



COLLECT

Collectively Enabling Effective Climate Investments

MANNHEIM, GERMANY

Emissions domains addressed by the ECT Activity



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



Multi-sector waste management & disposal



Land use (agriculture, forestry & other land uses)



Consumption of electricity generated for buildings, facilities & infrastructure



Industrial process emissions



All vehicles & transport (mobile energy)

Key Terms

Climate Finance | Funding Platform | Knowledge Hub | Local Green Deal | Strategic Management

Levers of Change

Data and Digitalisation | Democracy and participation | Financing and funding | Governance and policy | Learning and capabilities

Context & Challenges

To achieve climate neutrality, Mannheim is addressing a major bottleneck: the absence of strategic funding and capacity-building systems for climate investments. The COLLECT project establishes a comprehensive framework for improving the city's ability to secure and manage funding sustainably. It not only addresses urban governance and capacity building in relation to funding, but also systematically identifies existing gaps and assesses innovative financing mechanisms to approach them. By leveraging the knowledge and insights generated by the project, it contributes to EU peer learning while also supporting stakeholders across urban society in their efforts to achieve climate neutrality.

Objectives

- Improving strategic funding management of the city administration
- Improve access to public and private financing
- Build a Local Capital Knowledge Hub
- Investigate on local climate initiatives and innovative financing solutions
- Develop a project funding platform

Expected Impact & Outcomes

- Increased investment in climate actions citywide
- Scalable tools and guidance for climate funding
- Empowered stakeholders across public and private sectors
- Stronger link between policy, innovation, and investment

Activities & Innovations

Funding management platform

- Workshops, trainings, and funding mentorships
- Improving municipal funding structures
- Peer learning exchanges and national coordination
- Communication tools and guidebooks on finance

