



10TH EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE CITIES & TOWNS



Workshops

Aalborg, Denmark | October 1-3 2024

Workshops: round 1

Tuesday 1 October | 14:00-15:30

1.09 Værket

1.1 Local energy transitions & the building stock: how to turn a roadblock into a driving force

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William Nelissen (Wonen in Limburg)
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1.2 Circle of Impact: Cities leveraging the Circular Economy for sustainable urban development

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1.3 How does inclusivity in food system transformation create resilience?

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1.4 Financing and investment solutions for climate resilience

Konstantinos Dellis (AUEB)
Oleksandr Sushchenko (Helmholtz-Centre for Environmental Research)
Kit England (PWA)
Hilppa Gregow (PIISA)
João Dinis (City of Cascais, Portugal)
Ruslan Zhechkov (Technopolis)

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1.5 Unfolding plausible futures: towards a nature positive economy

Ludwig Sonesson (City of Malmö, Sweden)
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Agate Goyarrola (Udalsarea 2030 network, Basque Country)
Maja Jovanovic and Prof.dr. Jasmina Madzgalj (City of Belgrade, Serbia)
Mariane Zandersen (University of Aarhus, Denmark)
Dr Vanessa Reinhart (City of Dortmund, Germany)
Małgorzata Bartyna-Zielińska (Wrocław Municipality, Poland)

1.02 Havnen

1.6 Climate City Contract Investment Plans: Financing a Greener Tomorrow

Maria Granlund (City of Turku, Finland)
Vassilis Papaefstathiou (Deputy Mayor of Strategic Planning and Climate Neutrality Municipality of Kalamata, Greece)
Ovidiu Cimpean (State Secretary in the Ministry of Investments and European Projects, Romania)
Wojciech Deska (European Investment Bank)
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2.1 Bridging digital divides for inclusive and resilient urban environments

Marcel Duffhuis (City of Utrecht, the Netherlands)
Dr Martin Brynskov and Karl-Filip Coenegrachts (OASC)
Martin Hom (Lord Mayor, Freiburg, Germany, ICLEI Europe President)
Peter Wibom (City of Stockholm, Sweden)
Anne Håkansson (KTH Royal Institute of Technology)
Bettina Distel (Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development)
Søren Lundsgård Jørgensen (City of Aarhus, Denmark)

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1.01 Banen

2.2 Local, regional and national governments together for climate neutral cities

Tue Damsø (CONCITO)
Sandrine Dixon-Declève (Club of Rome)
Katrin Stjernfeldt Jammeh (Mayor of Malmö, Sweden)
Aitor Zulueta (Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain)
Philippe Froissard (DG RTD)

1.09 Værket

2.3 Empower youth, transform tomorrow: unleash the power of youth for climate action

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Claudia Misteli (The Nature of Cities)
Bjarke Bjoerch-Haderup (Danish Youth Council, Denmark)
John Warren Tamor (Member, Official Children & Youth Constituency to the UNFCCC (YOUNGO))
Susana Campos (Intermunicipal Community of Alto Minho, Portugal)

1.08 Tunnelen

2.4 Driving urban transitions: activating city-business collaboration through Local Green Deals

Agnes Schönfelder (City of Mannheim, Germany)
Mette Larsen (City of Aalborg, Denmark)
Kristoffer Wolsing (City of Aalborg, Denmark)
Dana Eleftheriadou (DG GROW)
Dorthe Aaboe Kallestrup (IBF)
Paulo Esteves Ferreira (Municipality of Valongo, Portugal)
Dr Banu Pekol (BMW Foundation)

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3.1 Renovating public heritage buildings: the tension between nice and necessary

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Henriette Thuen (Danish Industry, Desire Project)
Kerry Zander (City of Wismar, Germany)
Dr Banu Pekol (BMW Foundation)
Christine Lunde Rasmussen (Ramboll)

1.08 Tunnelen

3.2 The Future of Heating & Cooling in Cities

Peter Sorknæs (Aalborg University, Denmark)
Peter Lichtenwöhler (City of Vienna, Austria)
Dr Bard Rama (ICLEI Europe)
Mika Hakosalo (Development director, City of Mariehamn, Finland)

