



The Climate Hall Lyon 2030

LYON, FRANCE

Emissions domains addressed by the Pilot Activity



Consumption of non-electricity energy for thermal uses in buildings & facilities



Multi-sector waste management & disposal



Consumption of electricity generated for buildings, facilities & infrastructure



Key Terms

Climate third place | Neyret site prefiguration | School of Resilience | Off-site programming | Climate education | Narratives of sufficiency | Youth engagement

Levers of Change

Democracy and participation | Governance and policy | Learning and capabilities | Social innovation

Description of the Pilot Activity

The City of Lyon is developing a permanent flagship site dedicated to ecological transition: a third place located at the Neyret site, focused on climate issues and resilience. Its opening is scheduled for September 2026. While awaiting the delivery of this space, the Climate Hall is already active through an ambitious “off-site” programme. This programme aims to promote climate education, raise awareness of sustainable mobility, support the energy transition, and engage citizens directly within local communities: schools, middle schools, neighborhoods, and community spaces across the city. The future site will be designed in this spirit, combining:

- adaptation to the effects of climate change,
- social and environmental innovation,
- awareness of mitigation challenges.

It will host various organizations involved in ecological transition, fostering experimentation, cooperation, and concrete responses to local needs.

Innovation Highlights

The off-site phase is not a temporary solution; it serves as a proof of concept, demonstrating that the programme's value lies in its relationships, content, and local anchoring rather than in a physical space. The integration of climate education into the operational system for managing heatwaves embeds awareness into concrete infrastructures.

The School of Resilience model — plural governance, citizen participation, and scientific grounding — represents both an institutional and programmatic innovation.

Year One Highlights

The Lyon Climate Hall does not yet have a permanent site, as the Neyret location is still under development. However, the programme has already been deployed citywide from the first year, testing its content and building partnerships ahead of the physical opening. Actions have reached primary schools, middle schools through active mobility training led by the Mobility Agency, and residents of La Duchère through energy support initiatives. A dedicated working group has launched a “narrative of sufficiency” initiative, collecting testimonies from Lyon residents about more sustainable lifestyles, embedding the transition in a cultural transformation rather than a purely technological one. The programme is also integrated into the municipal “Objectif Fraîcheur” plan, linking climate education with the operational management of heatwaves.

The School of Resilience, a future permanent scientific, cultural, and educational structure, is currently being co-developed with academic, cultural, and civil society partners, with governance open to civil society.

Following the suspension of the cycle logistics programme, funding was redirected to professional training for young people in La Duchère, maintaining the objective of equity.

Twinning with Milton Keynes (United Kingdom)

Milton Keynes offers an instructive contrast as an emblematic new town in the United Kingdom, it serves as an open-air laboratory for technological urban solutions (smart roads, autonomous vehicles such as buses...). Lyon contributes a cultural approach: how art, education, and collective practices can turn climate action into a shared urban identity. This twinning creates a productive tension between technical and cultural approaches.

