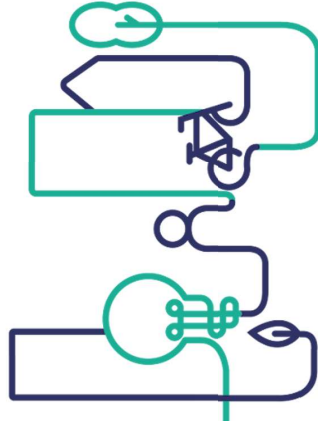


FINANCING CLIMATE TRANSITION AND RESILIENT URBAN DEVELOPMENT

– How Swedish Cities Can Accelerate with External Funding



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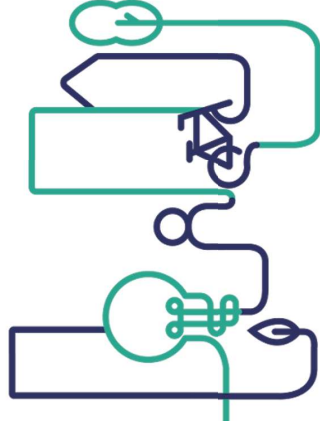
- Capacitybuilding for cities
- Funding of innovative actions
- Provide knowledge and foster exchange of experiences

for sustainable urban development in Europe

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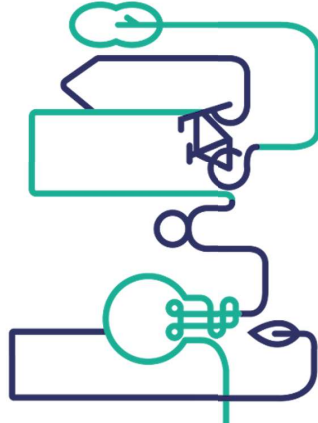


THIS DAY IS VERY TIMELY

- The EU Commission has presented the new agenda for cities
- Tomorrow Swedish cities will sign climate city contracts



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TODAYS OBJECTIVE

- To increase knowledge and capacity among Swedish cities to mobilise and manage external funding as a lever for **climate transition, adaptation/resilience, and sustainable urban development.**
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A DAY FOR CAPACITY BUILDING

- How to lead and coordinate long-term climate transitions
 - How to combine mitigation and adaptation in planning and financing
 - How multi-actor collaboration shape our ability to use external funding
 - How multi-level collaboration (cities, regions, national authorities and EU) can accelerate progress
- 

THE AGENDA

- 09:00** **Setting the scene with different speakers**
- 10:20** **Coffee break**
- 10:40** **Showcase and panel discussion on cities funding experience**
- 11:30** **Panel discussion on Building multi stakeholder alliances**
- 12:15** **Lunch break**
- 13:15** **Workshops in four parallel tracks (including fika)**
- 15:25** **Short break**
- 15:35** **Final plenary session**
- 16:15** **Mingle and walking dinner**





OPENING REMARKS

- Annika Rosing, Head of Unit, The Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth
 - Olga Kordas, Program Manager at Viable cities
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OPENING REMARKS

- Alice Analdi, Programme Manager, European Commission, DG REGIO
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CHECK-IN:

**What are you curious
about today?**

**What do you hope to
bring back to your
organization?**

**Ask each other
in groups of 3**



UNDERSTANDING THE FINANCIAL ECOSYSTEM AND EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Merja Haapakka, Policy Coordinator, European Commission
 - Grzegorz Gajda, Senior Urban Specialist, European Investment Bank
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Cohesion policy and integrated urban development

4 December 2025

EC Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy

Cohesion policy support for sustainable urban development (min. 8 % ERDF)

Commitments in national and regional programmes **fulfil or exceed the 8% target set** for sustainable urban development support under ERDF, covering more than 1400 integrated urban strategies managed by cities and with cities,

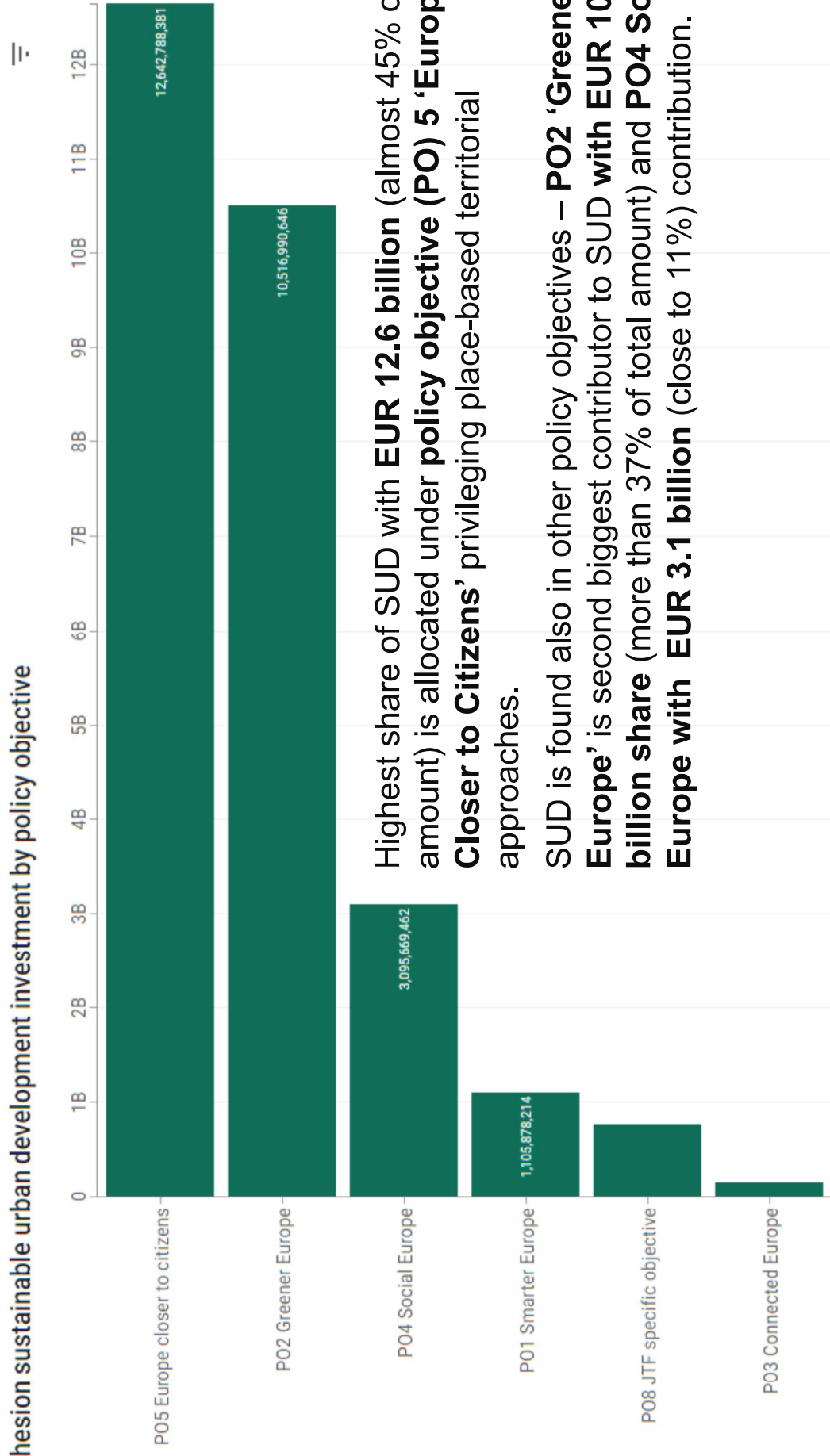
- **EUR 24.4 billion** (almost 12% of Member States ERDF allocation)
- Additional EUR 4 billion for SUD from ESF+, CF, JTF, Interreg

Complementary support for developing capacity and knowledge.



Sustainable Urban Development (SUD) in 2021-2027 by PO

Cohesion sustainable urban development investment by policy objective

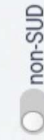


Highest share of SUD with **EUR 12.6 billion** (almost 45% of total amount) is allocated under **policy objective (PO) 5 ‘Europe Closer to Citizens’** privileging place-based territorial approaches.

SUD is found also in other policy objectives – **PO2 ‘Greener Europe’** is second biggest contributor to SUD **with EUR 10.5 billion share** (more than 37% of total amount) and **PO4 Social Europe with EUR 3.1 billion** (close to 11%) contribution.



Search strategy



Filtered strategies : 790



Integrated urban strategies based on information from MAs, updating ongoing (STRAT-Board/JRC)

SUD/non-SUD



Sustainable Urban Development



(SUD)

Non-Urban Development (non-

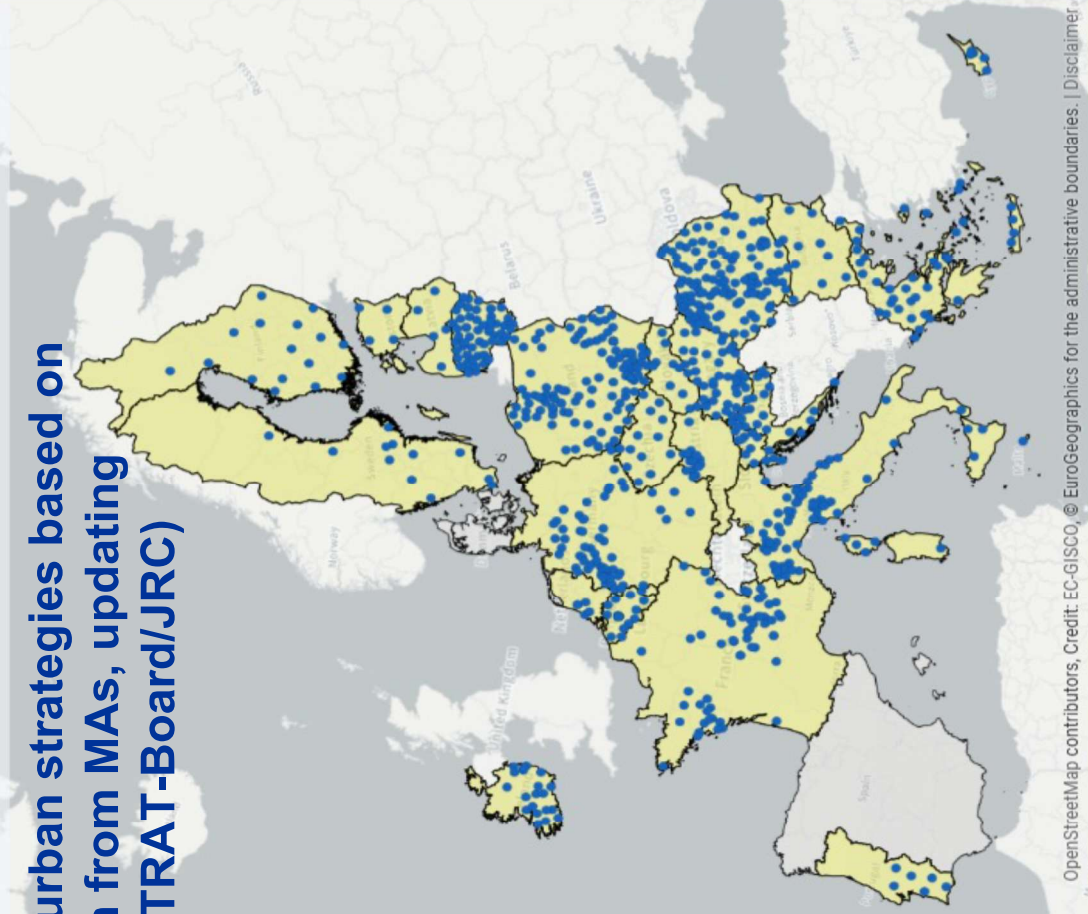


SUD)

