



# FACT

## Financing Accelerated City Transformation

### LEUVEN, BELGIUM

#### 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



All vehicles & transport (mobile energy)

#### Key Terms

Climate Finance | Sustainability Broker | Investment Fund | Business Case | Civic Contracting

#### Levers of Change

Financing and funding | Governance and policy | Social innovation | Technology/infrastructure

#### Context & Challenges

Leuven's climate strategy is shifting from planning to implementation, with FACT supporting this transition by focusing on district-level energy systems and investment-readiness of breakthrough projects. The challenge lies in operationalizing large-scale green heat projects in the face of limited residual heat, regulatory hurdles, and shifting energy needs (including cooling). FACT seeks to overcome these barriers through a combined governance, funding, and stakeholder engagement model rooted in previous pilot experience.

#### Objectives

- Build a portfolio of investment-ready projects
- Develop tailored financial and legal fund structures
- Strengthen stakeholder coalitions and learning networks
- Mobilize private capital for CCC priorities
- Support inclusive, long-term civic contracting

#### Activities & Innovations

- Project funneling and stakeholder mobilization
- Creation of financial fund structures and legal scenarios
- Sustainability brokerage to mature key initiatives
- Development of governance and due diligence systems

#### Expected Impact & Outcomes

Accelerated and scalable climate investments

Fund and business case models replicable across Europe

Broad public-private participation in transformation

Reinforced civic capacity for climate governance

