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**CLIMATE-NEUTRAL & SMART CITIES**

**Concrete solutions for our greatest challenges**

ERRIN – Smart Cities Working Group Meeting

25 April 2023

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## Updates

- First submission window for Climate City Contracts – **15 draft CCCs submitted** for completeness check to the Mission Platform
- **Work Programme 2023** launched in December 2022
- First **Pilot Cities Programme** started in March 2023
- **Twinning call** to be launched in May 2023

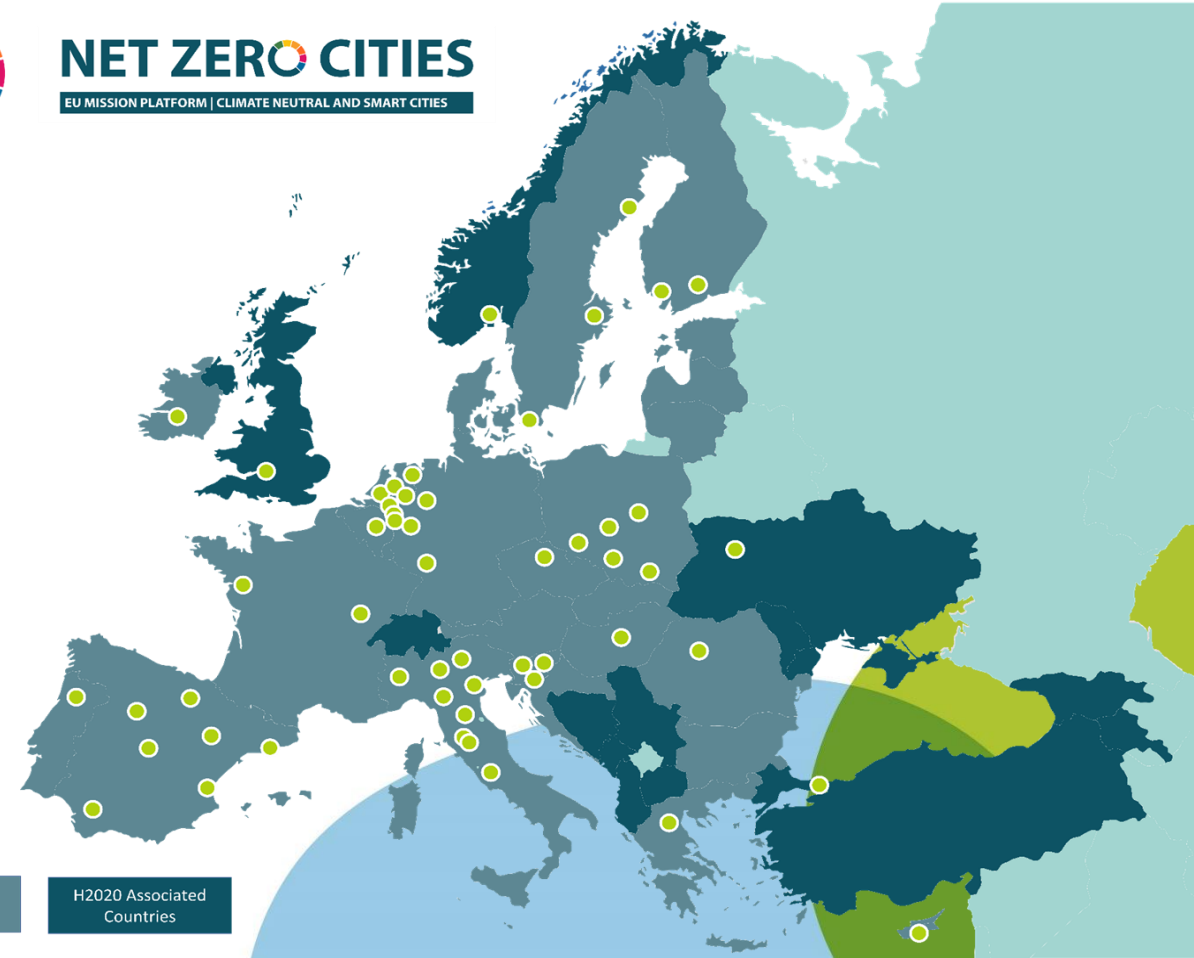


## Outcome of first Call for Pilot Cities

- **103 applications** from across EU Member States and H2020 Associated Countries
- Final portfolio of pilots announced on 1 March 2023: **25 projects** with a collective grant allocation of 32M EUR (between EUR 0.5 and 1.5 million per project)
- Includes **49 Mission cities** and **4 non-Mission cities**
- **Second call** to be launched soon