1.02 Havnen

3.3 Urban Nature: from Plan to Action

Hannah Bolz (City of Mannheim, Germany)
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Manuela Alvares (Matosinhos Municipality, Portugal)
Marc Montlleo (Barcelona Regional, Spain)
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3.4 Powering renewable energy solutions through circular strategies

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Lukas Sloet (City of Amsterdam, the Netherlands)
Manfred Spiesberger (PHOTORAMA Project)

1.01 Banen

3.5 Better together: local governments and communities collaborating for just, resilient cities

Magnus Kolind Mathiassen (City of Aalborg, Denmark)
Ida Vad Svenningsen (City of Aalborg, Denmark)
Christopher Sadlowski (City of Dortmund, Germany)
Dr Sabrina Dekker (Dublin City Council, Ireland)
Sofia Strid (Orebro University)
Ludwig Bengtsson Sonesson (City of Malmö, Sweden)
Emilio Servera-Martinez (Valencia City Council, Spain)
Martyna Gawlik (City of Wrocław, Poland)

1.09 Værket

3.6 New Monia – an unhealthy city

Niko Kyynäräinen (Mayor of Lahti, Finland)
Mads Duedahl (Chairman of the Regional Council North Denmark Region Denmark)

1.1 Local energy transitions & the building stock: how to turn a roadblock into a driving force

Buildings are an integral part of the unique identity of our cities, but an estimated 75% of existing buildings are energy inefficient, making the building stock responsible for 36% of energy-related EU emissions. As such, buildings are a major roadblock not only for achieving energy resilience and climate-neutrality, but also for advancing an affordable and just local transition.

The major pressure points for the building stock transition are clear: provide more affordable, climate resilient housing, whilst also decreasing land densification and construction waste. But how? A circular approach to buildings and urban planning, and Plus-Energy-Buildings (PEBs) and districts (PEDs) solutions play a significant role for the transition towards a sustainable building stock.

This session will look at the potential of PEB/PED solutions from new, mixed-use buildings to the refurbishment of historical buildings, to improve local social cohesion and reduce waste and emissions. Speakers will provide concrete insights into rethinking the use of urban space, building policy and technology and will discuss concrete pathways to move from roadblock to driving force.

Speakers:

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William Nelissen (Wonen in Limburg)

Andreas Tuerk (VTT)

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1.09 Værket

1.2 Circle of Impact: cities leveraging the Circular Economy for sustainable urban development

Shifting to a circular model to support sustainable urban development has been high on many cities' agendas for years. Based on the insights collected in the Circular Cities Declaration report 2024, which showcases the progress of 54 European cities encompassing over 16 million inhabitants, we can now unveil the transformative power of circular economy strategies aimed at reducing the consumption of resources.

We invite you to engage in dynamic “discussion islands” where you can dive deep into cities' pioneering circular initiatives, discover the multitude of benefits that the transition brings, navigate the challenges inherent in the transition and chart pathways to overcome them, and learn how the circular economy can help mitigate climate change and regenerate nature in urban landscapes.

As we reflect on the pivotal role of advocacy, we will uncover strategies to amplify the voice of circularity on regional, national, and international platforms. From practical implementations to impactful recommendations, discover how cities are leveraging circularity to combat climate change, regenerate nature, and foster resilience.

Speakers:

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Iris Kriikkula (City of Turku, Finland)

Sarah O'Carroll (Ellen MacArthur Foundation)

Kristin Strandberg (Circular Economy)

Jonas Byström (European Investment Bank)

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1.03 Flyveren

1.3 How does inclusivity in food system transformation create resilience?

Dive into an engaging (food) market, where stalls will offer you the opportunity to immerse yourself in different food environments and adopt a variety of perspectives on food system transformation - all without losing sight of the important aspect of inclusivity.

Like any lively market, this one also thrives on variety, only this time it's not about fruit, vegetables or dairy: our market offers stimuli for discussion, inspiration, perspectives from local to global and key actions as well as policy recommendations that cities can take away to improve their food environments.

