **Score in Stage 2.** During the portfolio selection, in the event of proposals with similar characteristics with equal scoring in Stage 2, the following parameters will be used to define the final ranking:
 - Priority will be given to those scoring highest in the grouped **Impact criteria**.
 - When the scores are still equal, priority will be given to those scoring highest in the grouped **Capacity to Act** criteria.
 - When the scores are still equal, priority will be given to those scoring highest in the grouped **Mandate to Act** criteria.
 - When the scores are still equal, priority will be given to those scoring highest on **cross-cutting considerations** (sub-criterion under Implementation).
 - • **Budget availability**

“EU Dimension” refers to the relevance and synergies of selected interventions for EU policy and directives implementation (such as the EGD, the Climate Pact, the New European Bauhaus and the Horizon Europe climate-neutral cities Mission) and geographic diversity to ensure a proper balance between EU Member States (and H2020 Associated Countries).





Stage 3 Strategic Selection 2/2

- * In line with the specific focus of this call, the selection criterion referring to diversity of focus (i.e. the third bullet point in the above list) is of particular relevance and consideration for the Selection Committee, meaning the Selection Committee will look at/for diversity of focus on **implementation challenges** across emission domains, and of **enabling innovation approaches deploying** intended levers of/for change to be tested.





Decision Communication

- EIT Climate-KIC will aim to communicate final outcomes to applicants by **6 December 2024**
- Final communication will indicate the grant allocation and state the cost eligibility period.
- A **list of selected projects** with a description of the action, grant amounts and legal names of selected applicants and their country, date of the award and duration will be **published on the NetZeroCities Platform and website.**
- Contract development and signing processes are expected to proceed between **December 2024 and March 2025**
- The **ECT Boot Camp** will run between December and February 2025 – **with a face to face event on 22 & 23 January 2025 (location tbc)**
- The grant programme start date will be **17 March 2025**, ending on **16 September 2026**





Q&A

Eligibility and Assessment Criteria





Call documentation

Guidelines, supporting templates, pro formas (for submission)



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Enabling City Transformation

The Enabling City Transformation Call invites Mission Cities to propose innovative actions to overcome systemic challenges faced when implementing climate action. This eighteen-month programme aims foster large-scale, city-wide transformation, building upon and progressing beyond the Pilot Cities programme.

With a budget of 22.8 million Euros under Horizon Europe, the programme aims to create practical, replicable solutions that support sustainable urban development, and climate neutrality across European cities.

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- **Call Form Template (MS Word)**
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For collaborative application writing

Please note: drafted content of the forms needs to be transferred manually to the application platform.

Application Forms

- **Letter of Support Template (MS Word)** – from the city mayor and/or any city official mandated to sign on the applicant's behalf, for the ECT Programme
- **Submission system application form**
- **MEL & Impact Framework Template (MS Word) & Indicator set (MS Excel)** – 'IMPACT' section of the proposal; to be completed and uploaded to the submission system.
 - **Supporting document: Indicator set** – set of preselected indicators to be used in completing the MEL & Impact Framework template





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- **Enabling City Transformation Call Guidelines** – provides key information on the aim, scope, and approach of the **call**, budget requirements, and the evaluation and decision-making process
- **ECT Financial Guidelines** – contains the main legal and financial rules of the call and supports applicants in compiling budgets for their proposals





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Pilot Cities Programme Group

Awareness raising Circular economy Citizen participation Education Finance Funding
Governance and policy Social innovation Stakeholder engagement Analytics and modelling Building
Carbon capture Energy Industry Materials Sustainable fuel Technology Transport and mobility

This group has been created as a public space dedicated to the Pilot Cities Programme. It welcomes primarily:

- Representatives of the selected Pilot Cities
- Representatives of Twinning Cities interested in engagement with the Pilot Cities
- Community of Practice interested in the Pilot Cities Programme

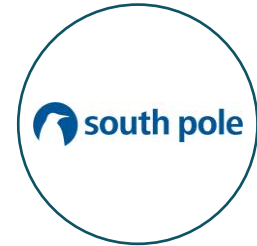
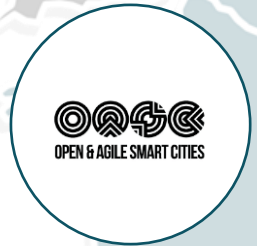
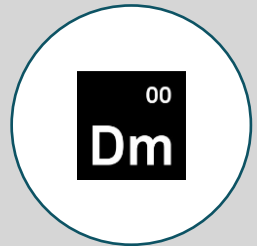
Pilot Cities will find their materials relevant for implementing their Pilot Activities.
Twin Cities can use this space as a forum to collaborate and exchange with the Pilot Cities.
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