

# The Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)

Empowering Local and Regional Europe since 1951



## Intertwined and inspired: localising Sustainable Development Goals together



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# Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)

Founded in **1951**, CEMR groups national associations of Local and Regional Governments within the geographical Europe. Since its creation, CEMR has been promoting the construction of a **united, peaceful and democratic Europe** founded on local self-government, respect for the principle of subsidiarity and the participation of citizens.

## Two pillars :

1. Influencing European policy and legislation in all areas having an impact on municipalities and regions;
2. Providing a forum for debate and exchanges between Local and Regional Governments via their national representative associations.

**41 countries**

**60 associations**

**110,000 governments**

# Twinning and partnerships

The CEMR has been promoting twinning and partnerships since **1951** as an instrument of international cooperation. Twinning and partnerships support peer-to-peer exchanges, foster connections, and promote the sharing of good practices that help address common challenges for the **benefit of citizens and communities**.

Sub-granting Twinning 2025

Matchmaking Platform

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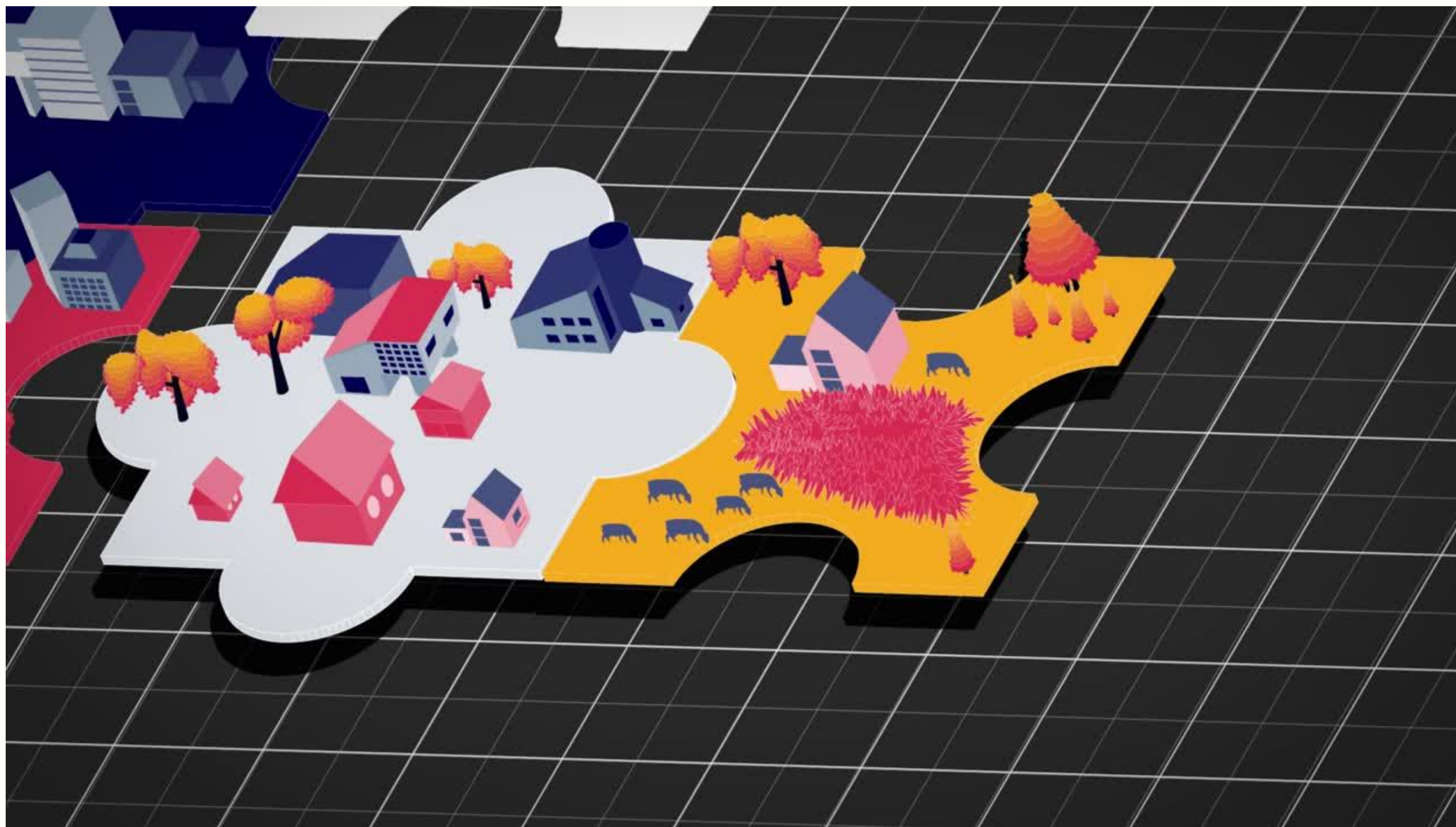
Bridges of Trust

SUN4Ukraine

More information

[\*Analysis of Twinning in Europe, CEMR, 2023\*](#)





# Matchmaking Platform

## Europe focus

Partner with Local and Regional Governments across the whole Europe

## Ukraine focus

Connect specifically with Ukrainian Local Governments, to support the recovery and the reconstruction of the country

The [Matchmaking Platform](#) is a digital tool designed to connect local and regional authorities across Europe.

