



Mitigating the Urban Heat Island Effect: Learning from Best Practices in European Cities

Monday, April 14, 2025, 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM (CET)

Online

During the event, insights from three leading cities – Athens, Milan and Vienna – will be presented, showcasing governance solutions, technologies, and strategies to tackle urban heat island (UHI) effects, with a focus on key challenges, lessons learned, and success factors. The workshop represents an opportunity to learn about best practices and innovative approaches to tackle UHI effects. Don't miss the opportunity to connect with other European realities and to actively contribute to make the city of Rome more livable and climate resilient!

10:00 Arrival and first welcome

Overview of the workshop objectives - Natalia Burgos and Ewa Iwaszuk, Ecologic Institute

10:05 Welcome from the City of Rome

Opening remarks & local perspective on urban heat challenges - Edoardo Zanchini, City of Rome

10:10 Welcome from the European Commission

Remarks on the importance of urban heat resilience and EU priorities - Ana Medeiros Faria, SG Reform

10:15 Virtual tour de table

10:20 Case study presentations

Presentation of three cities' experiences, covering governance, measures, challenges & lessons learned

- Elissavet Bargianni, Chief Heat Officer - City of Athens
- Lisa Bitossi, *Urban Resilience Department*, - City of Milan
- Jürgen Preiss, Unit of Spatial Development - City of Vienna

11:15 Q&A session

11:30 Coffee Break

11:35 Panel Discussion

Discussion on key challenges and solutions for Rome, focusing on Participation, Technology & data, Policy & governance, Financing & implementation

Moderator: Natalia Burgos, Ecologic Institute

- Edoardo Zanchini, City of Rome
- Mikel González Vara, City of Bilbao
- Marta Chillida Munguet, City of Granollers
- Efren Feliu Torres, TECNALIA

12:20 Closing & Next Steps

Summary, key actions & follow-up for Rome - Ewa Iwaszuk, Ecologic Institute

