

NET ZERO CITIES



EU MISSION PLATFORM

CLIMATE NEUTRAL AND SMART CITIES



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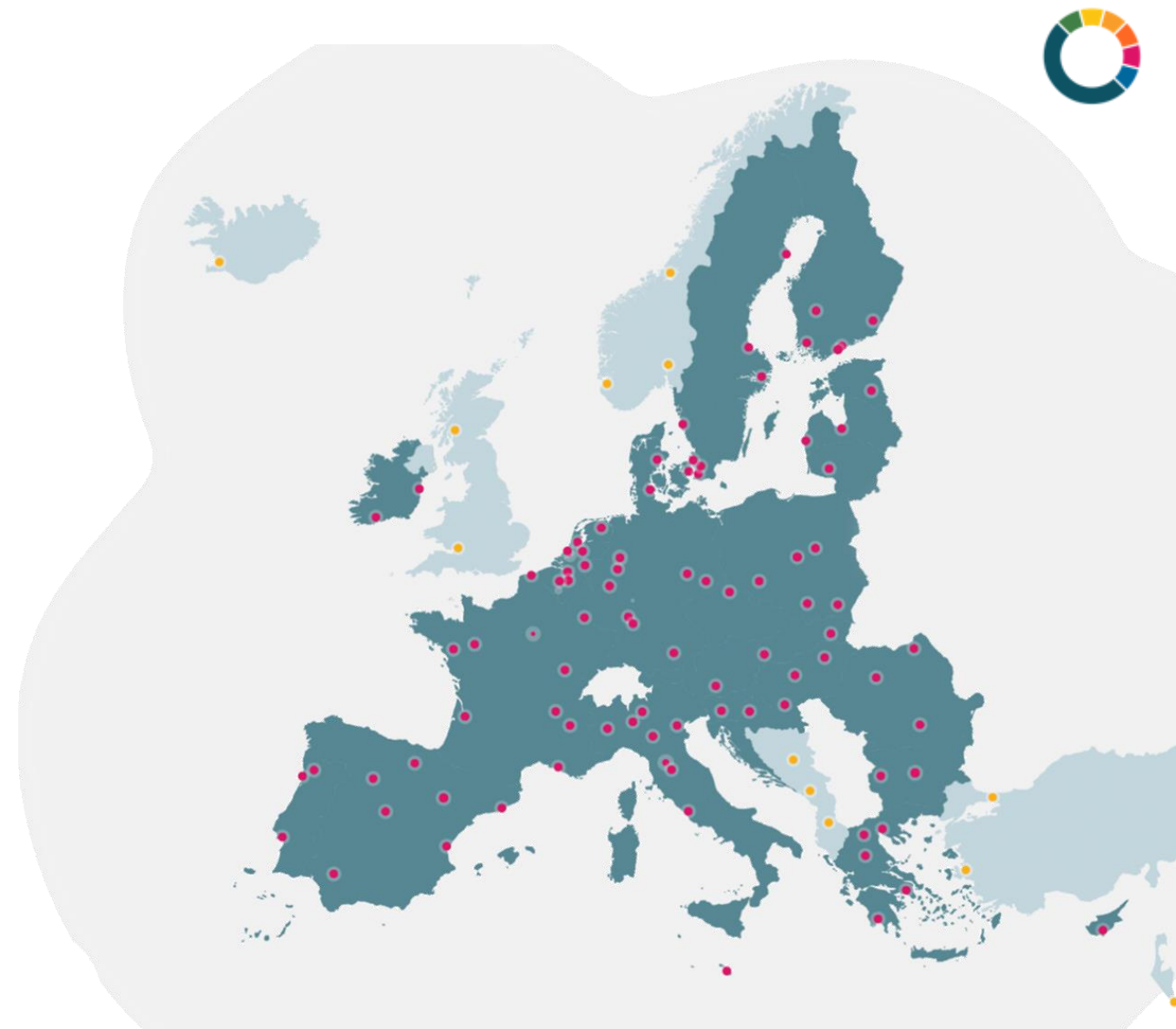
Supporting the EU Mission for “Climate Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030”

The EU has launched a Mission “100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030”.