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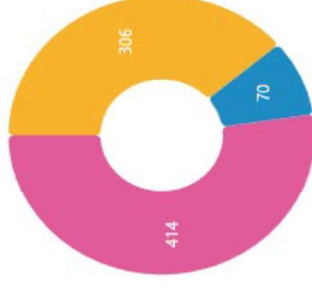
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Policy Objectives

Country Factsheet

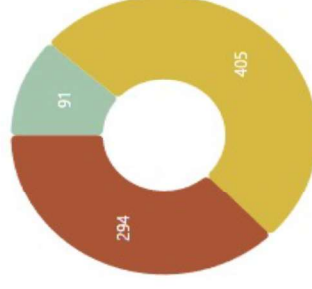
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Territorial delivery mechanism



- Integrated Territorial Investment (ITI)
- Community-Led Local Development (CLLD)
- Other Territorial Tools
- Not defined

Territorial focus



- Urban neighbourhoods
- Cities, towns or suburbs
- Functional urban areas
- Rural areas
- Mountainous areas
- Islands and coastal areas

Population covered per strategy



- <50K
- 50K-250K
- 250K-500K
- 500K-2.5M
- >2.5M
- ND



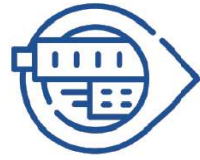
EU Agenda for Cities

Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, December 2025



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Why do we need to act?



- **75%** of Europeans live in cities, towns and suburbs



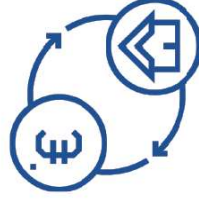
- Local and regional authorities implement approximately **70%** of **EU legislation**



- Cities are hubs of **competitiveness** and **employment**



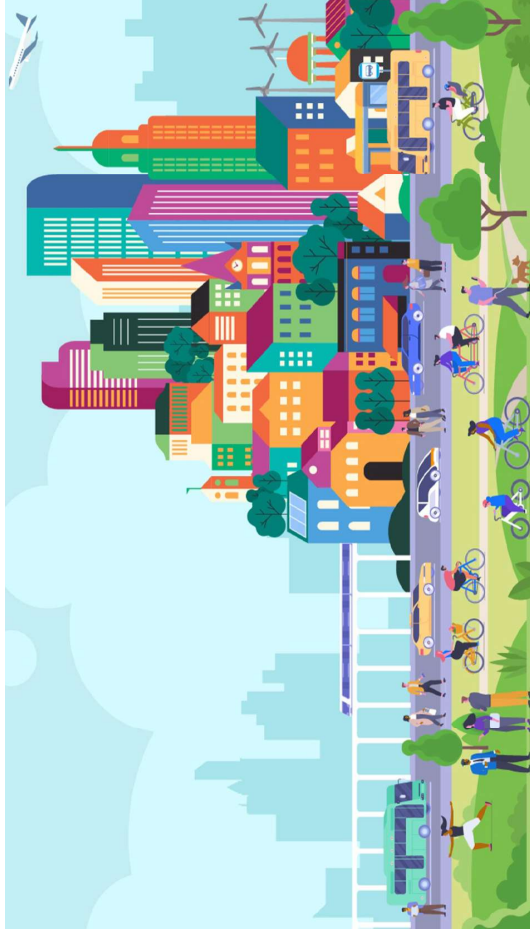
- Key role in **climate action** and accelerating clean **energy transition**



- **90%** of Europeans need mortgage of 30+ years for 75m² apartment

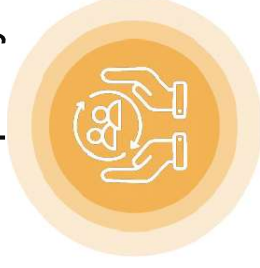
EU Agenda for Cities: Goals

- **Streamlining diverse EU-level support** available to cities and urban areas, which is often fragmented and hard for local authorities to navigate.
- **Strengthening multilevel governance** and cooperation by better integrating cities' interests into EU policymaking.



Key areas of action

Social inclusion
& equality



Housing &
buildings



Security, safety
& preparedness



Competitiveness,
digitalisation,
innovation and
investment



International
cooperation



Climate action,
environment &
clean energy

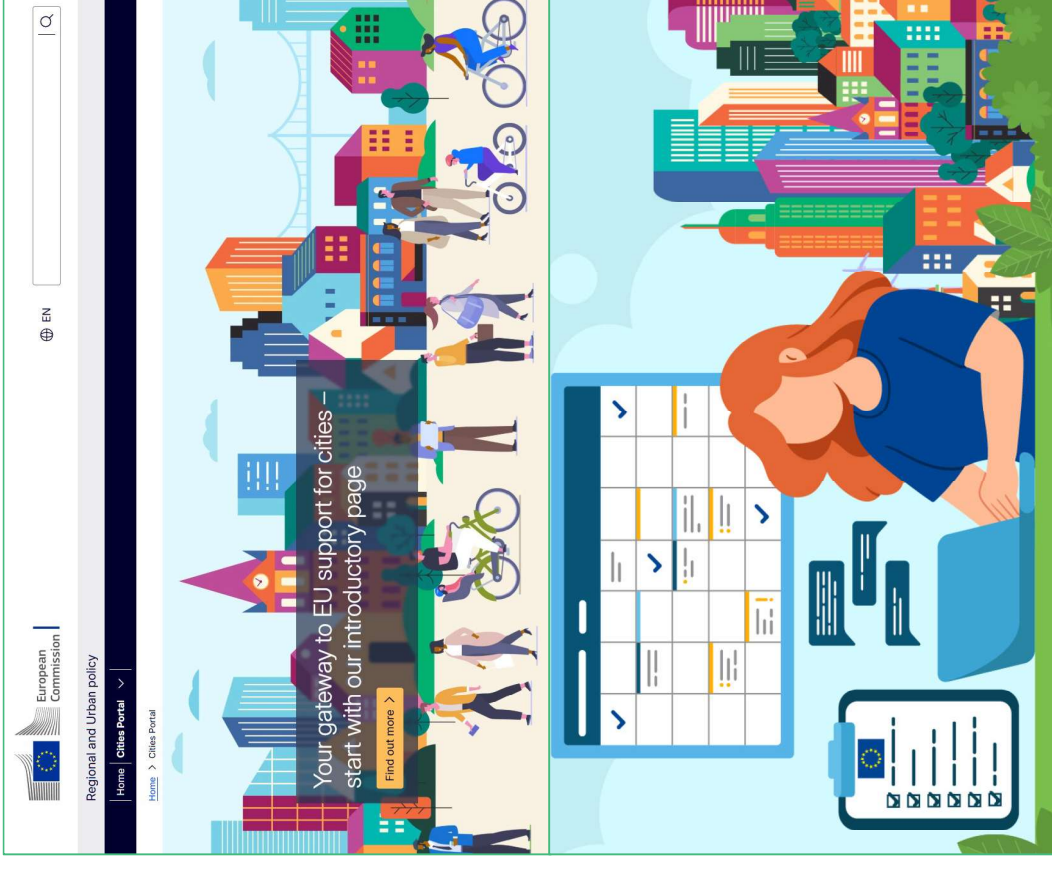


Mobility



How will the EU help empowering cities NOW?

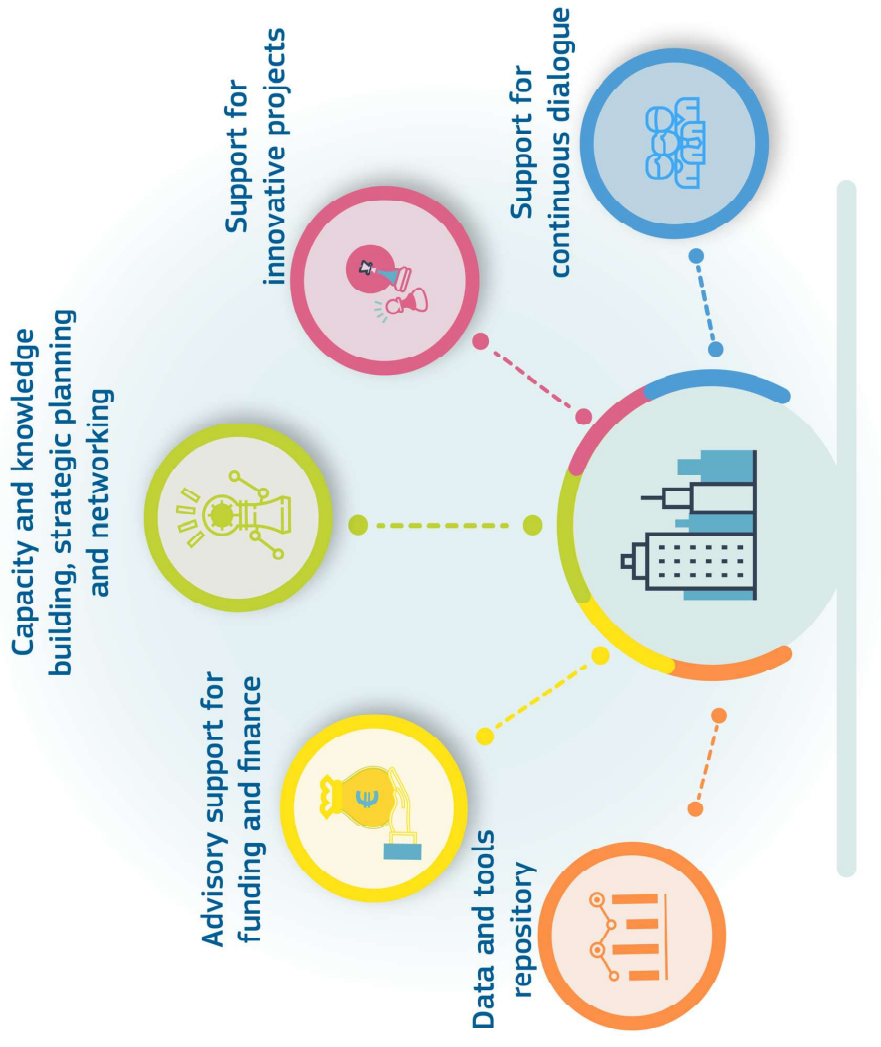
- **EU Cities web-portal**
- **Annual high-level political dialogue**
- **Targeted technical consultations**
- **State of European Cities Report**
- **Cooperation with the European Parliament and European Committee of the Regions**



How will the EU help empowering cities – beyond 2027?

