
Climate Neutral and Smart Cities Mission

French national context

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IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL NETWORKS

To align city mission and national initiatives

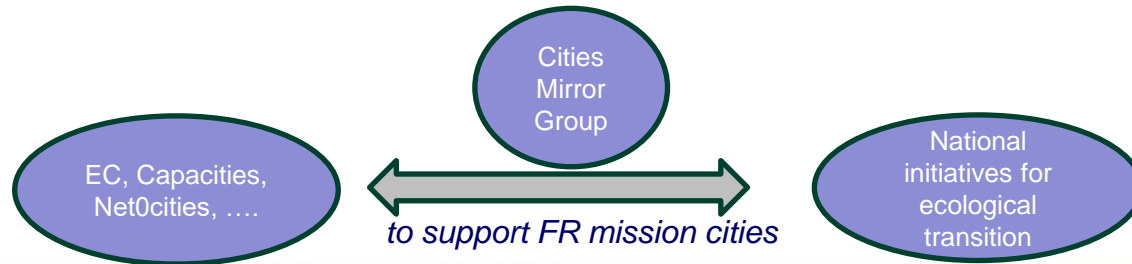
Key role for **national and regional authorities**

- Financial and regulatory support much beyond R&I
- Cross-sectoral (horizontal) and multi-level (vertical) cooperation
- Involvement as co-signatories of Climate City Contracts
- Support for non-selected cities

Austria, France, Germany, Greece, Spain, Sweden already have active national networks

Support for national networks via the **CapaCITIES coordination and support action**

Created in 2021, the FR Mirror Group aims to support national stakeholders to achieve climate neutrality by 2030.

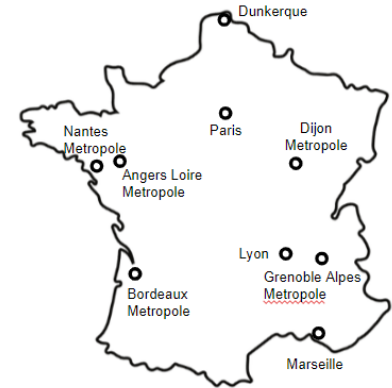


It is addressed to both:

- **selected Cities Mission**: Angers, Bordeaux, Dijon, Dunkerque, Grenoble Alpes-Métropole, Lyon, Marseille, Nantes et Paris.
- **other French cities** committed in climate neutrality, in a replication perspective.

Role of the Mirror Group

1. Relay information to Cities to ensure a successful implementation of the Mission.
2. Harmonize Cities Mission commitments with national programmes to create synergy



Members

CGDD (MTECT), DGRI (MESR), DGALN (MTECT), ANCT (↔ MTECT), France Ville Durable, France urbaine, regions...

Structure

- Close connection with the Cities Mission Board, NetZeroCities and the European Commission to help them to understand the French context (regular meetings).
- Broad involvement of public and private stakeholders to achieve the Cities Mission goals by 2030, and its replication beyond by 2050, and identify the “locks” and “leverages” of climate neutrality (regular webinar).

Today, within the French national context, the most frequently obstacles are:

- **Multi level governance** : strategic planning and decentralization;
- **Human resources and finance** : Inventing new ways of working and investing;
- **Citizen dialogue**: cities at the forefront of lifestyle change;
- **Climate emergency**: adapting operating methods, reintroducing risk-taking.

Next steps: focus on prioritising areas of action that will have a short-term impact and areas that are more complex but critical to the success of the mission, with a longer-term impact.

NATIONAL COMMITMENTS AND INSTRUMENTS

Supporting ecological transition

- **Legal framework:** Paris Agreement (COP 21, 2015) > Climate law (2017) > Energy Climate Law (2019) > Climate and resilience law (2021)
- **Regulatory framework:** Low Carbon National Strategy (from 2015) > French Energy and Climate Strategy (in progress)
- **Operational framework:** PCAET (Energy Air and Climate Territorial plan) – CRTE (Ecological transition and recovery contracts)
- **Programs:** EcoNeighbourhoods; Sustainable city demonstrators, urban renewal policy, Action Coeur de ville, Small towns of tomorrow, Sustainable city demonstrators..
- **Budget:** €2bn for the Green fund in 2023
- **Governance:** shared responsibility between the municipal block and regional level responsible for the Regional scheme for planning and sustainable development of territories (SRADDET)

The action is coordinated by the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion + decentralised departments and agencies. Followed by the Prime Minister department (SGPE)

CITIES MISSION IN FRANCE

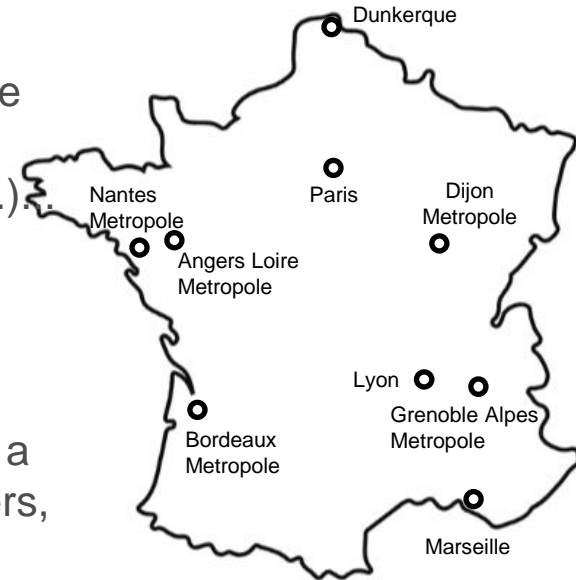
9 cities / metropolises at the forefront

The 9 FR cities of the Cities Mission are large cities and metropolises

... most of which have experience of a PCAET (territory) or climate plan and have undertaken actions (energy and transport infrastructures, neighborhoods rehabilitation, citizens' forums, etc.)

... in collaboration with their ecosystem (companies, academics, associations)

They consider the **Climate City Contract as an opportunity to accelerate the transition** towards climate neutrality by providing a European dynamic (internal reflections, stimulation of local partners, funding opportunities, etc.)



MAIN OPERATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

The PCAET (Plan Climat Air Energie Territoire) is a strategic and operational territorial project for sustainable development :

- the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
- adaptation to climate change
- energy sobriety
- air quality
- development of renewable energies

Established by cities and communities > 20,000 inhabitants



The CRTE (Contrat de Relance et de Transition Ecologique) supports the territories in the implementation of the project :

- With ecological transition, territorial cohesion and economic recovery as cross-cutting themes
- By supporting the development of projects (engineering) and facilitating access to different sources of funding

These contracts cover almost the entire State. The strategic projects are consistent with the PCAET



The PNRU (national urban renewal programme) implemented and financed by ANRU



Work in progress

Reflection on a common set of indicators that would match both the different French plans and contracts, requested at national level, and the CCC.

Main goal: create a common methodological framework for French cities to work together towards Climate City Contract implementation and create synergy.

Next steps

10 May: next meeting of the 9 French Cities of the Mission on the investment component of their CCC.

25 May: Board Meeting at Bordeaux on the occasion of European energy transition conference.

Thank you for your attention

Do you have any questions?