The objectives:

- To achieve **100 climate-neutral and smart European cities by 2030**.
- To enable all European cities to follow suit by **2050**.

NetZeroCities, coordinated by Climate-KIC, currently manages the Platform to support the Mission.



100 EU cities & **12** cities from
Horizon Europe Associated Countries



Climate City Contract: A Roadmap to Climate Neutrality

A multi-level government collaboration tool to accelerate transformative action.

The Climate City Contract (CCC) has three interlinked components:

- **Commitments**
- **Action Plan**
- **Investment Plan**



Cities Mission Climate City Contract





EU Mission Label: Unlocking Cities' Potential on Climate Neutrality

The EU Mission Label is an acknowledgement of the Mission Cities' plans to achieve climate neutrality (Climate City Contracts).





53 Cities Awarded the EU Mission Label



EU MISSION LABEL

CLIMATE-NEUTRAL & SMART CITIES

1st batch of awarded cities (October 2023): Sønderborg (Denmark), Mannheim (Germany), Madrid, Valencia, Valladolid, Vitoria-Gasteiz and Zaragoza (Spain), Klagenfurt (Austria), Cluj-Napoca (Romania) and Stockholm (Sweden).

2nd batch of awarded cities (March 2024): Ioannina, Kalamata, Kozani, Thessaloniki (Greece), Heidelberg (Germany), Leuven (Belgium), Espoo, Lahti, Lappeenranta, Tampere, Turku (Finland), Barcelona, Seville (Spain), Pecs (Hungary), Malmö (Sweden), Guimaraes, Lisbon (Portugal), Florence, Parma (Italy), Marseille, Lyon (France), Limassol (Cyprus) and Izmir (Türkiye).

3rd batch of awarded cities: Aachen, Münster (Germany), Trikala (Greece), Miskolc (Hungary), Eilat (Israel), Bologna, Bergamo, Milan, Prato, Turin (Italy), Liepāja (Latvia), The Hague (the Netherlands), Porto (Portugal), Bucharest 2nd District, Suceava (Romania), Ljubljana, Kranj (Slovenia), Gothenburg, Gävle, Umeå (Sweden).





