



Empowered Governance

STAVANGER & TRONDHEIM, NORWAY



Emissions domains addressed by the ECT Activity



Multi-sector waste management & disposal



Land use (agriculture, forestry & other land uses)

Key Terms

Collaborative Governance | Just Transition | Circular Economy | Portfolio Pilots | Systemic Innovation

Levers of Change

Data and Digitalisation | Democracy and participation | Financing and funding | Governance and policy | Learning and capabilities | Social innovation | Technology/infrastructure

Context & Challenges

Stavanger and Trondheim are leveraging their experience in citizen engagement and cross-sector collaboration to co-create a new governance model for climate neutrality. While both cities are active in the EU Mission, fragmented structures and institutional inertia pose challenges. This project will develop a science-based, stakeholder-driven framework for governance, including portfolio pilots and national learning loops, to make climate governance more inclusive, responsive, and replicable across Europe.

Objectives:

- Co-create science-based governance models together with the University of Stavanger and DOGA
- Pilot just transition portfolios in each city
- Engage communities and businesses in decision-making
- Build skills and capacity for systemic transformation
- Share knowledge through national and EU channels

Expected Impact & Outcomes

- Tailored governance models for climate neutrality
- Community and private sector mobilization
- Transferable design tools and transition roadmaps
- Strengthened capacity for cross-sector collaboration

Activities & Innovations

- Local portfolio pilots on residual emissions and Circular economy
- Governance co-creation workshops and masterclasses
- Storytelling, scenario planning, and shared roadmaps
- Learning loops and transdisciplinary training
- Development of replicable portfolio design tools