EU CITIES PLATFORM

- Creation of an **EU Cities Platform** to consolidate support for cities, bring together initiatives, **offer support to cities across full lifecycle.**
- **EU Member States and regions are encouraged** to step up their ambition in the resourcing of their urban strategies, including through their national and regional partnership plans.
- **Cities may benefit from the European Competitiveness Fund and the EU Facility** in developing innovative projects and investing in clean transition.



Thank you





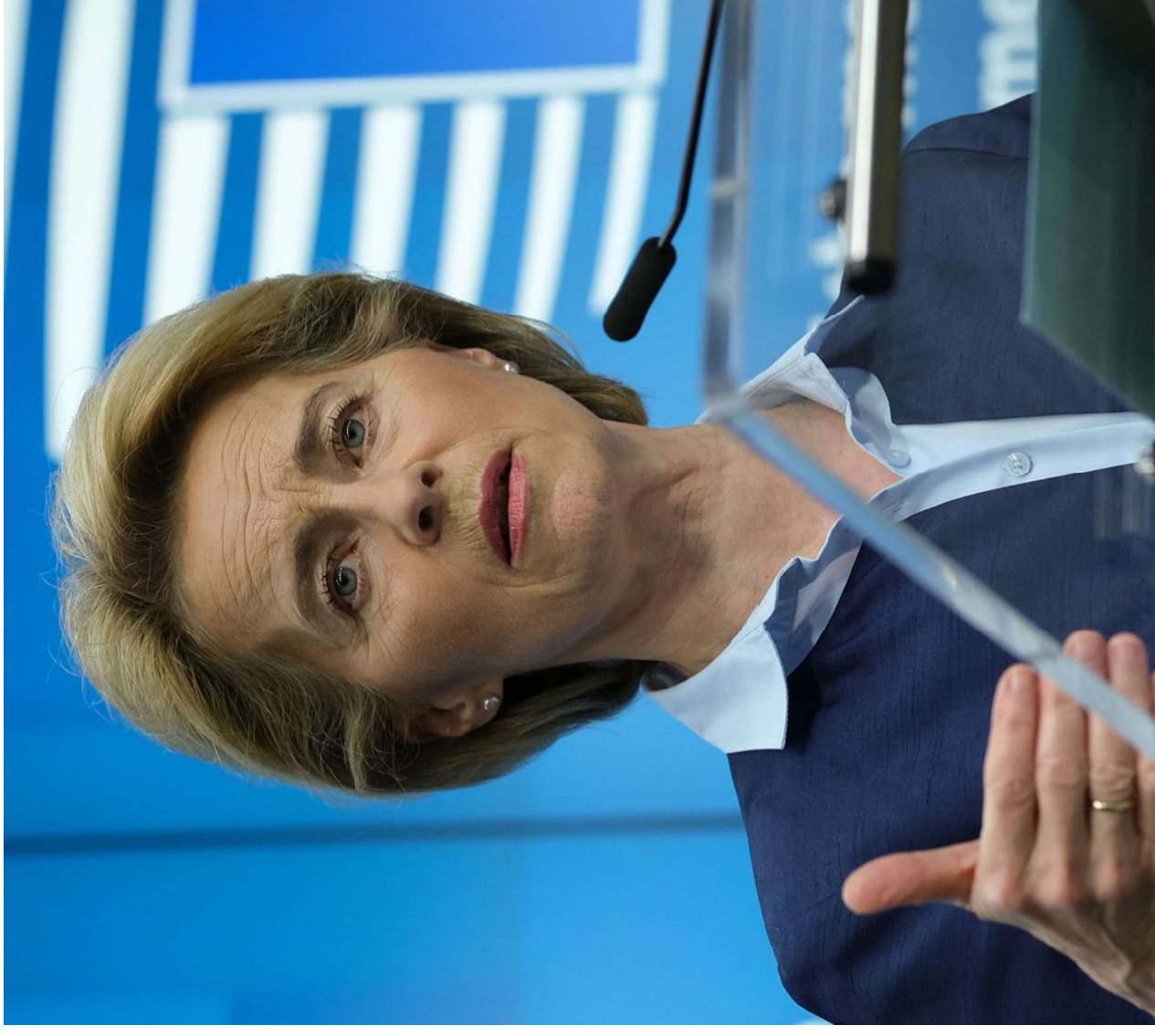
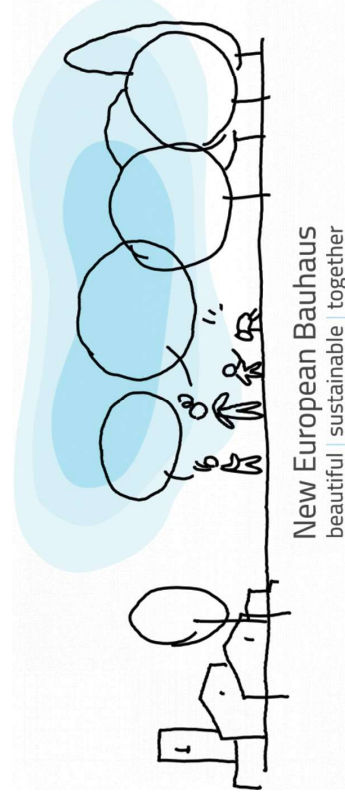
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 - Johan Willdal - Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth
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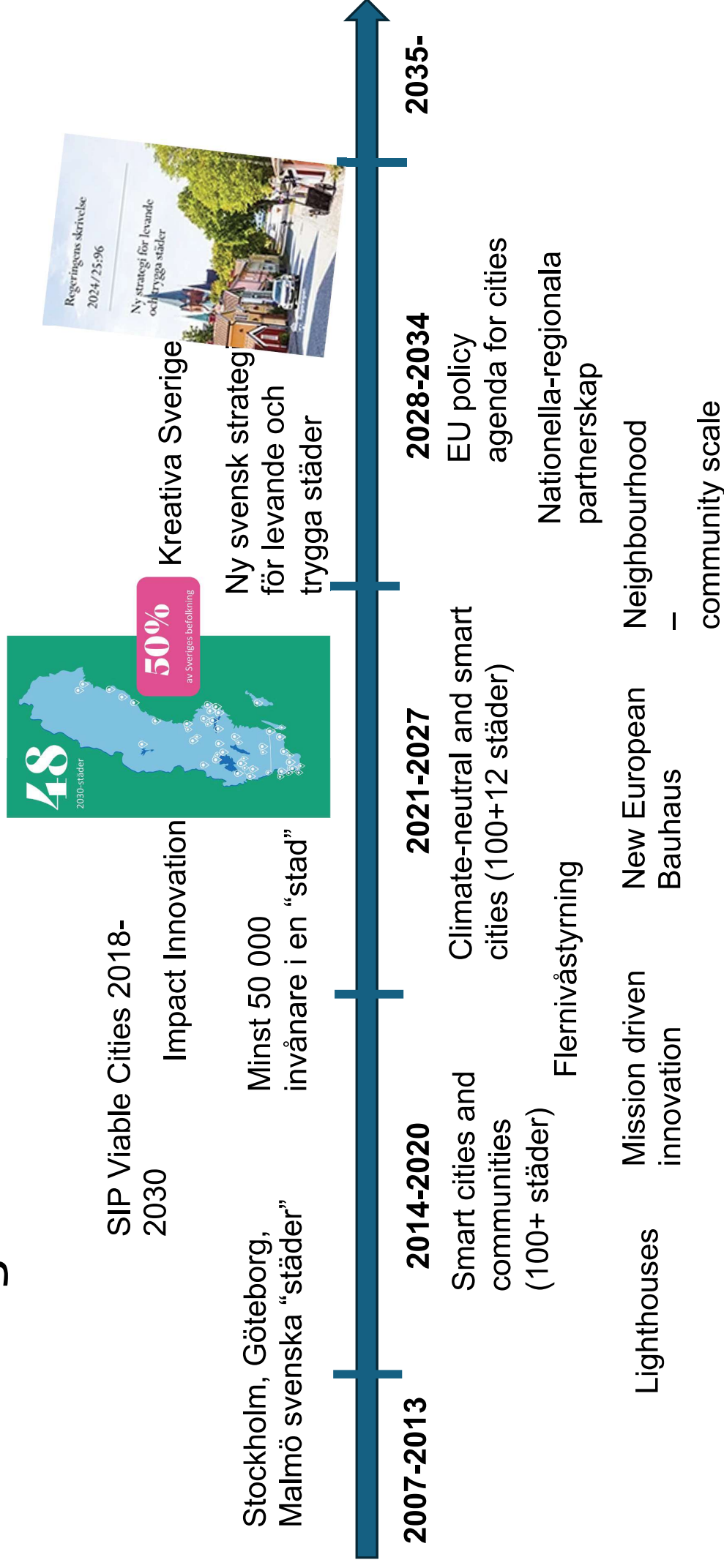
New European Bauhaus

lanserades av EU-kommissionens
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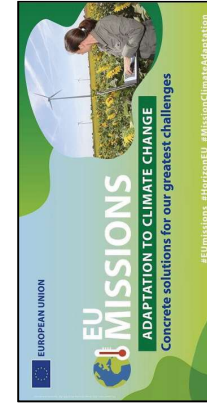
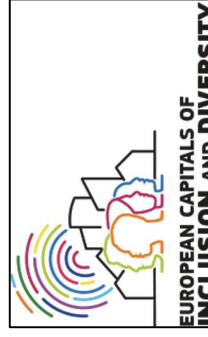
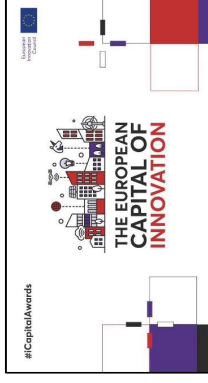
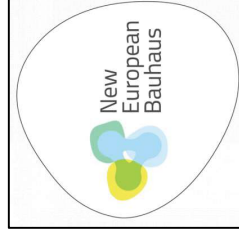
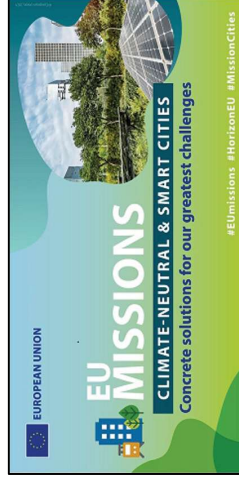
"If the European Green Deal has a
soul, then it is the New European
Bauhaus which has led to an explosion
of creativity across our Union."