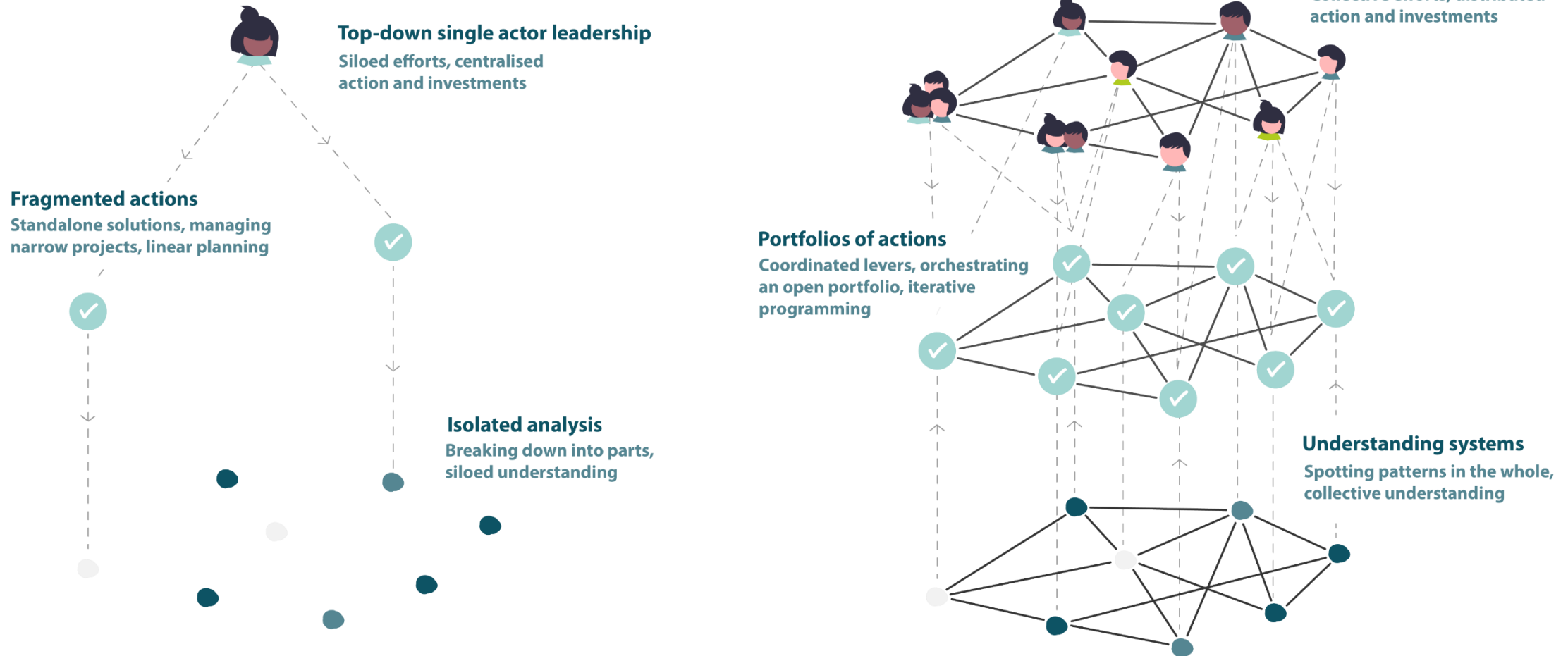
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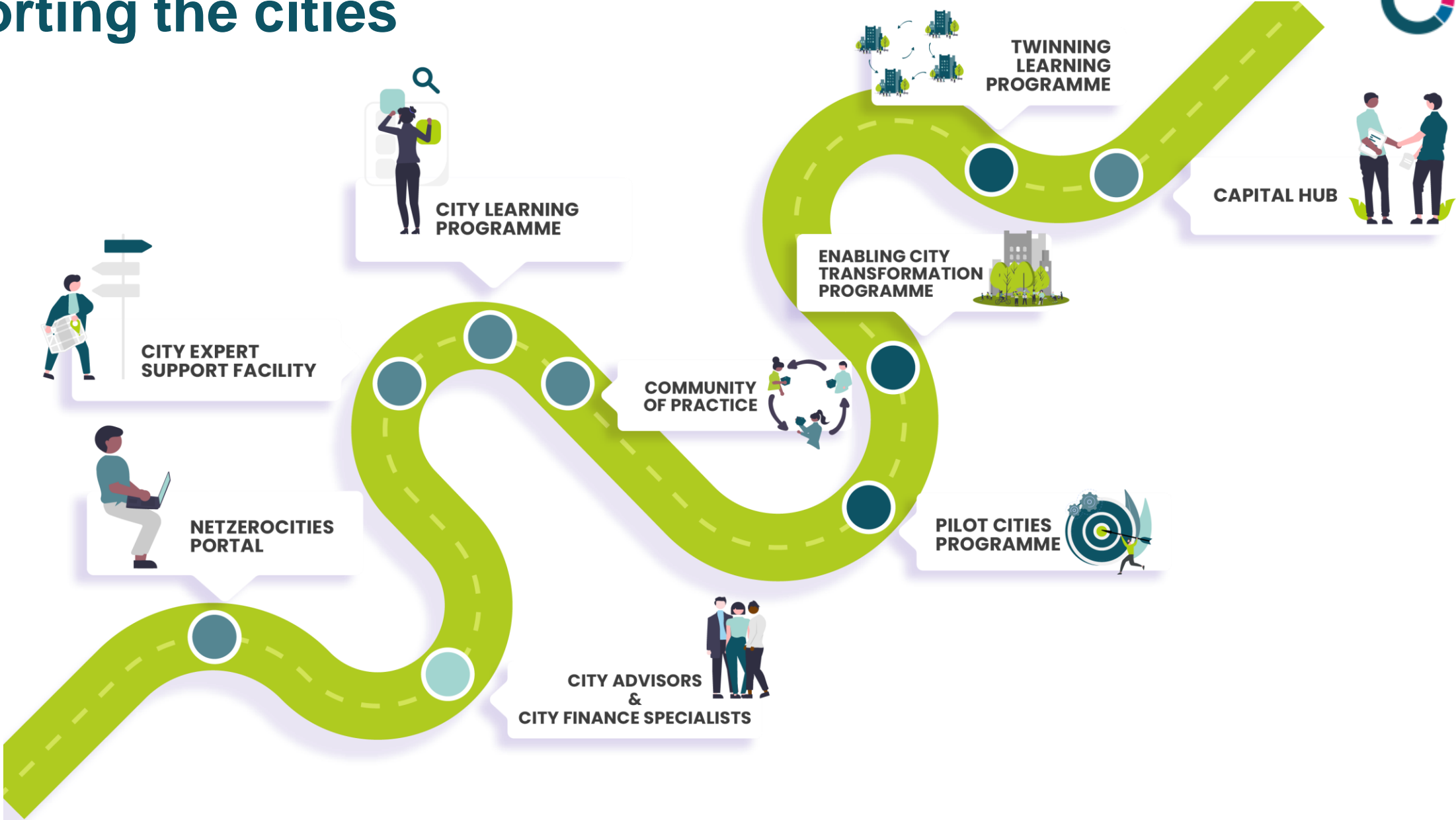
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The systemic approach to governance – we will come back to this later



