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Launched by the European Commission in October 2020, the Green City Accord is designed for cities which desire to commit to a greener and healthier future for the citizens they represent. This new tool will help for the implementation of European environmental laws by creating a network of mayors who share the acknowledgement of environmental responsibility. As a consequence, actions in five different areas of environmental management are required: air quality, water quality, circular economy/waste management, urban noise, and urban biodiversity. In this webinar you will be able to have a technical description of what it implies to take part of this network and some examples of what can be done thanks to the participation of Turku. The municipalities with 20 000 inhabitants and above can join the initiative.

Agenda

Moderated by **Mrs Axelle Griffon**, Coordinator Climate & Environment, Council of European Municipalities and Regions

9:30- 9:35	Opening <i>Mrs Agita Kaupuža, Adviser on EU Issues, Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments</i>
9:35 – 9:40	Welcome by the representative of the European Commission <i>Mrs Helen McCarthy O’Kelly, Eco-Innovation and SMEs, DG ENV, European Commission</i>
9:40 – 9:50	Presentation of the Green City Accord <i>Mrs Axelle Griffon, Coordinator Climate & Environment, Council of European Municipalities and Regions</i>
9:50 – 10:00	Already joined: city of Turku <i>Mrs Miia Paananen, EU Policy Advisor, Turku-Southwest Finland European Office, Belgium</i>
10:00 – 10:15	Questions and answers <i>Final remarks by Mrs Axelle Griffon, Coordinator Climate & Environment, Council of European Municipalities and Regions</i>