“Städer och samhällen” i Sverige och EUs 7-årsbudgetar



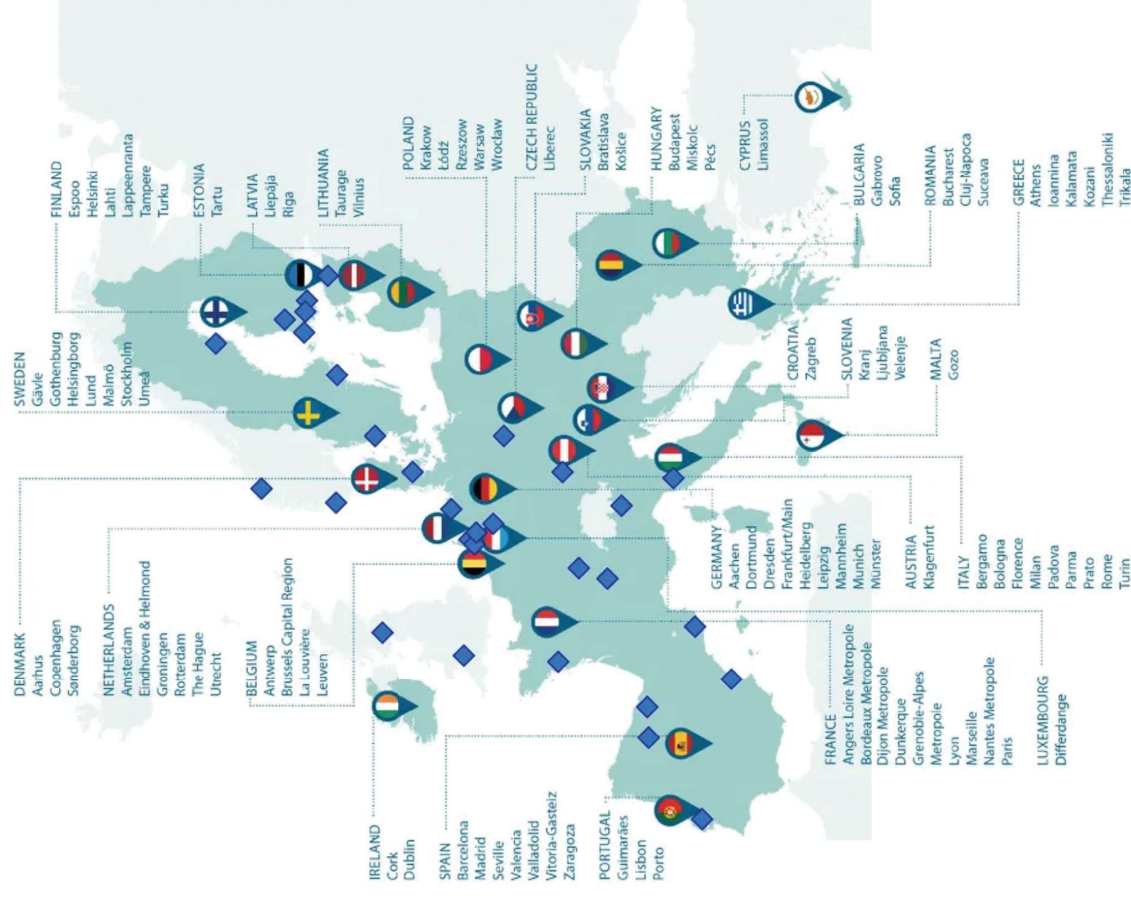
Landscape of EU initiatives supporting cities (non exhaustive)



EUs urbanpolitik är på väg mot sydost – och öppnar upp för förändring

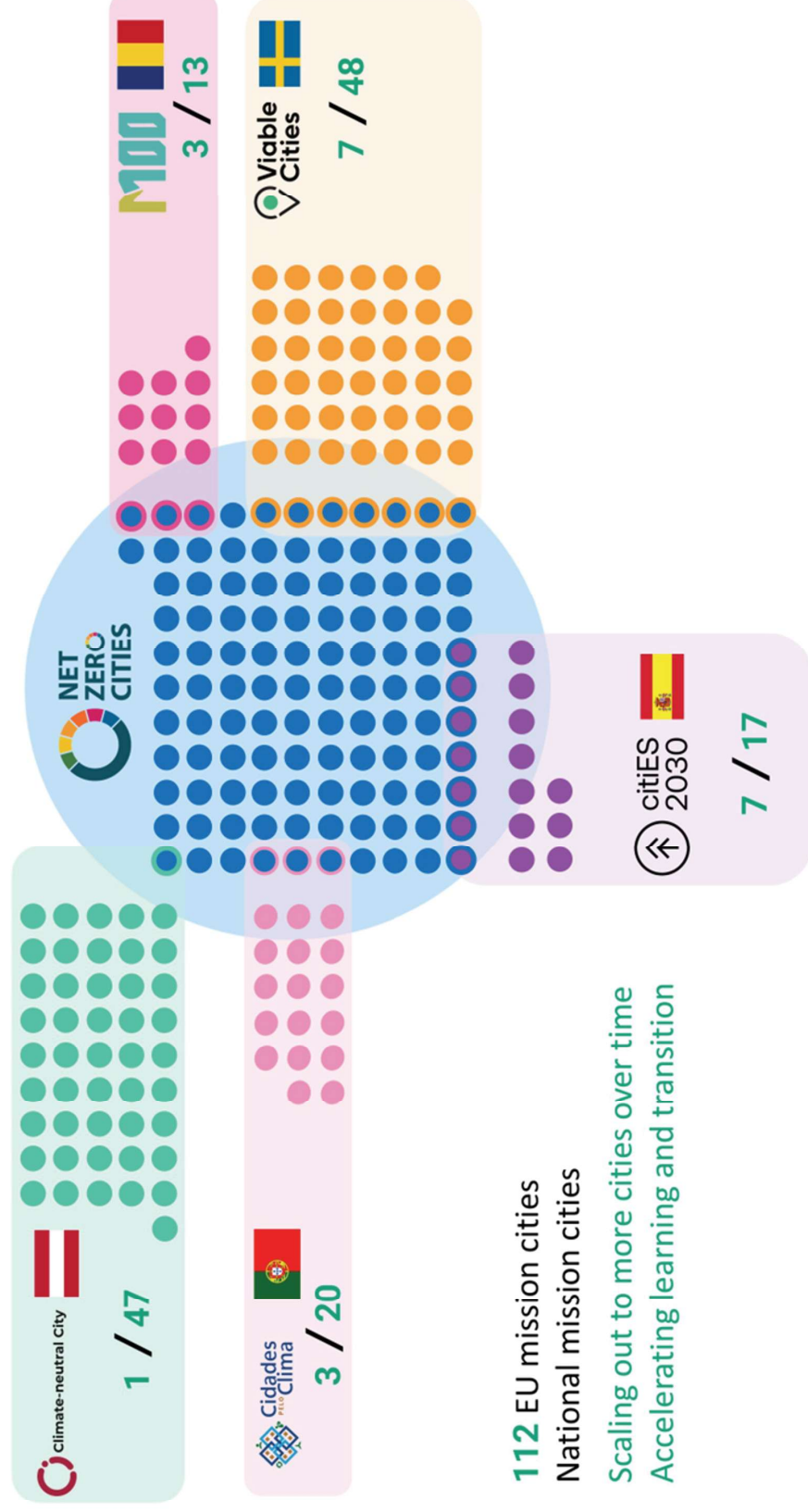
- 2014-2020 Inte en enda stad i östra och sydöstra Europa med bland EUs 100+ “Smart city lighthouses”
- 2021-2027 Minst en stad i varje EU-medlemsstat med i “EU Cities Mission-kohorten med 100+12 städer
- Möjliggör större engagemang från EUs alla medlemsstater -flernivåstyrning
- 2028-2034 – vad händer?

EU CITIES



What happens if we connect EU and national programmes?

Ex. EU Cities Mission - CapaCITIES and NetZeroCities networks



48

2030-städer

50%

av Sveriges befolkning
Klimatneutrala städer

2030

● Alvesta (Växjö)
● Avesta (Borlänge)
● Arvika
● Boden
● Borlänge
● Borås
● Enköping
● Eskilstuna
● Falkenberg (Kalmar)
● Falköping (Göteborg)
● Gävle
● Göteborg
● Gotland
● Håbo (Uppsala)
● Härryda
● Helsingborg
● Höganäs (Helsingborg)
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● Kalmar
● Karlskrona
● Karlstad
● Kristianstad
● Kristinehamn (Karlstad)

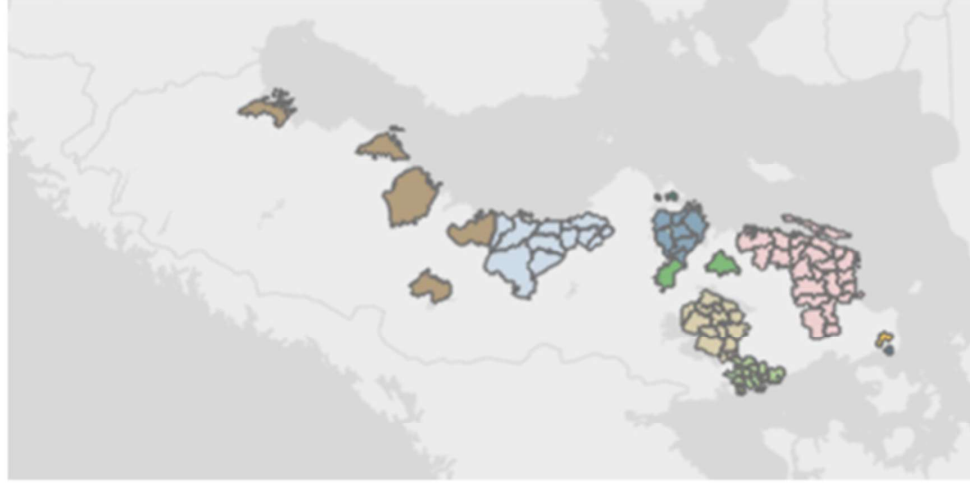
● Landskrona (Malmö)
● Linköping
● Lomma (Lund)
● Luleå
● Lund
● Malmö
● Mariestad
● Mjölby (Linköping)
● Mörbylånga (Kalmar)
● Nacka
● Örebro
● Örnköldsvik
● Östersund
● Sandviken (Gävle)
● Skellefteå
● Stockholm
● Sundsvall
● Tomelilla (Kristianstad)
● Trollhättan
● Ulricehamn (Borås)
● Umeå
● Uppsala
● Värmdö
● Växjö