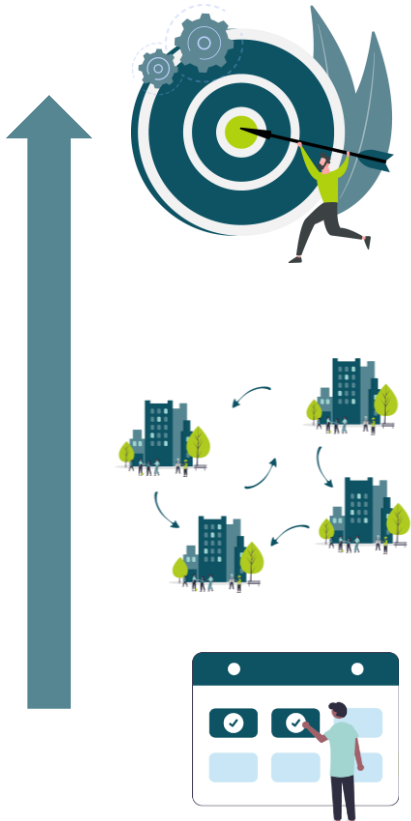
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A range of opportunities to support Mission Cities



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Expert Support

Tailored Support

Cohort Support

National Support

Standardized Support

Transversal

*Stakeholder Engagement,
Policy, Procurement, MEL,
Internal Engagement*

Sectoral

*Built Environment, Energy,
Mobility, Waste & Water,
Nature & Adaptation*

Access to expertise for defined scopes of work, via NZC partners or external providers

Ongoing, consistent support from city advisor and specialists

Facilitated peer exchanges and city-to-city learning to share best practices and experiences and collectively problem-solve

Support with engaging national structures, and promoting country-based cities meetings for mission alignment

Seasonal
Schools

Bootcamp &
Sensemaking

NZC
Portal



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Pilot Programme and Enabling City Transformation

NetZeroCities funding programmes

The NetZeroCities Pilot Cities and the Enabling City Transformation Programmes support mission cities to **test and implement innovative approaches to rapid decarbonisation and city wide transformation.**

The **first cohort of cities**, composed of 53 cities from 21 countries, was announced in February 2023.