From culture and governance to diversity and fair trade - there's something for everyone! The currency? Your input, learning experiences and questions!

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1.08 Tunnelen

1.4 Financing and investment solutions for climate resilience

To become more resilient, we need to transform European cities and regions structurally. Investments in climate adaptation can help build resilience and generate long-term financial benefits. However, pre-conditions for financing climate resilience must be better understood and secured across the continent. Multi-level and multi-stakeholder coordination is key to channel relevant financing towards a just and resilient transition.

However, a lack of collaboration between public authorities and financial investment entities and limited incentives for the private sector, and many climate adaptation benefits remain difficult to monetise.

This session will bring together experts in climate adaptation finance, regional transformation, and shared governance to identify concrete actions and next steps that can support cities and regions in creating an enabling environment for financial investments, to accelerate the resilient and just transition.

Speakers:

Konstantinos Dellis (AUEB)
Thomas Koetz (Climate-KIC)
Stella Whittaker (Leader Climate Change, Adaptation Finance WCF)
Oleksandr Sushchenko (Helmholtz-Centre for Environmental Research)
Kit England (PWA)
Hilppa Gregow (PIISA)
João Dinis (City of Cascais, Portugal)
Luigi Lo Piparo (Technopolis)

1.07 Fjorden

1.5 Unfolding plausible futures: towards a nature positive economy

Engage with cities in a transformative journey towards a Nature Positive Economy (NPE). This interactive session explores its socio-economic potential, challenges, and opportunities, and promotes a shared understanding of its transversal role in a regenerative future. NPE aims to prioritise ecosystem regeneration and human well-being by placing nature at the heart of all economic and social activities, the concept of NPE and how to measure it at an early stage.

The discussion will cover possible futures and potential opportunities for integration into policy frameworks at different levels.

Together, we will create dynamic visions on the topic to explore how NPE relates to multi-level governance, city futures and local implementation strategies, while aligning actions with global initiatives.

Speakers:

Ludwig Sonesson (City of Malmö, Sweden)

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Agate Goyarrola (Udalsarea)

Maja Jovanovic and Prof.dr. Jasmina Madzgalj (City of Belgrade, Serbia)

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1.6 Climate City Contract Investment Plans: Financing a Greener Tomorrow

Through the Net Zero Cities programme, Mission Cities are at the forefront of decarbonisation efforts across Europe – driving change as trailblazers for climate action. The challenge is substantial, the path is not always clear, but one by one cities have led the way with the development of their Climate Commitments and Climate Action Plans to achieve emission reductions.

Alongside the development of ambitious projects and transitions comes the realisation that cities cannot fund the process on their own.

Climate Investment Plans were developed to identify what is possible with municipal funding. Where there are funding gaps, external support from grants, public funding, and private capital must plug these gaps.

Speakers:

Maria Granlund (City of Turku, Finland)

Vassilis Papaefstathiou (Deputy Mayor of Strategic Planning and Climate Neutrality Municipality of Kalamata, Greece)

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1.02 Havnen

2.1 Bridging digital divides for inclusive and resilient urban environments

Join us to explore the complex interplay between citizen-powered data ecosystems and digital technologies. How can their integration enhance inclusivity and resilience in urban environments?

Gain insights into the role of data-driven approaches in addressing climate-related challenges and advancing equitable urban development through cross-sectoral collaboration and knowledge sharing.

Explore practical tools and resources like Earth Observation, low-cost remote sensors, Digital Twins and dataspaces to drive sustainability efforts within your community. By emphasising cross-sectoral cooperation and innovative solutions, we will illuminate digital pathways toward a more resilient and equitable urban future.

Speakers:

Marcel Duffhuis (City of Utrecht, the Netherlands)

Dr Martin Brynskov and Karl-Filip Coenegrachts (OASC)

Martin Horn (Lord Mayor, Freiburg, Germany, ICLEI Europe President)

Peter Wilborn (City of Stockholm, Sweden)

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1.02 Havnen

2.2 Local, regional and national governments together for climate neutral cities

Local governments are at the forefront of the fight against climate change, but there is only so much they can do on their own. Without joint action with national and regional governments, cities will struggle to accelerate their climate action. There is an increasing momentum for stronger multi-level collaboration at the UN level through initiatives like the Coalition for High Ambition on Multilevel Partnerships, and the EU level through various initiatives.