Created to reflect the needs of municipalities and regions:

- Partner search
- Funding opportunities
- Best practices, guides, joint projects
- Visibility

More information:  
Link to the [Matchmaking Platform PPT information](#) details

*This aligns with the fundamental principles of solidarity, mutual learning, and sustainable development, while maintaining the flexibility needed to adapt to different models of cooperation..*

# Platform's purpose

The platform is a digital tool designed to:

- Facilitate the creation of partnerships between local and regional authorities across Europe.
- Support targeted collaboration and knowledge sharing.
- Provide the opportunity to focus specifically on promoting partnerships with Ukrainian municipalities in the context of the country's recovery and reconstruction.
- Promote partnerships aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



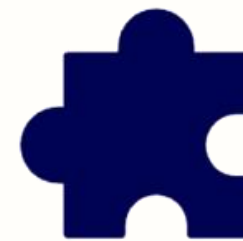
**WHO?**

All types of European Local and Regional Governments.



**WHY?**

To co-design and run a project with another Local Government in Europe.



**WHEN?**

Submit a request at any time, from anywhere across Europe.



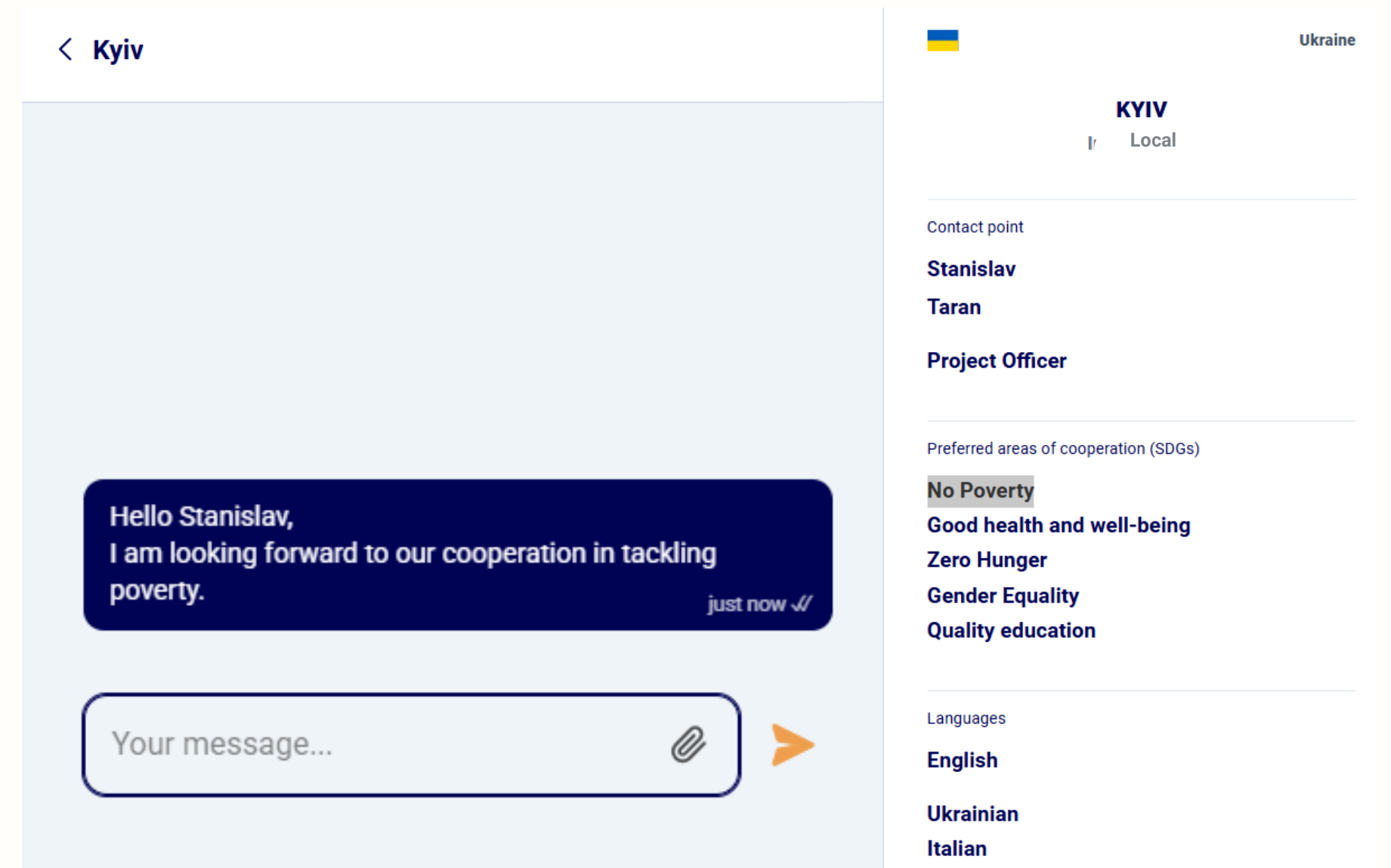
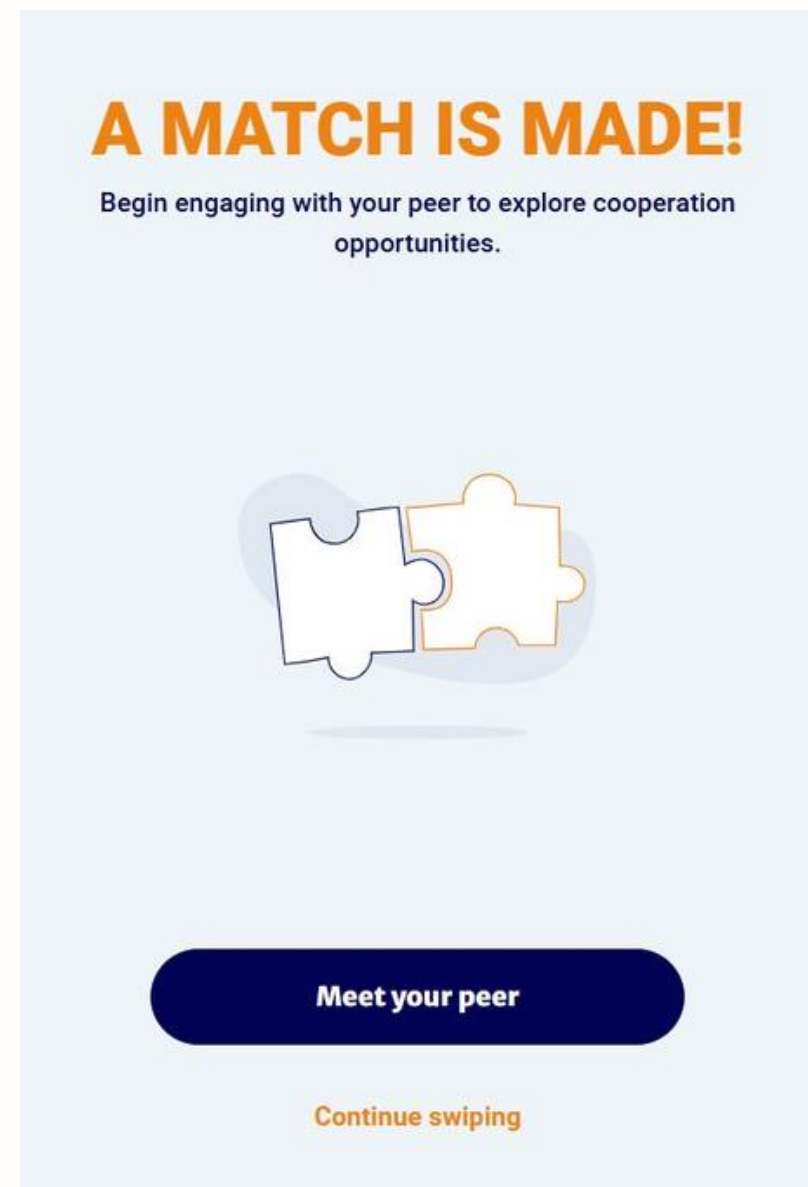
**HOW?**