The **second cohort of cities**, composed of 26 cities from 16 countries was announced on 23 January 2024.

The **third cohort of cities**, composed of 25 cities from 12 countries, was announced on 20 May 2024.

An **Enabling City Transformation cohort of 48 Mission Cities**, participating in 26 projects just started their work

A tailor-made learning programme to accelerate climate neutrality





Mission-Driven Policy Innovation

Use of policy - be it regulatory, financial or processional - to **scale & accelerate** the trajectory of cities' decarbonisation pathway to meet 2030 targets, to move:

From:

- Fragmented single policy instrument innovations
- Single problem / solution focus
- Reactive, market fixing mentality



To:

- Coordinated package of policy and regulatory measures
- Holistic approach to problem & solution mapping & priority setting
- Proactive, market shaping & creating + broader norm shaping





The City Expert Support Facility (CESF) Support for Mission Cities

What is it?

- Through City Expert Support Facility (CESF) NetZeroCities **provides and procures expertise and support to Pilot and Mission Cities.**
- The CESF aims to complement support mechanisms like the Pilot Cities Programme and City Support Groups
- The request is drafted together with the city and the CA and tendering process is run by NZC



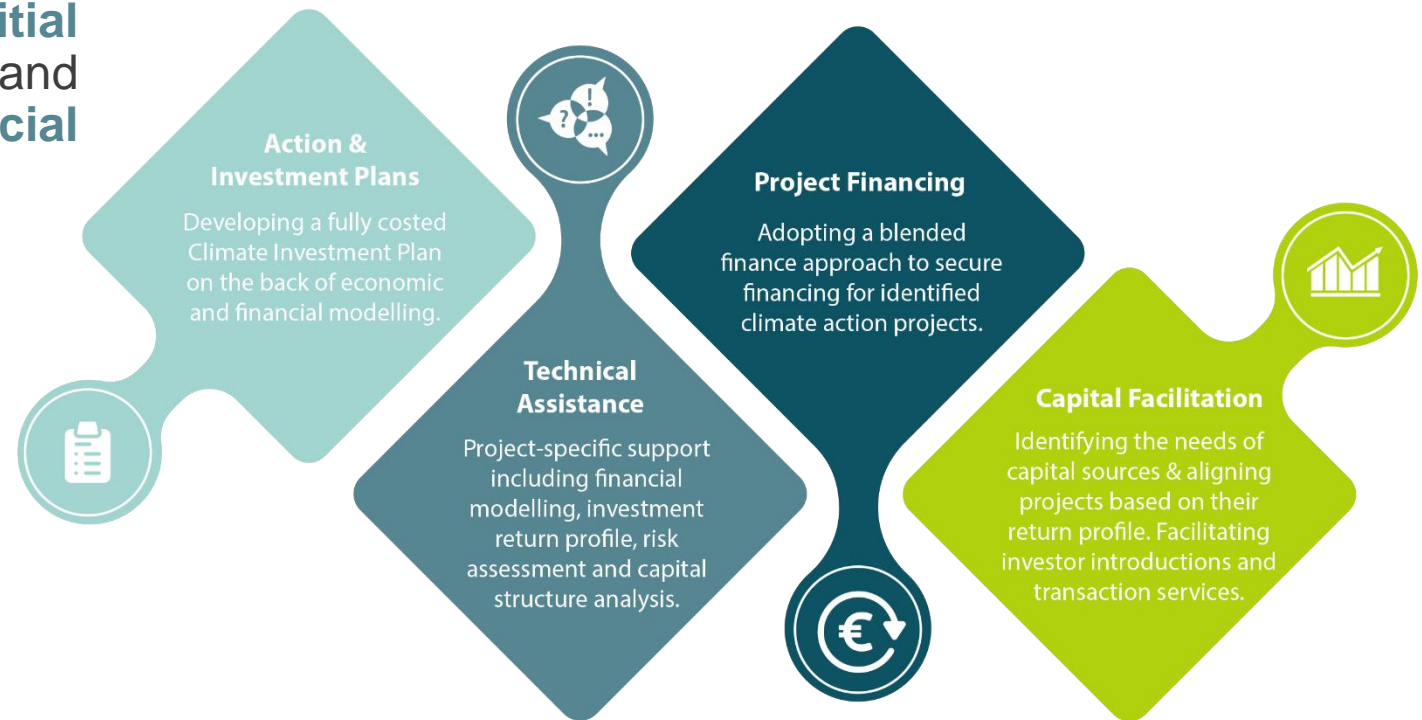


Climate City Capital Hub

The Capital Hub will help cities overcome barriers to climate action by providing **initial project development assistance** and **connecting public and private financial institutions to the cities.**

Four steps:

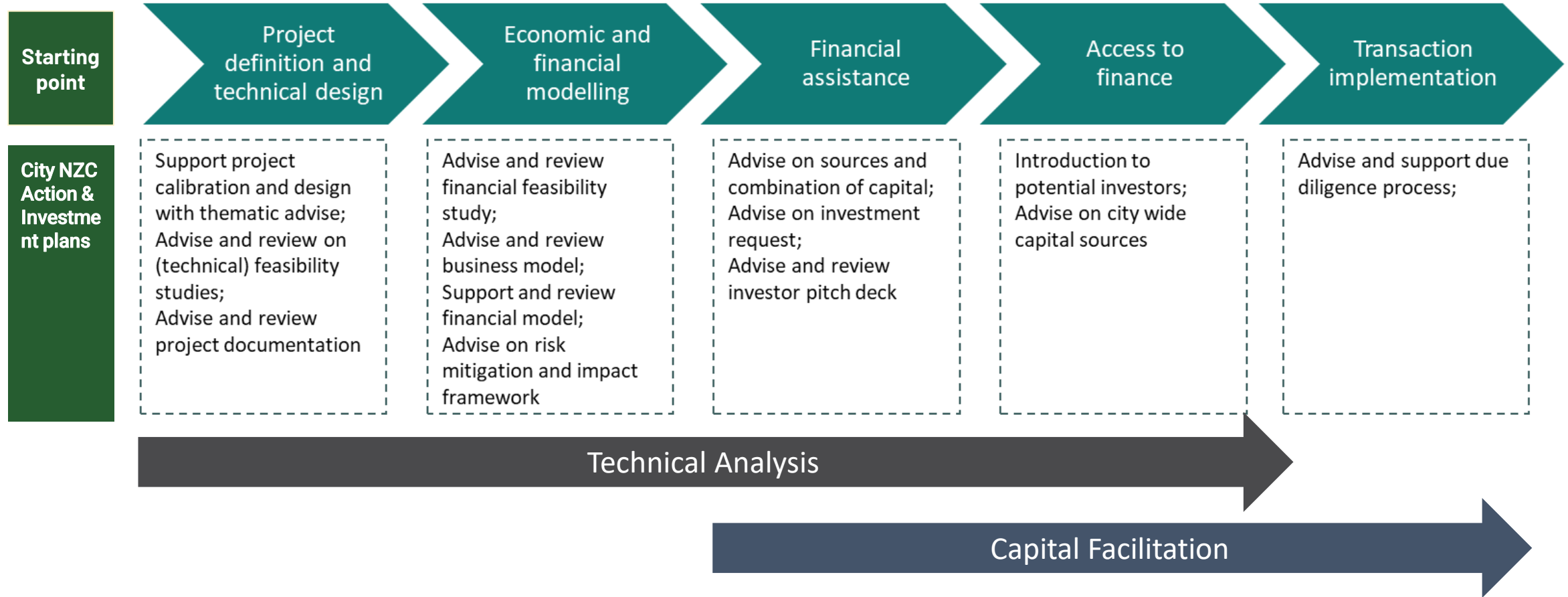
- Action & Investment Plans
- Technical Assistance
- Project Financing
- Capital Facilitation



