



Cap4ClimB

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Emissions domains addressed by the ECT Activity



Multi-sector waste management & disposal



Land use (agriculture, forestry & other land uses)



Key Terms

Climate Budgeting | Private Sector Collaboration | Governance | Capacity Building | Reflexive Learning

Levers of Change

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

Context & Challenges

Budapest faces challenges in mainstreaming climate considerations into governance and in aligning public-private collaboration for climate action. Cap4ClimB addresses these barriers through capacity building, climate budgeting, and cross-sectoral tools. By co-developing training programmes, climate budget tagging, and private sector collaboration models, the city aims to create institutional mechanisms that enable inclusive, systemic transformation. The project also promotes exchange with other Mission Cities to enhance replicability and shared learning.

Objectives

- Mainstream climate action in city governance
- Build municipal and citizen capacity
- Develop a climate budgeting toolkit
- Strengthen collaboration with the private sector
- Ensure systemic and equitable climate transition

Expected Impact & Outcomes

- Institutionalized climate-sensitive governance
- Enhanced public-private climate investment
- Empowered community-driven urban innovation
- Transferable capacity-building and budget tools

Project Highlights

SME engagement - Through Cap4ClimB, the city is strengthening its public-private collaboration framework and expanding partnerships to the SME sector. Budapest is now preparing to launch the first sprint of the Business Climate Challenge—a six-month program where participating companies complete monthly tasks on sustainability, climate mitigation and adaptation, supported by expert guidance to improve their environmental awareness and day-to-day operations.

Climate Hackathon - As part of the Cap4ClimB project, Budapest also aims to build capacity and support citizens to drive bottom-up initiatives. In Fall 2025 Budapest organized its first Climate Hackathon, an ideation-based competition engaging young people aged 16–25 in co-creating solutions that support the city's climate goals.

Activities & Innovations

- Assessing and improving municipal processes
- E-learning for municipal staff and citizens
- Tailored climate budget tagging methodology
- Business Climate Challenge programme
- Public-private sector collaboration framework
- Monitoring and reflexive learning model