● Pionjärstad våg 1 / 2 (23 st)

● Pionjärstad våg 3 (10 st)

● Tvillingstad våg 3 (15 st)



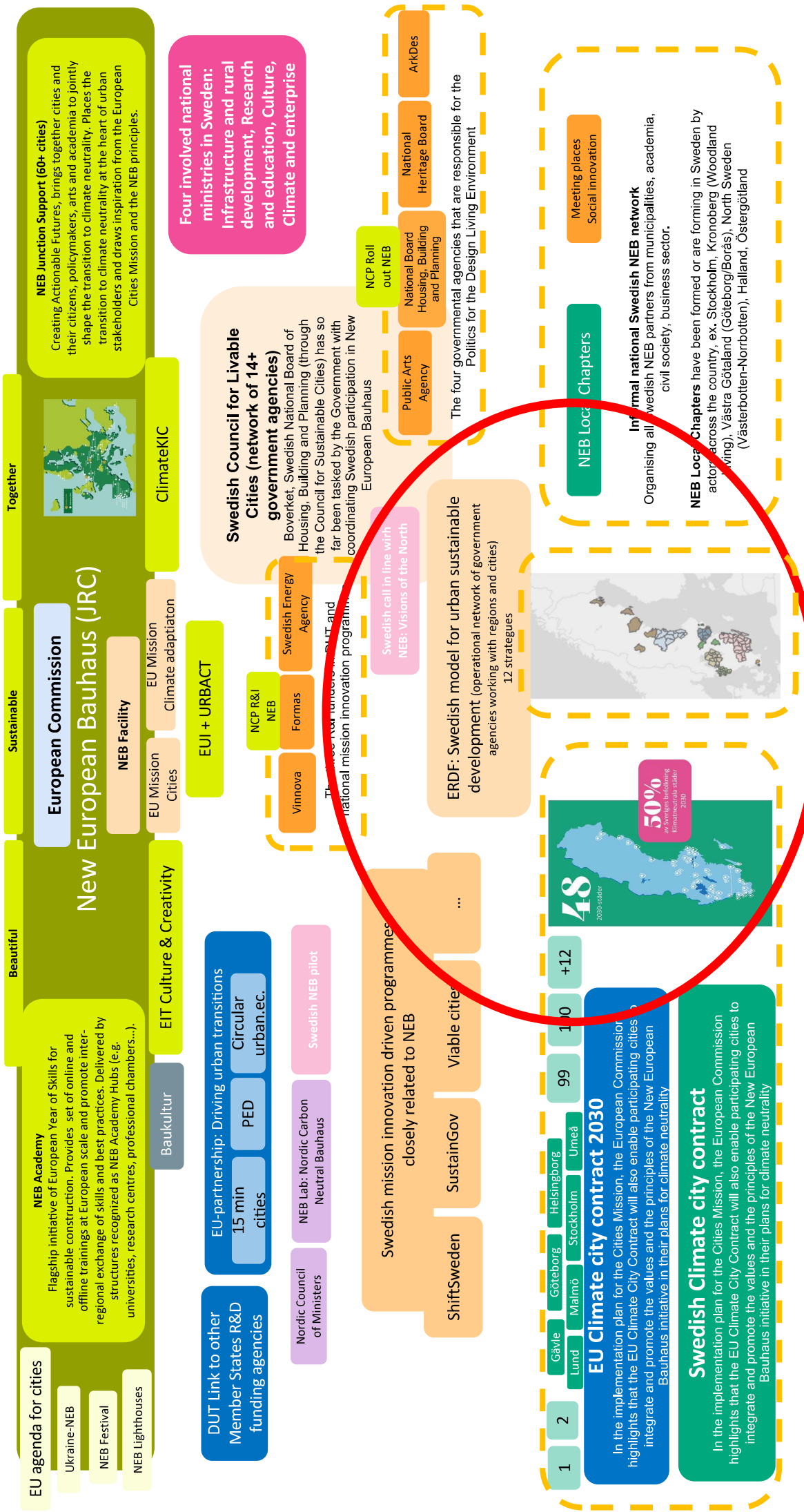


12 territoriella strategier för hållbar urban utveckling
(ex. Klimatkontrakt, NEB etc)

Rådet för levande städer

- Boverket
- Brottsförebyggande rådet (BRÅ)
- Folkhälsomyndigheten
- Forskningsrådet för areella näringar, miljö och samhällsbyggnad (Formas)
- Myndigheten för delaktighet
- Myndigheten för samhällsskydd och beredskap (MSB)
- Naturvårdsverket
- Riksantikvarieämbetet
- Statens centrum för arkitektur och design (ArkDes)
- Statens energimyndighet
- Statens konstråd
- Tillväxtverket
- Trafikverket
- Verket för innovationssystem (Vinnova)
- Länsstyrelsen
- SKR

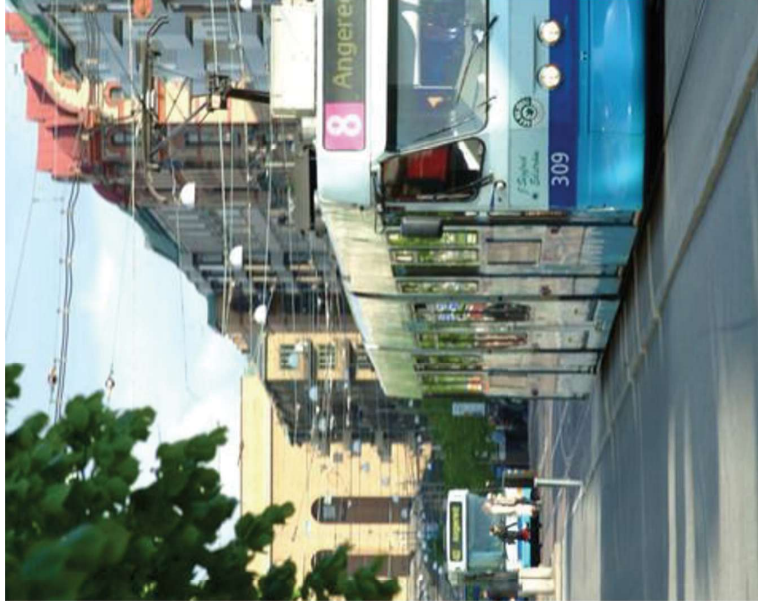
Is it connected? Swedish sensemaking map: New European Bauhaus (Dec, 2025 update)



EU satsar på Hållbar urban utveckling

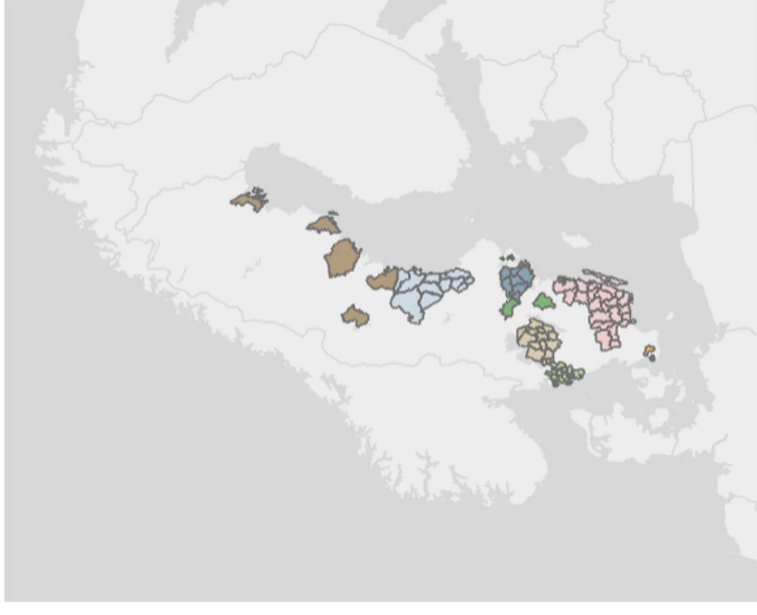
Genom ERUF 2021-2027

- Åtta procent av Sveriges regionalfondsmedel (cirka 700 miljoner kronor i projektstöd)
- Samlat i ett nationellt regionalfondsprogram
 - Gemensam modell för genomförandet
 - Utbyte och lärande mellan städer och samordning.
 - Geografisk spridning över hela landet
- I samverkan med det Nationella kunskapsstödet



Tolv prioriterade strategier

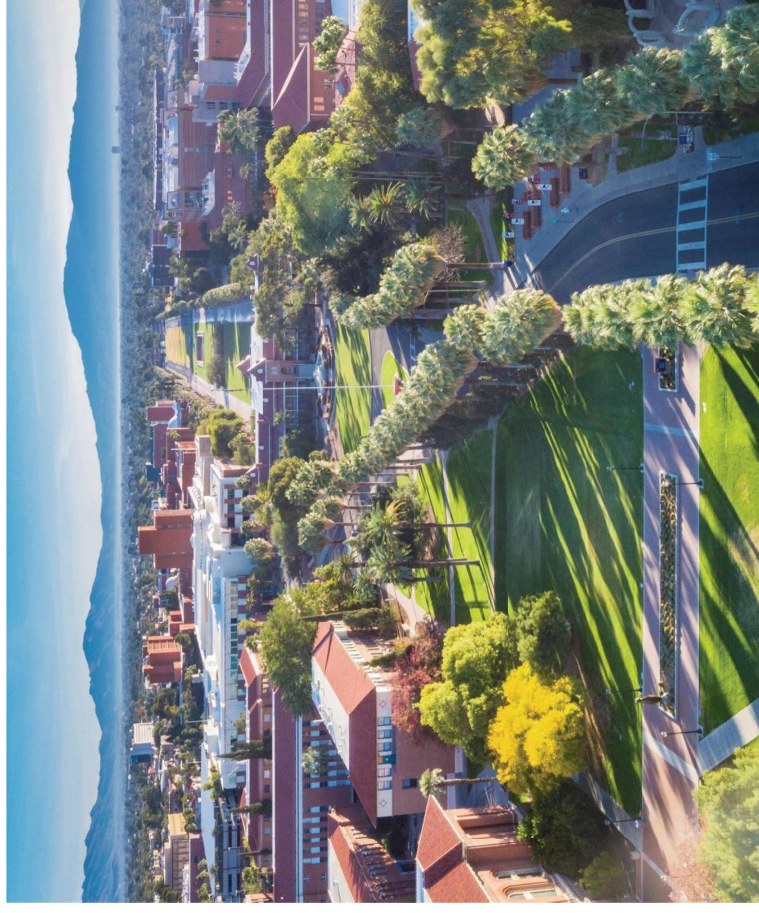
- Fem av de tolv strategierna omfattar hela eller delar av regioner och de 7 övriga en eller flera kommuner
- Totalt omfattas 83 kommuner
- Programdelen har 3 prioriterade områden:
 - Stärka innovations- och utvecklingskapaciteten samt lärandet i och mellan städer
 - Öka takten i omställningen genom implementering och uppskalning av hållbara lösningar i städer
 - Hållbar mobilitet