Register, choose your areas of interest, match with a peer and start cooperating!




# Cooperate

## Matchmaking process



# Funding Opportunities



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Funding opportunities


Currently open4

Upcoming0

Closed

Eligibility: EU27 + non-EU countries associated with the programme

Learn more



Opening date: 25 Jun 2025Closing date: 17 Sep 2025

Budget: not specified


Twinning Learning Programme

Donor: NetZeroCities, European Union

A 12-month peer-learning and exchange programme starting in November 2025, matching non-Mission “Twin Cities” with leading “Mission Cities.” Focus is on sharing experience and climate actions defined in the Climate City Contracts to accelerate urban climate neutrality through tailored workshops, site visits, expert support, and structured learning modules.

Eligibility: Mission-minded cities (beyond the 112 EU Mission Cities), from the EU or Horizon Europe associated countries, aiming for climate neutrality by 2050 or earlier.

Learn more



Opening date: 01 Jan 2025Closing date: 31 Dec 2029

Budget: Reimbursement on a lump-sum basis

City-to-City Exchanges

Donor: European Urban Initiative (EUI)

City-to-City Exchanges are short, focused peer learning visits where one city supports another in tackling a specific urban challenge. Through direct, practical dialogue, cities share solutions, tools, and lessons learned from real-life experience. These exchanges are quick and simple to apply for, fully customised to the applicants’ needs, and are designed to deliver fast, actionable results.

Permanently open call

Eligibility: Urban authorities from EU Member States.

Learn more



# Registration

**+400 municipalities registered**



<https://partnerships.ccre-cemr.org/>





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# Thank you!

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