

Supporting Local Governments in Reaching Climate Neutrality

Ready4NetZero multipliers workshop



23/04/25 | 10:00 -12:30



ONLINE



This online workshop is intended for representatives of city networks, municipal and metropolitan associations, NGOs, researchers, think tanks, energy agencies – all **multipliers, movers and shakers supporting local governments in climate and sustainability transitions**. It is also open to local government representatives all over Europe.

In the workshop we will explore resources such as a [comprehensive guidance on developing ambitious local long-term climate neutrality strategies](#), present insights from working with small and medium sized pilot municipalities in Poland, Hungary, Romania and Croatia to support their progress towards reaching climate neutrality and discuss ways forward for local climate action in the EU in the current dynamic political context.

The workshop builds on the work of [Ready4NetZero](#), a project that has supported small and medium sized municipalities in Central and Eastern Europe in the development and implementation of local strategies to reach climate neutrality. Ready4NetZero is supported by the [European Climate Initiative \(EUKI\)](#) of the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Climate.

| Time | Agenda item |
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| Building block 1: Introduction | |
| 10:00-10:05 | Welcome of participants, introduction to the event in the context of Ready4NetZero event, presentation of the agenda Moderator: Ewa Iwaszuk, Ecologic Institute |
| 10:05-10:15 | Getting to know each other – who is in the room Moderator: Ewa Iwaszuk, Ecologic Institute |
| Building block 2: Setting the scene: pathways to local climate neutrality | |
| 10:15-10:35 | Framing presentation “Ways forward for local climate action in the EU in 2025 and beyond” + Q and A session Justyna Wieczorkiewicz-Molendo, Climate Neutral Cities Advisor of the NetZeroCities project at Climate-KIC |
| 10:35-10:50 | Guidance presentation: Developing ambitious local long-term climate neutrality strategies + Q and A session Natalia Burgos Cuevas, Ecologic Institute |
| 10:50-11:20 | Ready4NetZero guidance: Interactive session with participants. Challenges and opportunities in supporting municipalities towards climate neutrality. |
| 11:20-11:25 | Break |
| Building block 3: From strategy to action: experiences and insights from the ground” | |
| 11:25-11:40 | Presentation of the project Ready4NetZero: how did we work with and engaged pilot cities? Izabela Kuśnierz, PNEC |
| 11:40-12:10 | Panel discussion: advancing actions to reach climate neutrality. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piotr Siniakowicz, Mayor of Siemiatycze, Poland • Simona Iliescu, City of Râmnicu Vâlcea, Romania • Árpád Árendás, City of Szeged, Hungary (TBC) • András Kéri. Energiaklub, Hungary Moderator: Ewa Iwaszuk, Ecologic Institute |
| 12:10-12:25 | Advancing actions to reach climate neutrality: open discussion in the plenary and with the panel. How multipliers can mobilize resources and communicate effectively with municipalities in their national or local contexts? |
| 12:25-12:30 | Closing session |