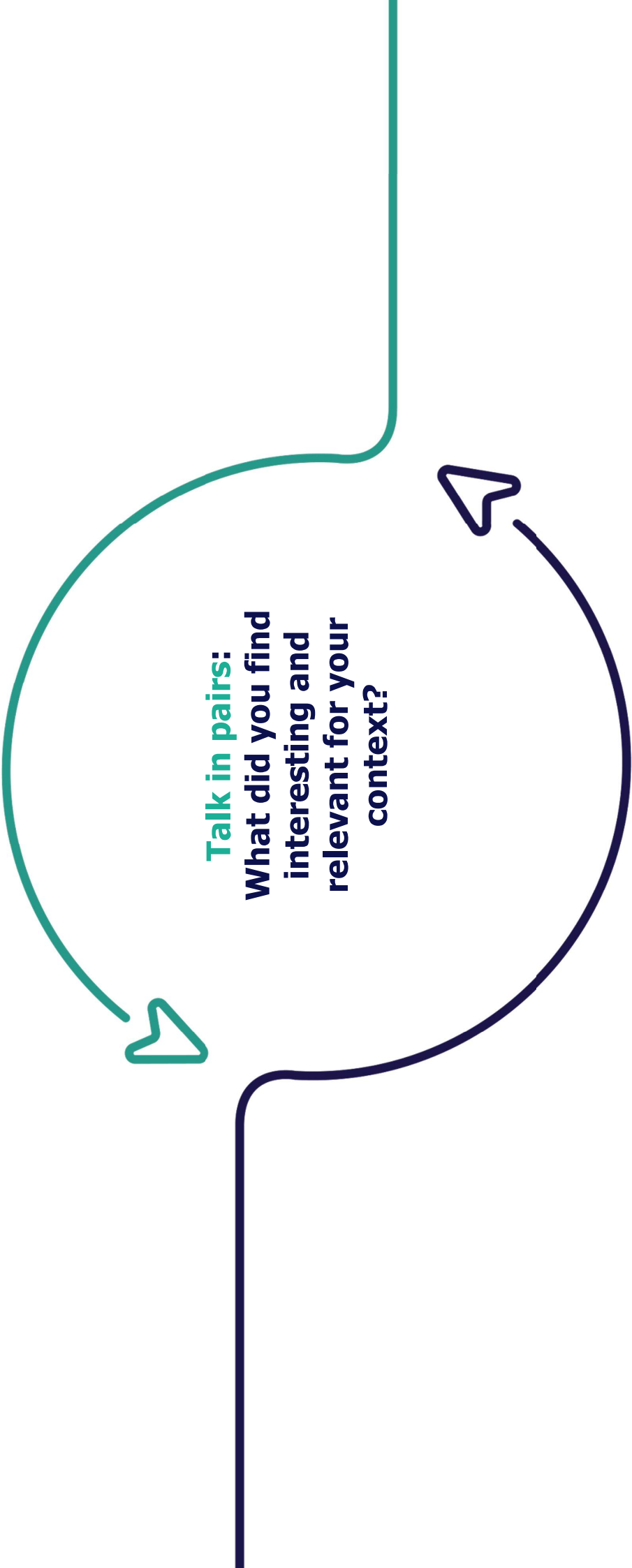


Nya utlysningar våren 2026

13 januari – 3 mars

- [1.1 Bidra till innovativa Lösningsstrukturer i städer – Tillväxtverket](#)
- [1.2 Bidra till ökad digitalisering för framtidens städer – Tillväxtverket](#)
- [1.3 Bidra till hållbar utveckling i städerna genom att stötta små och medelstora företag – Tillväxtverket](#)
- [2.1 Främja energieffektiv renovering och upprustning av städer – Tillväxtverket](#)
- [2.4 Bidra till städers klimatanpassning och resiliens – Tillväxtverket](#)
- [2.6 Främja cirkulär ekonomi i städer – Tillväxtverket](#)
- [2.8 Främja innovativ mobilitet i städer – Tillväxtverket](#)





Talk in pairs:
What did you find
interesting and
relevant for your
context?



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Combining Efforts for Mitigation & Adaptation

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Lead, TWG Integration of Mitigation & Adaptation

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EU Missions



Adaptation to
Climate Change

Climate-neutral
and Smart Cities



Restore our Ocean
and Waters



Soil Deal
for Europe



Cancer



**Objective: To support at least 150 European regions and communities towards
climate resilience by 2030**



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MIP4Adapt

Offers a wide range of opportunities, for instance:

Designing adaptation solutions

Facilitating access to funding

Participating in Thematic Working Groups

Integrating Mitigation and Adaptation





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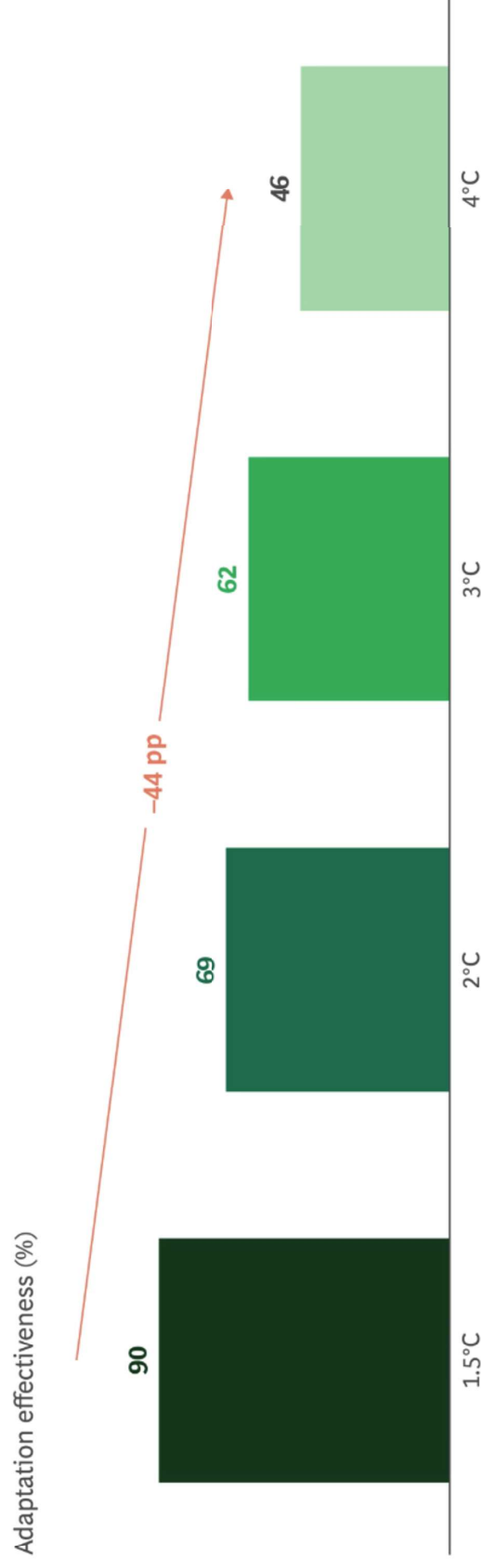
How we started

- Why are mitigation and adaptation treated as separate domains?
- What are the interdependencies between the two? How can they be linked?
- What programming and financing exist to support this? What more could be done at the EU Missions level?



EXHIBIT 2

The Effectiveness of Adaptation Solutions Diminishes Significantly as Temperature Increases



Sources: IPCC, Sixth Assessment Report (AR6); Lissner et al., “Effectiveness of water-related adaptation decreases with increasing warming”, *One Earth* (2024); BCG analysis.

Note: Adaptation effectiveness of 100% would mean that the adaptation solution could recover all of the potential losses from climate hazards. pp = percentage points.



Combining Efforts for Mitigation and Adaptation

- **Mitigation and adaptation** are not always distinct, isolated processes, but rather synergistic, and can be **linked at multiple scales and through different sectors**.
- Take the example of a large investment sector like **the renovation of buildings**:
 - A combined mitigation and adaptation opportunity!
 - Energy efficiency in schools, homes, and hospitals reduces energy consumption > emissions (mitigation)
 - Protects vulnerable groups like children against heatwaves (adaptation)
 - Renovation measures can be coupled with urban greening actions to provide shading or climate shelters in courtyards or surrounding areas.
- Similar opportunities exist with other key sectors, such as **mobility decarbonization**, and others.



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Combining efforts through multi-level collaboration

- **Multi-level governance and collaboration** offer a great opportunity to unlock synergies.
- **Valencian Collaboration Space:**
 - A unique opportunity facilitated by the EU Missions
 - Structured interactions between the City Council (Cities), the Regional Government (Adaptation), and affiliated institutions and partners.
 - Active identification of synergies at policy, programming, and funding levels
 - Enabled the inclusion of adaptation elements into the 2023 Climate City Contract
- In 2021, **Viable Cities** integrated adaptation considerations in Swedish cities' Climate City Contracts, previously focused on mitigation only.



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Financing through the Climate City Capital Hub

- The **Climate City Capital Hub**, supported by both Missions:
 - Project preparation facility actively seeking to support both Cities and Adaptation signatories
 - **2 billion EUR** lending envelope earmarked by the **EIB**
 - Focused on leveraging **private sector** resources
- There is a need for more **cross-Mission calls**, project preparation funding, and financing mechanisms incentivizing the integration between mitigation and adaptation.