One example is the National Platforms approach from the EU Mission on 100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities, which aims to mobilise all governance levels for integrated climate action.

Learn from cities and platform facilitators from across Europe how national platforms work in their countries, discover UN and EU initiatives, and join a roundtable brainstorm on how these can better interact with one another.

Speakers:

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Katrin Stjernfeldt Jammeh (Mayor of Malmö, Sweden)

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1.01 Banen

2.3 Empower youth, transform tomorrow: unleash the power of youth for climate action

Are you ready to unleash the power of youth in tackling climate challenges? Let's flip the script on traditional engagement methods. Discover cutting-edge tools and processes straight from the playbook of European cities and stakeholders. From nature-based solutions and biodiversity to sustainable food systems and energy innovations, we're sharing our experience to overcoming barriers and igniting change. We'll equip local authorities with the tools to tap into youth energy and creativity, while empowering youth to make their voices heard.

Led by experts and enthusiastic young voices, we break down barriers between governments and youth, fostering inclusivity and shared governance for a cohesive transition! Picture yourself in the shoes of a passionate local councillor or a spirited young resident, sharing your experiences and innovative ideas for engaging youth in decision-making and climate action.

Your voice will shape ICLEI Europe's initiatives in the field and pave the way for truly inclusive youth engagement materials.

Speakers:

Serkan Yucel (Turkish Ministry of Youth and Sport, Turkey)

Claudia Misteli (The Nature of Cities)

Bjarke Bjoerch-Haderup (Danish Youth Council, Denmark)

John Warren Tamor (Member, Official Children & Youth Constituency to the UNFCCC (YOUNGO))

1.09 Værket

2.4 Driving urban transitions: activating city-business collaboration through Local Green Deals

Leading local governments and businesses in Europe are showcasing great environmental stewardship in setting ambitious, science-based environmental targets to contribute to the transition to a climate neutral Europe by 2050.

Within this framework, flagship EU initiatives such as the Intelligent Cities Challenge and the EU Mission for Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities identify city-business collaboration as a key governance approach to mobilise the resources needed to achieve the green transition at the local level.

Discover how this collaboration can be facilitated through strategic governance approaches such as Local Green Deals, as well as steered towards achieving common goals to feed into multilevel governance processes to enable truly transformative action. We'll discuss opportunities and challenges in implementing EU policy frameworks (such as the EU Green Deal) through collaborative approaches and advocate for sustained and improved support in the process.

Speakers:

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Paulo Esteves Ferreira (Municipality of Valongo, Portugal)

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1.08 Tunnelen

3.1 Renovating public heritage buildings: the tension between nice and necessary

Join us to explore design solutions, local capacities, and regulatory frameworks to highlight real-life examples of how user and societal considerations influence retrofit planning, reuse of resources, including topics like aesthetics, memories, and visions of heritage buildings.

It will include voices of experts working on post-industrial heritage, and the integration of the New European Bauhaus frameworks in renovation efforts in cities.

Speakers:

Henriette Thuen (Danish Industry, Desire Project)

Kerry Zander (City of Wismar, Germany)

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Christine Lunde Rasmussen (Ramboll)

3.2 The Future of Heating & Cooling in Cities

Heating and cooling play a key role in the decarbonisation of European cities as they account for half of the energy consumed in Europe, and 75% of it still comes from fossil fuels, despite the climate crisis and energy security risks. In response, local authorities are moving forward with their strategic heating and cooling plans that will help them reach climate neutrality in the next few decades. Innovative partnerships, digital tools and integrated finance are key aspects to ensure a systematic, effective and affordable rollout of sustainable thermal systems.

