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Steering group of 12 Commission Directorates-General

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MISSION BOARD

Chair: Hanna Gronkiewicz

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Rapporteur: Françoise Guaspere

- **Good geographical coverage:** experts from 13 EU member states (BE , CY, DE, EL, FR, IT, LT, LV, PL, PT , RO, ES, SE) + TR
- **Boad spectrum of expertise:** local and public administration, academia, private sector, investment and finance, philanthropy, civil society
- Some continuity with the first phase of the Mission Board, with four returning experts and inclusion of an Assembly member



MISSION BOARD TASKS

Mission Board member : Facilitator

High level recommendations on various aspects of the Mission as relevant

- Communication and promotion : Mission ambassadors
- Support to national Mission structures

SHORT TERM by end of 2022

- Advice on Mission governance, including for support at national level
- Advice on attracting private investment

MEDIUM TERM by mid-2023

- Input to the Climate City Contract and Mission Label process
- Input to the Mission evaluation process + Letter of support



Support to National Mission Structures

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SPAIN	Maria GALINDO
SWEDEN	Siir KILKIS, Karolina SKOG



MISSION BOARD SUB GROUPS

Climate City Contract & Mission label process

- Chair: Chrysses Nicolaidis

Multi-level governance

- Co-chairs: Karolina Skog and Françoise Guaspere

Communication and outreach

- Chair: Jorn Verbeeck

Private investment

- Chair: Matiis Paegle



CLIMATE CITY CONTRACT

Organisation of the Board's involvement in the CCC review process

- Every member should have the right to see all CCCs and assessments if they wish
- Subgroup chair to allocate incoming CCC to groups of 2 3 members with different profiles
- One of the group members to act as rapporteur/pen holder
- Short written feedback to be prepared for each CCC

Brainstorming on Mission label for non-Mission cities :

- Cities with 2030 target that applied but were not selected
- Cities that did not apply but want to conclude CCC with 2030 target



MULTI LEVEL GOVERNANCE

- Multi-level governance seen as *vertical coordination* (local, regional, national, European levels) & *horizontal coordination* (between sectoral administrative responsibilities at each vertical level)
- Need to better understand the competences of each governance level (local, regional, national) across the spectrum of climate action areas
- Changing political contexts can act as a barrier to the Mission, need to identify strategies for anchoring the mission at political level even in difficult contexts
- Need to orchestrate joined-up approach between NetZeroCities, CapaCITIES, the Mission Board and Cities Mission working group (member state reps) of the Strategic Programming Committee

NEXT STEPS

- Role of regional level in mission implementation
- Advice for mission implementation in difficult or electorally unstable political contexts
- Governance as an anchoring element of synergies between the Cities and Adaptation Missions



PRIVATE INVESTMENT

Main obstacles to attracting private investment:

- Limited understanding of how cities perceive the climate finance landscape and how they search for funding
- Lack of understanding of the various tools that can be used to attract private investment
- Charged and coded landscape makes it hard to pinpoint what works, lack of convincing success stories
- Deficit in local competence and capacity for accessing funding
- Lack of local or national desks or company branches that can work with mayors locally and in the national language
- Over-reliance on EU funding may dissuade cities from looking into other sources

PRIORITIES

Prepare recommendations from the Mission Board for cities, national level, EU level and private sector



COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

PRIORITIES

contribute to outreach and link with different knowledge and stakeholders' platforms such as CapaCities, NZC, REGIO One Stop Shop, UTM Knowledge Centre

- Need to have clarity on roles and responsibilities between the Commission, NetZeroCities , CapaCITIES and the Cities Mission Board
- Need to explore how the work of the sub group could complement the Mission Platform's deliverables on communication and outreach
- Exchange on possibilities to integrate in the Mission urban actors beyond local governments (e.g. citizens , private sector, NGOs): stimulate their interest, ownership and direct participation
- Discussion of different approaches to engage private investors, e.g. through structure of start up villages, skilled blue collar workers, potential of acceleration, replicability and scale up



UPCOMING EVENTS

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MISSION IN PROGRESS

CLIMATE-NEUTRAL AND SMART CITIES CONFERENCE 2023

26-27 JUNE 2023

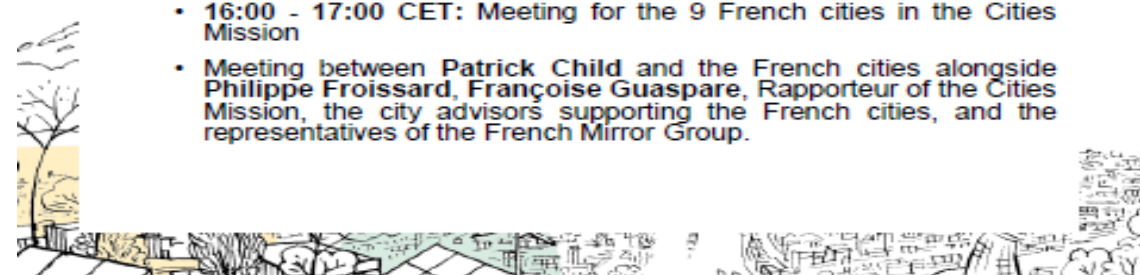
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Programme for European Cities

Thursday 25th May

- **11:15 – 12:45 CET: Plenary “100 Climate-Neutral Cities by 2030”**
 - European cities are embarking on an ambitious path towards carbon neutrality. How do city policies respond to this? How can territorial stakeholders be mobilised? What governance can be implemented?
 - **Talks from:** The Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU (TBC), **Alain Anziani**, President of Bordeaux Metropole, **Patrice Vergriete**, President of the Urban Community of Dunkerque, City of Munich, **Patrick Child**, Manager of the Cities Mission and Deputy Director General of the Directorate General for Environment of the European Commission, **Philippe Froissard**, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation at the European Commission, **Thomas Osdoba**, Director of NetZeroCities (EIT Climate-KIC)
- **12:45 – 14:15 CET: Lunch**
- **14:30 – 16:00 CET: Series of technical workshops, 30 minutes each (session facilitated by NetZeroCities):**
 - **Engaging Stakeholders:** Fostering a sense of ownership and active participation among stakeholders
 - **What does an effective climate-neutral strategy look like?**
 - **In practice:** Thematic scan of the Pilot Cities Programme: key areas of focus, intended impacts, and anticipated learnings - next call for “twinning cities”.
- **16:00 - 17:00 CET: Meeting for the 9 French cities in the Cities Mission**
- **Meeting between Patrick Child and the French cities alongside Philippe Froissard, Françoise Guaspere, Rapporteur of the Cities Mission, the city advisors supporting the French cities, and the representatives of the French Mirror Group.**





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