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ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

**Position Paper – Gaps and
Opportunities for Better
Integrating Mitigation and
Adaptation**

TWG Integrating Mitigation and Adaptation –
MIP4Adapt

5th June 2025

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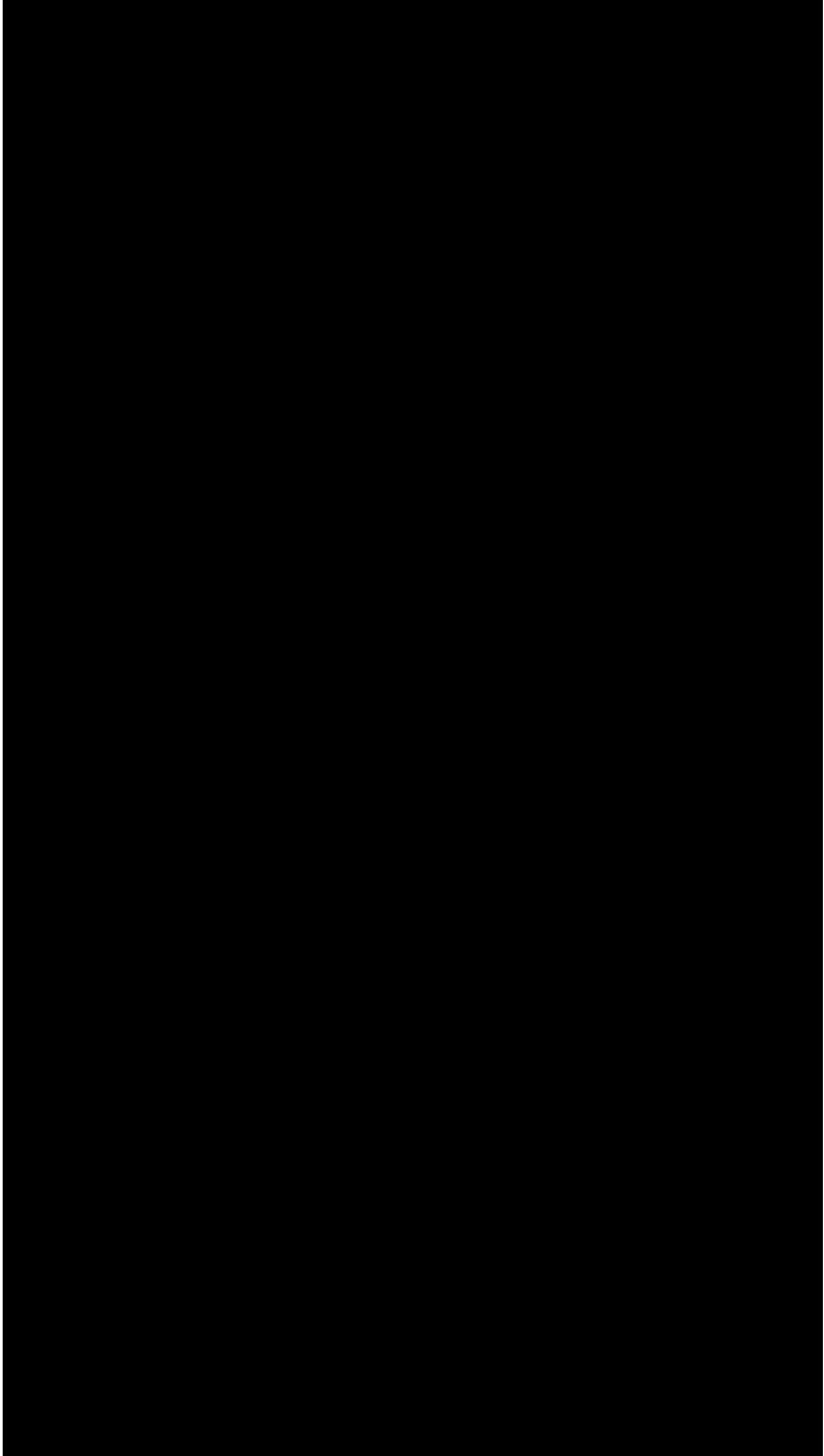
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**Coffee break
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IF ONLY MONEY GREW ON TREES

Kieran Reeves, Climate Action Co-ordinator for Limerick City and County Council



IF ONLY MONEY GREW ON TREES



WE WOULD SOLVE THE CLIMATE CRISIS BY 2030

EUROPEAN FUNDING



EU Financial Instruments	LIFE Environment & Climate Action
INTERREG VB Transnational: North West Europe (NWE)	Horizon Europe
INTERREG VB Transnational: Atlantic Area (AA)	Erasmus+
INTERREG VB Transnational: Northern Periphery & Arctic (NPA)	Creative Europe (CREA)
INTERREG VC Interregional: Interreg Europe	Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) Transport
INTERREG VC Interregional: URBACT	Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) Energy
PEACE Plus	European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)
Brexit Adjustment Reserve (BAR)	European Maritime & Fisheries Fund (EMFF)
Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL)	European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
EU4Health	InvestEU Fund
Citizenship, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)	LEADER Programme
European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)	Single Market Programme Support to SMEs
Just Transition Fund (JTF)	
Recovery & Resilience Facility	



WHERE TO START?

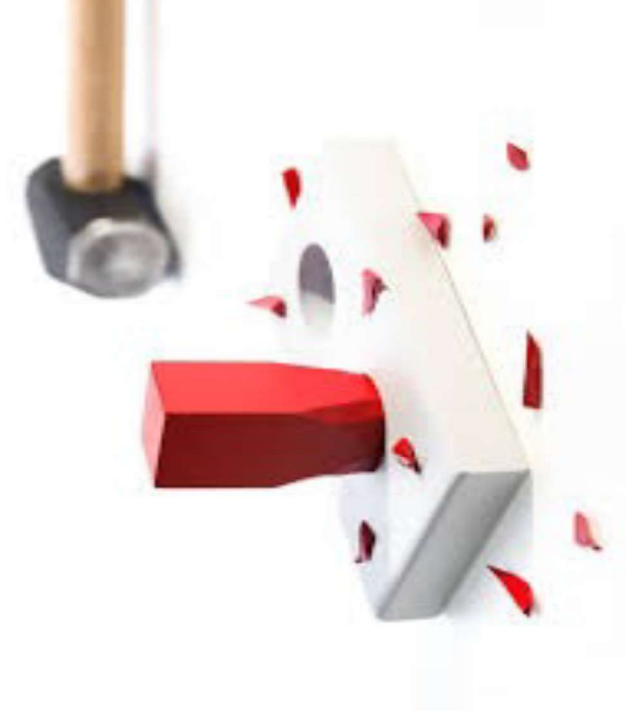


FINDING A FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Identify what projects you need support in.

Ask for Help

- National Contact point.
- Partner search portal.
 - Arrange a call to discuss the project.
 - Is there a concept note?
 - Do the partners have a track record?



URBACT IS A GREAT STARTING POINT

Assists cities to develop an integrated set of actions for sustainable change.

- Action planning networks - 8 to 10 partners to improve their capacities to manage sustainable urban policies
 - Transfer networks- exchange ideas and produce an integrated action plan
- Supported by experts.
 - Only financial cost is time.
 - Toolkit to help develop your action plan.
 - Action plans form the basis of applications to other funds.

Scalable Cities, Net Zero Cities, Smart Cities Market Place Networks



Peer-to-Peer Learning

Three P2P activities

More info here → <https://smart-cities-marketplace.ec.europa.eu/scalablecitiesp2plearningprogramme>

Demand-driven

Expert Reviews

- Cities will get expert advice on strategic documents from external experts.
- Through the input/ review the city will receive the best advice possible.
- Online format.

Demand-driven

Expert Missions

- Cities can receive expert advice on a specific challenge, project or initiative.
- Up to **two experts** will be invited to the city and have an in-depth discussion with the city.
- The duration of the activity in the city can last **up to 5 days**.

Supply-oriented

Site Visits

- Cities can participate in peer-exchange activities visiting a Host City with experience on a topic.
- Up to 5 visitor city** experts will travel to a host city, with the goal to get firsthand insights and build their network.
- The duration of the activity in the city is **3 days**.

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SMART CITIES MARKETPLACE

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Find your starting point on the interactive Climate Transition Map and click to learn more

Activate an inclusive ecosystem for change



About

How

Support & Resources

A climate transition demands more than what a city government alone can provide. It requires the positive commitment, passion, creativity, and drive of all local stakeholders. It requires everybody's diverse experience and expertise, resources and investments.

As such, it's important to mobilise the city's ecosystem in all its diversity: knowledge institutions, innovative companies and start-ups, as well as grassroots organisations and civic innovators. Leverage one's own and others' initiatives. Create conditions for all actors to have the capacity to act.



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DON'T BE AFRAID – DIVE IN AND ENJOY!





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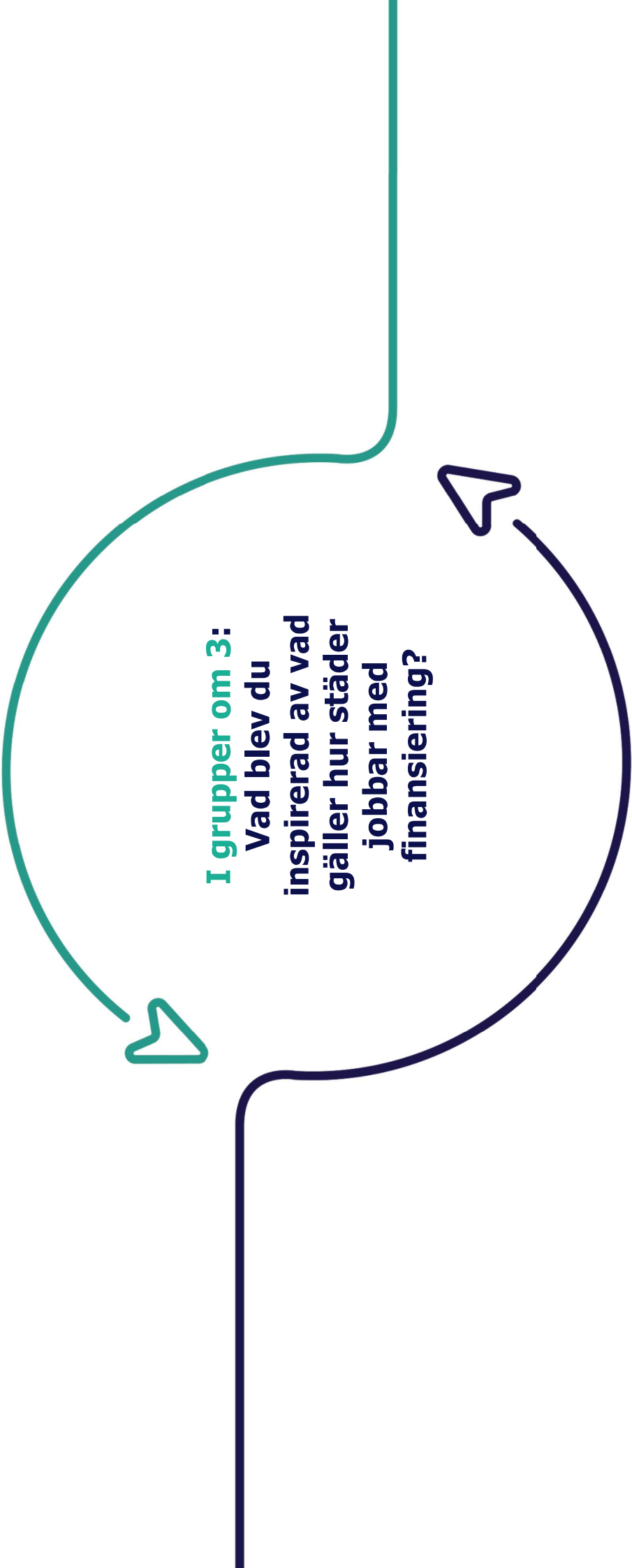


