

COP25, EU Pavilion Side-event (Draft)

Title: Accelerating transition: how cities and regions make a difference!

Date/timeslot: Saturday December 7th 2019, 12:30 – 14:00

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Description (max 1000 characters):

Cities are key players in tackling the global climate crisis. For achieving carbon neutrality, close cooperation across all levels of government and civil society is essential. After all, the success of the transition depends on the ability to scale-up low-carbon solutions, involving sub-national authorities to manage this change.

But what are the most effective and cost-efficient solutions for emissions reductions in cities? How far could we go simply by scaling up already proven climate solutions? What kind of governance framework is needed in support? And how can cities' climate mitigation effort be accounted for (e.g. multi-level NDCs) and hence promoted more systematically?

Drawing on key insights from the Nordic Green to Scale in for Cities and Communities, different H2020 projects, the event features representatives reporting first hand on strategy and policy action to scale-up solutions and identify prerequisites for strengthen multi-level collaboration.

Other information:

Featuring The Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra, the EU Committee of Regions, the City of Cascais and ICLEI Europe as co-organizers, the event draws on key insights from the *Nordic Green to Scale in for Cities and Communities* report as well as on different H2020 projects and outcomes of the Talanoa Dialogue. Moreover, representatives report first hand on strategy and policy action to scale-up solutions and identify prerequisites for strengthening multi-level collaboration.

Programme

- 5' **Welcoming words**
Event organizers
- 10' **Setting the scene: Challenges in local planning for carbon neutrality – insights from the C-Track 50 project**
Presentation – Giorgia Rambelli, ICLEI Europe



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- 25' **Nordic Green to Scale for Cities and Communities: How far can we go by scaling up proven climate solutions?**
- 15' *Presentation – Tuuli Hietaniemi, The Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra*
- 10' **Commentary**
- Vice Mayor – City of Turku, FI (TBC)
 - Vice Mayor – City of Oslo, NO (TBC)
- 45' **Accelerating transition: how cities and regions make a difference!**
- 30' *Panel discussion – moderated by Joana Balsemão, Councillor City of Cascais, PT*
- Vice-Mayor – City of Turku, FI (TBC)
 - Kata Tüttő – Budapest District 12, HU; CoR rapporteur on energy poverty
 - Dirk Günther – German Environment Agency, DE
 - Shiva Dustdar – Head of Division Innovative Finance Advisory, European Investment Bank
 - Agnes Schönfelder – Head of Climate Department, City of Mannheim, DE
- 15' **Q&A**
- 5' **Wrap-up and closing words**
- Event organizers*

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