Climate City Capital Hub: Service Offering



At a Project Level the Hub will help cities to access the necessary technical assistance and support to develop fundable projects. This is facilitated through coordination with EU Technical Assistance programmes lead by the EIB such as JASPERS, ELENA, and the EU City Facility, alongside a provision of in-house technical support.



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The NetZeroCities Portal



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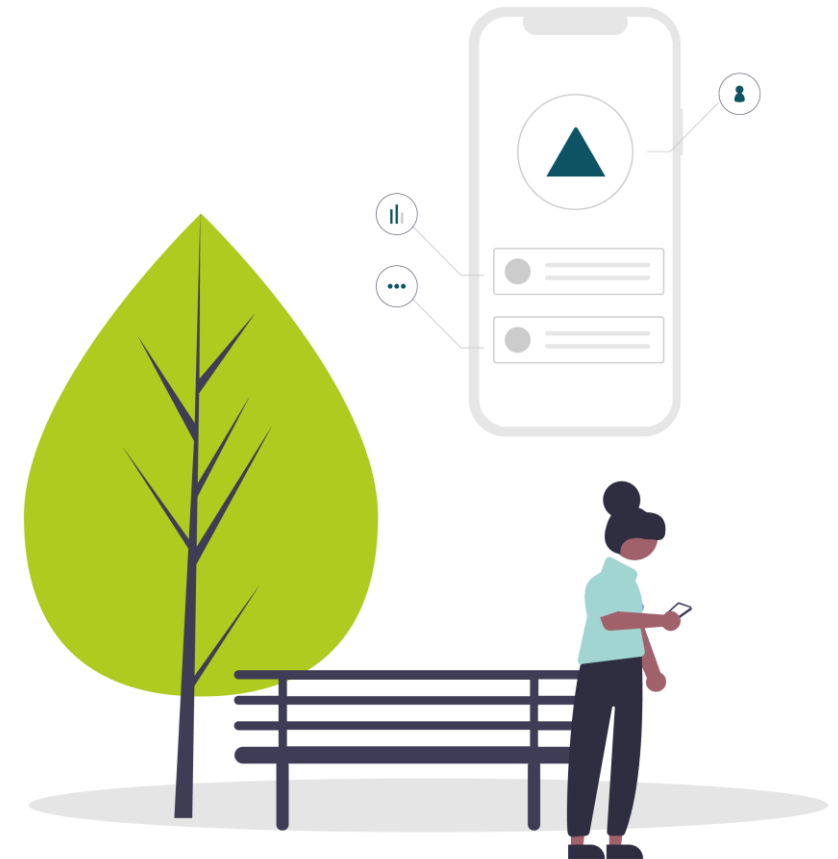


Opportunities and resources for all cities!

NetZeroCities empowers cities with **peer-to-peer learning**, including the Twinning Learning Programme, study visits, online discussion groups, and national-level training sessions. Cities can connect with peers, exchange ideas, and collaborate on climate action strategies..

In addition, the NetZeroCities Portal offers **a suite of online tools and resources, including:**

- The Knowledge Repository
- The NetZeroPlanner
- The Climate Transition Map
- Six Climate Neutrality Support Pathways



Stay tuned for more
online tools & resources coming in 2025



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All of the Latest on Climate Neutrality under one Roof

A one-stop-shop useful for any city, regardless of where it finds itself in its journey to climate neutrality.

The NetZeroCities Portal gathers the following tools and resources:

- Climate Transition Map
- Knowledge Repository
- Finance Guidance Tool
- User Directory
- News Feed
- Events
- And much more!