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Cities funding experiences - panel discussion

Städers erfarenheter av finansiering - panelsamtal

- Ellen Boije, Business Developer, Tomelilla
- Evelina Loberg, Climate strategist, Gävle
- Carin Ström, Strategy Coordinator, Göteborg
- Annika Myrén, Climate strategist, Umeå
- Eva Bligt-Lindén, Project Manager, Vaasa



I grupper om 3:
**Vad blev du
inspirerad av vad
gäller hur städer
jobbar med
finansiering?**

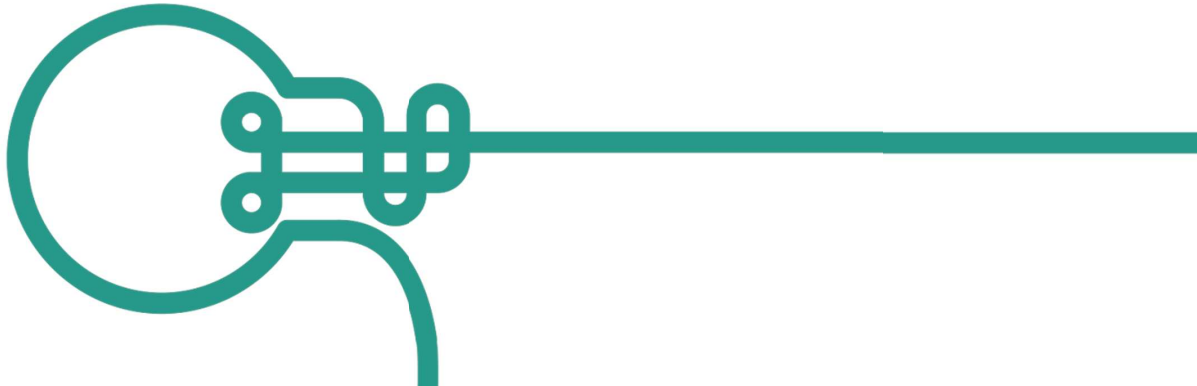
Building multi stakeholder alliances - panel discussion

Skapa samverkansallianser - panelsamtal

- The southeast triangle
 - Anders Almqvist, Strategy, EU and International Affairs, Kalmar
 - Linda Nilsson, Environmental strategist, Karlskrona
- Region Sörmland - Tim Lux, Development Manager International and EU Affairs
- Gothenburg Region Local Government Association - Maria Sigroth, Process leader
- Eskilstuna Climate evolution Elin Svanström, Process leader
- Klimatarena Sthlm - Hanna Kreplin, Process manager



I grupper om 3:
**Vad inspirerade dig kopplat
till samverkan för att
stötta städers
omställningsförmåga?
Vilka roller skulle kunna
stärkas i din kontext?**



WORKSHOPS - will begin after lunch at 13.15

1

Combining Different Funding Sources for the transition journey (English)

TOR 2

2

Building municipal capacity through organisational models, routines and co-financing strategies (Swedish)

EMBLA

3

European and National Funding Landscape (Swedish)

TOR 1

4

Combining mitigation and adaptation in governance & funding (Swedish, with interpretation)

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Lunch until 13.15

FINALE AND CHECK-OUT



CHECK OUT

Prata två och två- intervjuar varandra

- Vilka insikter tar du med mig från dagen?
- Vad är viktigt att göra i din hemorganisation?
- Vad blir ditt nästa steg?

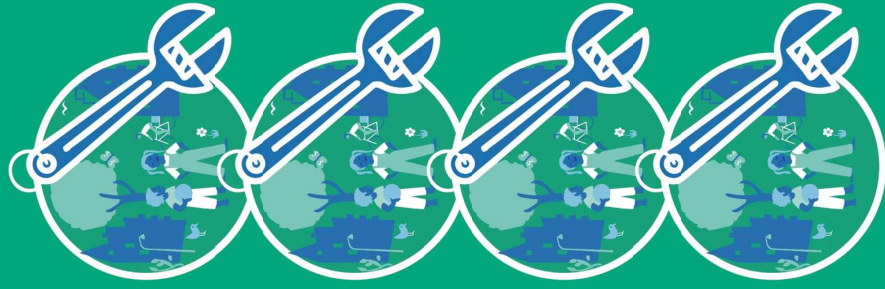


WRAP UP, WHAT'S NEXT



Olga Kordas
Program Manager at Viable Cities

Keys for change from today



1. Strengthen municipalities' organisational capacity and governance models for climate financing
2. Support cities in developing integrated investment portfolios that combine mitigation, adaptation and preparedness
3. Build cities' capacity to navigate and use EU and Swedish funding systems, and accelerate learning and scaling through national and European collaborations.
4. Strengthen regional collaboration structures and multi-level alliances, especially for small and medium-sized municipalities.





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EUI Capacity Building offer

Capacity building events

Capacity Building events comprise of a **wide range of formats**: workshops, seminars, etc. enabling cities to improve their capacity to design and implement Sustainable Urban Development (SUD) via **practical, replicable and inspirational** exercises and practices. They can be EU-wide, cluster or national (UCP-led).



City-to-City Exchanges

A City-to-City Exchange brings together an urban authority facing a specific implementation challenge related to SUD and 1-2 other urban authorities from different EU Member States with expertise which could help tackle this challenge. The cities visit each other for in-depth face-to-face exchanges which are **quick to implement**. **Call for applications is continuously open!**



Peer Reviews

Peer Reviews are designed to help European cities with the **design and implementation of their SUD strategies**, through a process of benchmarking and peer learning. This format involves two roles: 'cities under review', working with four to six cities each, acting as 'peer reviewers' to address concrete challenges in **developing, implementing or monitoring** effective SUD strategies. **Call-based**.



Continue your learning journey after this event

1. Apply for a **City-to-City Exchange** - call permanently open:

- Funds for study visits to other EU cities: quick & easy to apply, implement, report
- Need help to find a peer? Sign-up for matchmaking support by 25 Feb

2. Apply to be a **Peer Reviewer** - call permanently open

- Share your expertise to help cities solve their SUD strategy challenges
- Next call to select strategies for review in March 2026 ([article 11 strategies only](#))

3. Join our next **Capacity Building Events**:

- Contact us if interested to attend (when possible) or to contribute:

Czechia (Jihlava, 20-22 Jan) - improving integrated territorial investments, fostering co-creation for future
Germany (Würzburg, 11-12 Feb) - more effective planning, implementation and management of urban projects
Finland (Oulu, 19-21 May) - geopolitical changes, comprehensive security, strategic autonomy.
Denmark (Vejle TBC, 9-10 June) - town centre regeneration
Belgium (TBC) - Partnership and cooperation: from fundraising to implementation

Full details available on www.urban-initiative.eu/capacity-building
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Cities already using EUI to build their capacities

Prievidza, SK: How to involve private investors in funding SUD strategy and integrated projects? What are experiences and good practices in use of innovative funding approaches?

Pula, IT: How can the private sector and other sources of financing (apart from EU funds) be involved in the funding of Sustainable Urban Development (SUD) strategies, e.g. PPPs, philanthropy, and other mechanisms?

Borgomanero, IT: How to diversify its funding sources to support non-structural projects, such as through leveraging national or European funds, private investment, or innovative financial instruments?

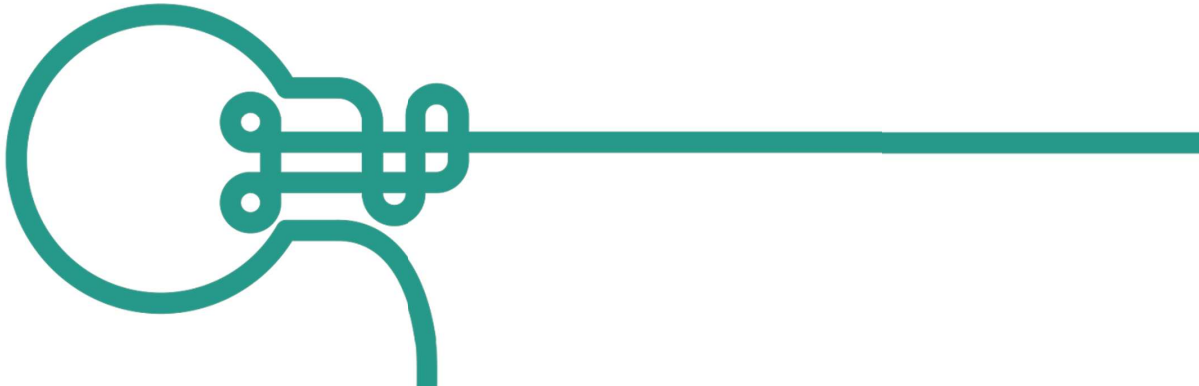
Varazdin, HR: How to identify and combine multiple funding sources and connect them to concrete projects?

Pilsen, CZ: What goals should we prioritize for implementing the Green Deal and SDGs, and how can we effectively select preferred sectors for financing and enhance financial coordination?

Torrelavega, ES: How to attract private economic investment to our Besaya region?

Sibiu, RO: What are the funding opportunities for the SUD Strategy of an Intercommunity Association?

Porto, PT: How to strengthen capacity and knowledge on Funding Application Management using digital tools, for example with artificial intelligence?



Next Call for Innovative Actions!

1

Launch early 2026

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EUR 60 Million □ approx. 30 projects funded with EUR 2M each

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Small and medium size cities (min. 25,000 inhabitants)

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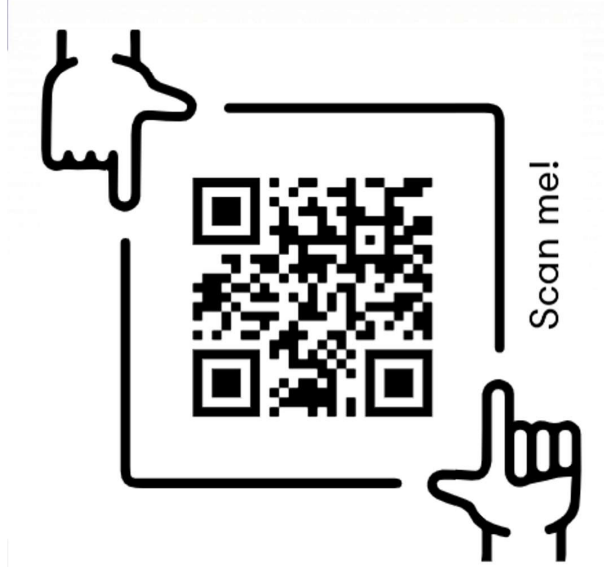
Topics aligned to the cities agenda (economic development, housing, digitalisation, mobility, social inclusion and equality, security, public spaces and preparedness, climate adaptation, etc.)



More info here

Before we close

Please tell us via this survey whether this event was useful and what you take away
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Thank you!

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