10TH EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE CITIES & TOWNS

#Aalborg2024 programme teaser
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### Aalborg Sustainability Festival

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Plenaries

We all know how to pick low-hanging fruit: let’s prioritise the most pressing issues urban sustainability experts are facing!

Plenary 1
BREAKING THE SPIRAL OF INACTION
The clock is ticking! How much time do we have left, and why aren’t we moving faster?
The window for action to address urgent crises like climate change and biodiversity loss is closing. Now is the time for bold actions and immediate investments. We must also ensure we mitigate fears of overburdening among some societal groups and individuals.

Join us for a look at the state of play and to explore how to empower local governance in the democratic transformation towards a climate-neutral, sustainable, equitable, and resilient Europe.

Plenary 2
AALBORG +30 – NEW ERA, NEW CONDITIONS
Where have we come from? And where are we going?
The conference is returning to its roots, where it all began in 1994 with the groundbreaking Aalborg Charter. Since then, we’ve witnessed monumental milestones like the Aalborg Commitments (2004) introducing local targets, the Basque Declaration (2016) promoting systemic change, and the Marrakech Message (2020) calling for Local Green Deals, each shaping the landscape of sustainability in cities. Whilst they remain pivotal, the conditions for cities to continue navigating the transformation have evolved. Now is the time for the next steps.

What are the new ‘Aalborg Conditions’ and how can they be a catalyst for positive change guiding us forward?

Plenary 3
GETTING FRAMEWORK CONDITIONS RIGHT
Cities are pioneering ambitious climate and sustainability strategies, forging partnerships with businesses and civil society, and empowering local stakeholders to drive transformative change. Together, they’re not only transforming their communities, but also creating markets for clean industries and fostering job growth while enhancing Europe’s resilience and competitiveness. However, action remains patchy at best.

The key to European wide transformation is a collective effort from all levels of government to overcome regulatory barriers and advance policies, funding programmes and actions that are tailored to local needs and realities. Can EU institutions, national governments, and cities co-create optimal framework conditions? Dive into discussions on fostering a robust and trusting collaboration and explore actionable changes at both national and EU levels that can truly make a difference.

Plenary 4
INCREASING AGENCY
What is our vision for a future city? And what is our role in its realisation?
Local communities need to decide whether to act now - or react later; change by design or change by disaster? If cities want to stay in control of their future, they need to mobilise all their resources and talents.

Societal groups of all income levels and ages can contribute valuable knowledge and implement actions – provided they have a consensus on the idea and the destination of the transformation. Building trust and consensus across groups, and increasing their agency, is exactly what local governments can do better than any other level of government.

What do young people expect from local decision-makers, and how will they take part in the transformation of their cities?
Deep Dives

Jump into the deep end: let’s tackle the big topics we need to systemically rethink in order to achieve our sustainability goals!

Deep Dive 1
SHAREDED GOVERNANCE
More bottom-up, more consistent!

Accelerating the green transformation requires the transformation of governance! Join our discussion of the mechanics of multilevel collaboration and how it can be improved to address society's most pressing challenges effectively.

In this session, we will explore mechanisms that involve local governments and their on-the-ground perspective in the development of targets and relevant regulation, to ensure that policies, funding programmes, and actions are more effectively tailored to implementation needs.

Deep Dive 2
INTEGRATED FINANCE
More efficient, more private!

To transform their infrastructure and urban landscape towards climate neutrality and sustainability, cities need to make enormous investments.

We will delve into the crucial questions: what changes are needed in the public and private financing systems to mobilise and manage these investments? What is the potential of structural changes in the public financing system to overcome the fragmentation of investment funding and support programmes? How can we evolve from a practice of project financing into comprehensive and strategic financing frameworks? And what measures are required to significantly increase the share of private investments in this transformation?

Deep Dive 3
COHESIVE TRANSITION
More inclusion, more consensus!

How can local communities unite for change? What democratic strategies drive transformation? How can we counteract the simplistic, populist political messaging and reactions that are fuelled by misinformation?

Join us for a dynamic session focused on the vital role of societal cohesion in driving the transformation towards climate neutrality and sustainability. Let's dive deep into the benefits of modernising our societies! Together, we can empower citizens and communities through transparency and participation, ensuring a just and fair transition for all without additional bureaucracy.
Workshops

In our 30+ workshops, we will breakdown the Deep Dive topics to discuss the issues that cities are dealing with every day – with special attention to those relevant across departments and sectors.

Examples include:

- Driving climate action through the circular economy
- Local energy transitions & the building stock: from roadblock to driving force
- Resilience through the transformation of food systems
- Bridging digital divides for inclusive and resilient urban environments
- Local, regional, and national governments together for Climate Neutral Cities
- Joining forces with youth for climate action
- Diving into the Urban Greening Plan Framework
- The Future of heating & cooling in cities
- Accelerating climate action through city-business collaboration
- Creating healthy cities
- Financing and investment solutions for climate resilience
- Unlocking the economic potential of a nature positive economy
- The role of Local Green Deals in the recovery of Ukrainian cities and towns
- Better together: local governments and communities collaborating for just, resilient cities
- Renovation of public buildings: from aesthetics to high performance
- Powering RES and Sustainable Waste Management
- ...
Mobile Workshops

Urban transformation through sustainable public transport
Tour through the city and hop on board the Bus Rapid Transportation system (BRT).

Innovating the local food system
Experience Aalborg via a 3-stop journey of its sustainable food system – from farm to fork.

Using nature to support climate goals
Explore nature conservation and climate mitigation through the bogs and willow fields of Aalborg.

Lowering climate footprint from constructions through Local Green Deals
Visit local construction sites and learn about emission free work machines and sustainable buildings.

Hydrogen – the corner stone of Power to X products
Get a glimpse of Denmark's hydrogen production at 'Hydrogen Valley' and stop by two gas storage facilities.

Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage in Aalborg
Become enlightened on the carbon capture technology at Aalborg Portland and learn about the Port of Aalborg’s role in carbon and storage potentials.

District heating/cooling and CCUS at Aalborg Utility and Nordværk
Learn about the supply of energy in Aalborg, utilization of its surplus heat, and plans for production of e-fuels for the aviation sector.

GreenLab Industrial Symbiosis Park – home of tomorrow’s green technologies
Discover how local, green, and circular companies work together on sustainable energy and transform it into heat, e-fuels, and other green products.

Utilization and circulation of resources
Hear how circular economy is put into practice at the local waste management company Nordværk and how resources are circulated at the socio-economic company Råt & Godt.

Urban spaces in Aalborg downtown
Experience renovated urban spaces – from the urban ecology project in the 90s to new squares along the Bus Rapid Transport route.

Transforming Aalborg’s waterfronts - climate, cultural heritage, and livability
Listen to the story of Aalborg’s central waterfront and how it has developed from industrial sites to livable urban spaces for all.

Nature Based Solution to urban challenges
See how the Østerå water stream supports the blue and green structure of the city center and solves climate challenges.

Kickstart Aalborg East: New European Bauhaus
See how Aalborg is transforming a vulnerable neighborhood into a winning project.

Stigsborg – state of the art city planning of a new urban district
Dive into one of Denmark’s largest coastal urban transformation projects and see how it’s focusing on sustainable construction, mobility, and climate adaptation.
## Fees

### The registration fee includes:

- admission to the conference
- participation in all sessions, including Mobile Workshops
- lunches, coffee breaks, evening events (incl. conference dinner)
- conference materials

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Unsure which fee applies to you? Get in touch: aalborg2024@iclei.org
Show off what you've got: become an exhibitor

Want to promote your project or organisation? Book a booth in our exhibition space!
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