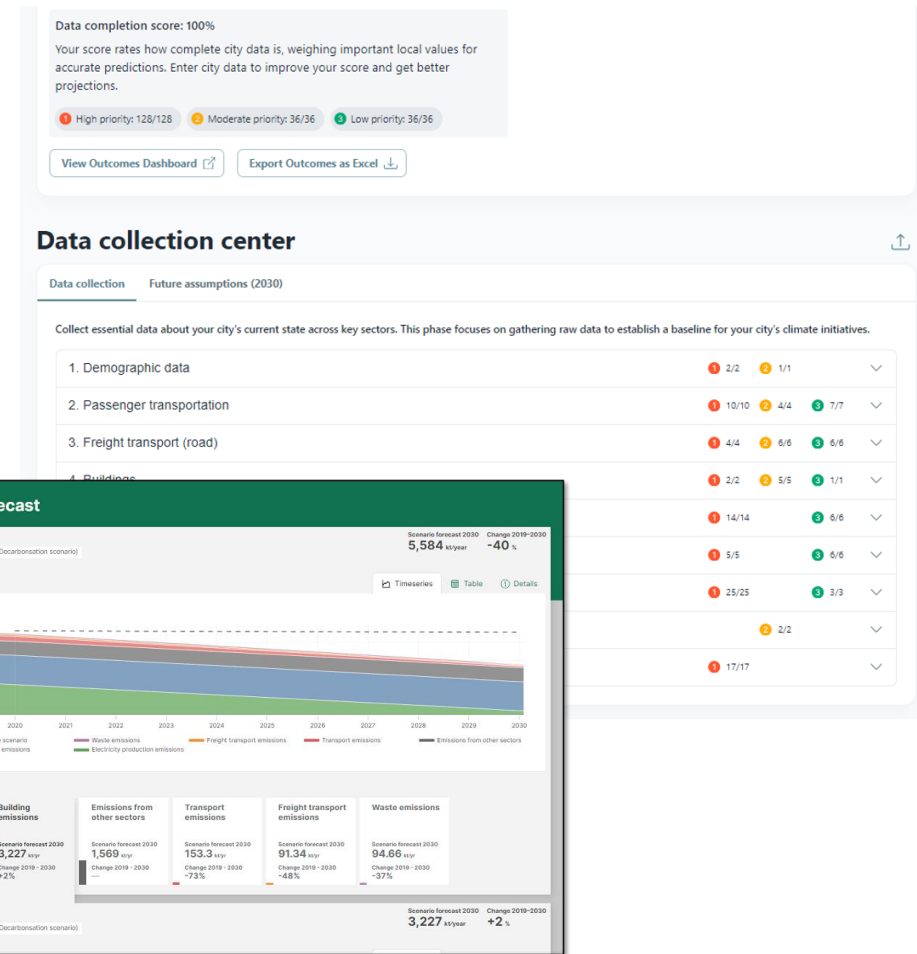


NetZeroPlanner

Empowering your City to Plan, Prioritise, and Fund your Path to Net Zero

NetZeroPlanner is an Online Portal tool that helps cities evaluate and enhance their Climate Action Plans to meet decarbonisation goals by 2030.

- Provides a numerical roadmap based on each city's unique strategies.
- Assigns costs, benefits, and co-benefits to carbon sectors and stakeholders.
- Optimises investments for maximum returns in carbon reduction and financial savings.
- Offers annual performance reports to track progress and adjust plans as needed.





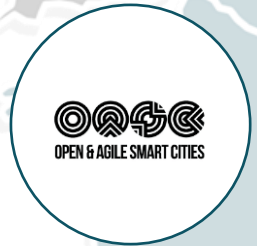
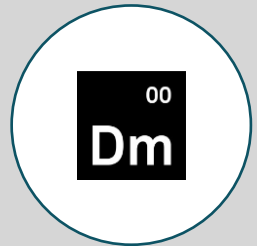
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