This interactive session for an interactive future will bring together cities, utilities and academia to provide insights and inspiration for political as well as practical decision-making processes, reflect on fast-track decarbonisation by 2030, cooling concepts, governance strategies and digital helpers to keep you on track with your ambition.

Speakers:

Peter Sorknæs (Aalborg University)

Peter Lichtenwöhrer (City of Vienna, Austria)

Dr Bard Rama (ICLEI Europe)

Kit England (Paul Watkiss Associates)

3.3 Urban Nature: from Plan to Action

Urban Nature Plans (UNPs), a core component of the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030, play a key role in climate change adaptation and urban resilience. Rising temperatures and extreme weather events are already a reality, and there is a pressing need for tools and processes that can mitigate the worst outcomes. UNPs provide a systematic approach for cities to incorporate urban nature into planning and enhancing biodiversity and ecosystem services, for the benefit of all.

Join an interactive exercise and work with real city examples whereby you will review the draft UNP checklists and apply the steps to the example city context. Your feedback will be integrated into the final version of the checklist, which will ultimately be published on the EC Urban Nature Platform.

Discover how cities can shape innovative and effective strategies that go beyond traditional urban planning documents, fostering sustainable, inclusive, and resilient urban environments.

Speakers:

Hannah Bolz (City of Mannheim, Germany)

Celeste Rouberol (Paris Ville, France)

Manuela Alvares (Matosinhos Municipality, Portugal)

Marc Montlleo (Barcelona Regional, Spain)

Manuel António Ferrinho Semedo (Porto Municipality, Portugal)

1.02 Havnen

3.4 Powering renewable energy solutions through circular strategies

Europe must transition towards sustainable energy production and sharply increase the share of renewables in the energy mix to deliver on the Paris Agreement. Ambitious policies have been proposed, including the EU Rooftop Strategy, requiring PVs on all new public and commercial buildings by 2026. But what happens to PV panels when their lifespan is over?

At the same time, energy storage is critical to make renewable energy reliable for large scale deployment, and storage capacity needs to triple by 2030 and increase tenfold by 2050. But how do we secure a sustainable and just value chain of the materials needed to build them?

Circular strategies address both ends of the value chain: materials needed to produce these technologies as well as the waste that is produced. Explore the crossroads between renewable energy and a circular economy and discuss the strategies cities are employing to facilitate this transition.

Speakers:

Pernilla Bodin (Deputy Mayor, Växjö, Sweden, ICLEI European Regional Executive Committee)

Lukas Sloet (City of Amsterdam, the Netherlands)

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3.5 Better together: local governments and communities collaborating for just, resilient cities

The local level is a flashpoint, where policy agendas intersect with peoples' lives. To reach climate targets set at Global, European and National level, we need everyone on board, and we need to translate those goals into something tangible and understandable for citizens, integrating environmental sustainability and social justice. Cities, with consistent policy measures and leadership, can act as a transformative force and as enablers of cooperation with local communities and individuals.

Explore the potential of the collaboration between municipalities and citizens and Community-led initiatives (CLIs) to co-create democratic solutions for more sustainable, resilient and just cities, and to delve deeply into a range of tools aimed at facilitating local government – CLI collaboration.

Speakers:

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Martyna Gawlik (City of Wrocław, Poland)

1.01 Banen

3.6 New Monia – an unhealthy city

Welcome to New Monia. A former industrial city which has lots of development potential but is unfortunately plagued by a population with many health problems. In fact, New Monia tops all the wrong health statistics. This image needs to be changed. The newly elected city council puts on the work gloves and investigates what they can do to have a healthier city.

The city council must discuss 4 development projects, each of which can make the city healthier and better to live in. But the projects contain dilemmas, and all choices have a consequence. What will YOU choose?

After a short introduction, the participants in groups must take turns discussing the 4 development projects. Each discussion ends with a vote, where each individual participant casts their vote for the preferred solution. When all dilemmas have been discussed and all votes have been cast, it will be clear which changes the new city council has chosen for New Monia.

Speakers: representatives from:

Niko Kyynäräinen (Mayor of Lahti, Finland)

Mads Duedahl (Chairman of the Regional Council North Denmark Region Denmark)

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