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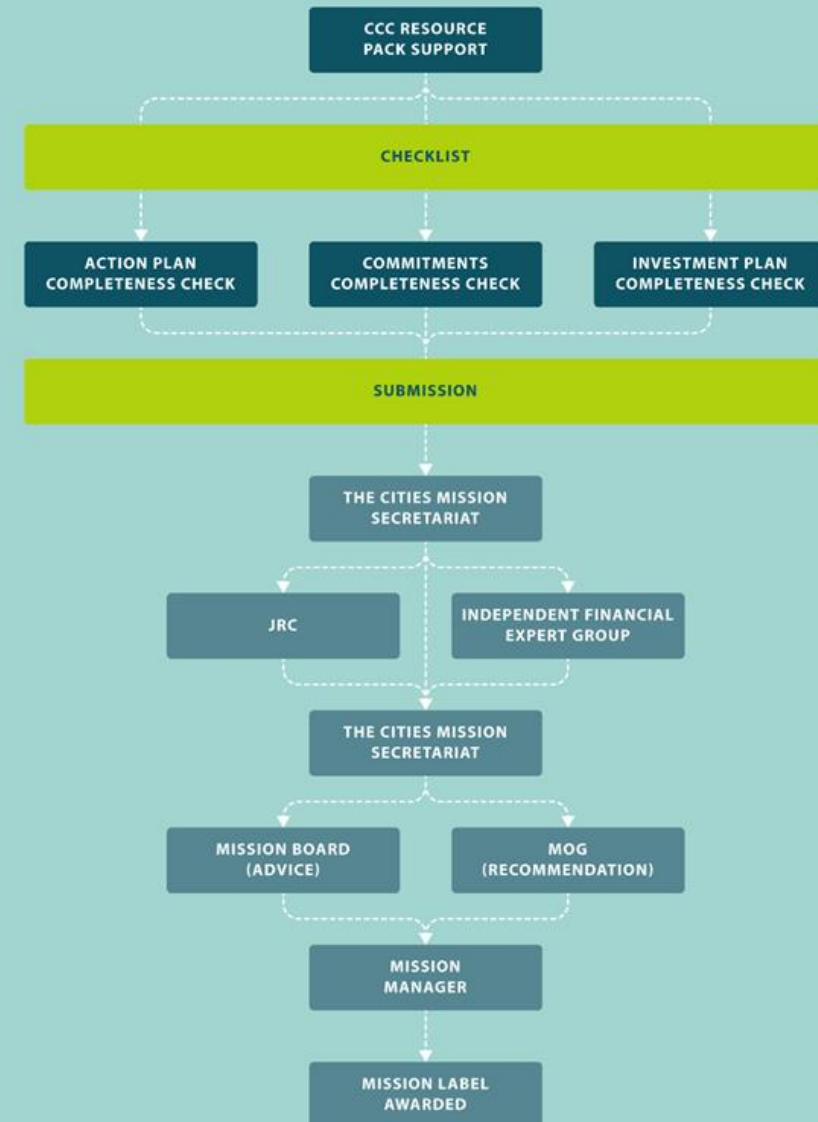


EU Member States

H2020 Associated  
Countries

# Review of Climate City Contracts and award of Mission Label

- Review of **3 CCC parts**:
  - **Commitments**: Mission Secretariat
  - **Action Plan**: JRC
  - **Investment Plan**: external expert group (EIB acting as observer)
- Advice from **Mission Board** and Recommendation from EC-internal **Mission Owners Group**
- **Endorsement** by Mission Manager and award of **Mission Label**



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## Meaning of the Mission Label

- First and foremost an acknowledgement of the **successful completion** of the CCC process
- Intended to **boost confidence** in soundness of cities' plans among other EU, national and regional programmes as well as among private investors



## Synergies with other EU programmes

- **Horizon Europe:** Joint calls with Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change (EUR 40 million) and with Partnerships for Zero Emission Mobility (2Zero) and Connected and Automated Mobility (CCAM) (EUR 50 million)
- **Connecting Europe Facility:** All relevant calls that opened in September 2022 for projects on the TEN-T network (in total more than EUR 5 billion) include participation in the Cities Mission as an award criterion under “priority and urgency”; to be carried on in future calls.
- **LIFE Strategic Integrated Projects - Climate Action:** Urban or community-based action plans pioneering the transition to climate neutral and/or climate resilient society, including climate-neutral cities plans and actions, for instance in the context of the EU Mission ‘Climate-neutral and smart cities’ and Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (EUR 30 million).
- **Digital Europe Programme:** Call for an action supporting, through cascading grants, pilots combining data in the area of sustainable mobility, extreme weather events, energy and zero pollution. The action should establish links to the Cities Mission and Climate Adaptation Mission (EUR 18 million).



## Synergies with other EU programmes

- **NEW Urban Innovative Action**: References to the Cities Mission and the Adaptation Mission in call topic "greener cities" to be published in June (overall budget EUR 120 million)
- **NEW European Innovation Council (EIC)**: Call to increase the purchase of innovative solutions by public and private buyers with specific reference to Cities Mission to be opened in June (CSA with a budget of up to EUR 3 million)



## Work with Member States and with private investors

- **Regional Operational Programmes:** References to the Cities Mission in many national and regional programmes, in particular in regions with cities participating in the Cities Mission.
- Working Group of the **Strategic Programme Committee** for Horizon Europe
- **Expert Group on territorial cohesion and urban matters** (REGIO)
- Sectoral groups, e.g. **Expert group on urban mobility** (MOVE)
- Contacts with **financial institutions** and **philanthropies**





## Upcoming

### Cities Mission Annual Conference - Brussels 26-27 June

- 26/6 city practitioners day
- 27/6 political and practitioners track

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CONFERENCE 2023

26-27  
JUNE  
2023

Maison de la Poste,  
Tour et Taxis, Brussels