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Concrete solutions for our greatest challenges

CHALLENGES

- Cities produce **>70% of global CO₂ emissions**.
- They account for **> 65% of global energy consumption**;
- They take up only **4% of the EU's land area**;
- Cities are home to **75% of EU citizens**.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Contribute to the European Green Deal **ambition to reduce gas emissions by at least 55%**;
- Offer **cleaner air, safer transport and less congestion** to citizens;
- Lead in **climate and digital innovation**, making Europe attractive for investments from innovative companies and skilled workers.

GOAL

Deliver 100+ climate-neutral and smart cities by 2030
and inspire all other cities to follow suit by 2050

ACTIONS



The Horizon Europe programme will provide **€359.3 million** in seed funding during the period 2021-23 to help deliver on the mission;



Launch of a **Mission Platform** to provide technical, regulatory, and financial assistance to cities working on the mission;



Cities will prepare, sign and implement **Climate City Contracts**, co-created with citizens and local stakeholders;



Launch a **portfolio of research and innovation projects** and set up a **Global Knowledge Exchange Centre**;



A network of national, local and regional authorities will support the cities' transition to climate neutrality.

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