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Reshaping policy, unleashing talents, shifting minds for the Green Transition

a EUI capacity-building event for European cities

8-9 November 2023

La Chaufferie - Tourcoing (Lille Metropole) France

AGENDA



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CONTEXT

As we strive to reshape policies and unleash talents, urban areas stand as crucial arenas for the unprecedented shift toward a greener future. However, navigating this path is not without its challenges.

In response to this urgent need for change, EUI is gearing up to host its new capacity-building event dedicated to boosting the green transition forward. The initiative also represents an essential building block of "Just Transitions," which encompass diverse approaches vital to a fair, inclusive, climate-neutral, and resilient society.

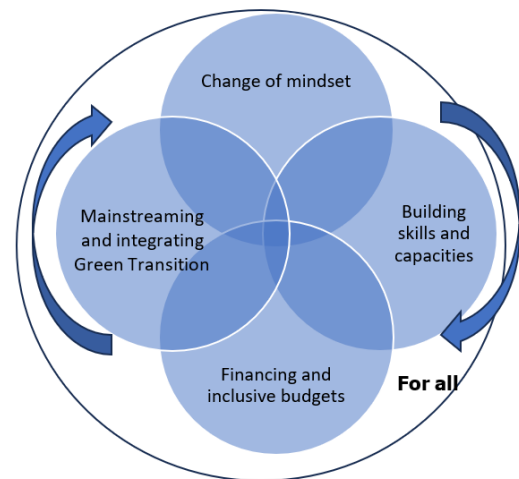
OVERALL GOAL

To support urban authorities from small and medium-sized cities within less developed and transition regions to build skills to facilitate green transition, making it affordable and supporting a participatory approach through SUD strategies policies and practices.

OBJECTIVES

Built as a series of vibrant and interactive sessions where European cities take CenterStage and share their stories, we'll address three key themes of the Green Transition:

1. **Anticipating Tomorrow's Green Skills:** we'll be sharing tools and examples on how urban authorities can forecast the skills needed and identify crucial gaps in practitioners' expertise.
2. **Financing a Green Tomorrow:** We'll provide urban authorities with some custom-made tools to navigate funding mechanisms, making it all accessible and understandable.
3. **Nurturing a Green Mindset:** Building a sustainable future isn't just about policies; it's about transforming behaviour. We'll explore the cultural shifts needed to scale up and mainstream green transition approaches.



WHO IS THIS EVENT FOR?

This event is tailor-made for urban authorities striving to lead the green transition. Drawing from the invaluable insights of the UIA study on Just Urban Transitions and the URBACT programme, we've designed this experience to meet the needs of our urban community. Join us for this EU-wide event, where we're expecting up to 100 participants. We especially welcome small and medium-sized cities, particularly those in less developed and transition regions, as well as cities from Just Transition Fund regions. While urban authorities are our primary audience, we welcome delegates from other structures and institutions who share our vision for a sustainable future.

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8.30 Registration

9.00 Opening plenary

Hauts-de-France Region

Daniel Leca – Vice-president of the HdF Region

European Commission

Pia Laurila – Policy Officer – DG Regio

EUI European Urban Initiative

Tim Caulfield – EUI Director

9.30 Our starting point

Introduction and explanation of the event and learning journey

9.45 Just Urban Transitions

UIA Just Urban Transitions study

Marcelline Bonneau – co-author JUT study

City inputs from:

Carles Ferreiro - City of Viladecans (ES)

City of Lille (FR)

URBACT's scoping of cities' Green Transition needs

Clementine Gravier - Head of Unit Networks & Capacity-Building URBACT

10.30 Coffee break- learn more from the Greenville map

11.00 World Café workshops: skills for a green transition

With inspiring hosts from the cities of Eindhoven, Lille, Rotterdam, Munich and Viladecans

WC1: Skills Forecasting

With Remko Matsinger and Andries van Vugt – Eindhoven

WC2: Green Skills for All

With Sylvie Depraetere – Region HdF and Marike Dijksterhuis -Rotterdam

WC3: New business value chains, new jobs

With Barbara Bühler-Karpati – Munich and Carles Ferreiro - Viladecans

13.15 Plant based lunch

14.15 Departure for study visits

Study visit 1: Terrabundo - REV 3 circular economy

Study visit 2: Loos-en-Gohelle

Study visit 3: Taste'n'Fives - Lille

19.30 Dinner – Brasserie de la Paix – Lille

9 November 2023

8.30 Welcome coffee

9.00 Opening plenary

Welcome, review of Day 1, look ahead Day 2

9.15 **Green Transition tasters: Short “how to” sessions with practical hints and tips**

(with
coffee
break)

With experiences and tools from the cities of Umeå, Warsaw and Treviso, and ICLEI and Eurocities networks

1. Gender Climate Cities

Liv Öberg - Umeå

2. Green Procurement

Dominique Sandy - ICLEI

3. Finance Guidance Tool - NetZeroCities

Alokananda Nath –Frankfurt School of Finance & Management

4. Building a Climate Assembly

Mateusz Wojcieszak and Jaroslaw Holwek - Warsaw

5. Creating an intergenerational Green Transition

Luana Rotari - Treviso

11.30 **Matchmaking, networking and more**

Opportunity for speed city dates, identifying EUI city-to-city exchanges partners and information about GT to other cities and institutions

12.30

Plant-based lunch and matchmaking

13.55

Shifting Mindsets for Just Green Transitions
Interactive Round Table Session on good practice and challenges

Margarete Meyer - Head of Department for Urban Renewal and Disadvantaged Urban Districts
City of Essen

Carla Pires - Head of Sustainability and Innovation Gaiurb
City of Vila Nova de Gaia

Jan Kees Kleuver - Coordinator for the Mission 2030: 100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities
City of Groningen

Luana Rotari – European Affairs Office
City of Treviso

15.15

Bringing it all together - taking it all home

Final messages with audience

16.00

End of event – departure

The event is moderated by: Eddy Adams, Adele Bucella, Marcelline Bonneau, Ronald Lievens, Stephen Lorimer and Sandra Rainero