



## WEBINAR SERIES: GOVERNING & PLANNING THE TRANSITION

28th SEPTEMBER, 12th & 25th OCTOBER

- 28.09: **MAKING THE EU CLIMATE NEUTRAL BY 2050: HOW TO TRANSLATE CLIMATE NEUTRALITY INTO LOCAL STRATEGIES?**
- 12.10: **CITIES GOING CIRCULAR: THE ROLE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN AVOIDING, PREVENTING AND REDUCING THE CONSUMPTION OF RESSOURCES**
- 26.10: **LOCAL CLIMATE PACT: HOW LOCAL AUTHORITIES CREATE THEIR OWN COP21?**

In cooperation with the covenant of Mayors - Europe.



### What is about?

The Horizon 2020 project "PATH2LC" invites you to a series of 3 webinars to learn and get inspired from local authorities inventing **new ways of governing & planning the transition to climate-neutrality**.

The goal of the webinars is to showcase concrete alternatives deployed by cities in their climate transition. These online talks will provide spaces to connect, share experiences and provide expertise of how other local authorities have designed and implemented their own local strategies and projects.

### How can you participate?

The 3 sessions will be online and will be hosted on the platform TEAMS. To participate, please register to each of the sessions.

Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/161216993367/>

### What is PATH2LC?

The Horizon 2020 PATH2LC project (Public Authorities together with a holistic network approach on the way to low-carbon municipalities) brings 11 partners from 5 EU countries with the main objective to support municipalities from 5 regions across the EU (Italy, Greece, Portugal, France & the Netherlands) in the design and the implementation of their Sustainable Energy & Climate Action Plan (SECAP).

The project will foster exchange of knowledge and experiences among municipalities, enhance coordination among different administrative bodies within the municipalities, improve cooperation with local stakeholders and civil society and will equip stakeholders in public authorities with required planning and monitoring tools to develop and implement transition roadmaps.

For more information on the project, visit our website and follow our social media accounts:

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## More information about the 3 upcoming webinars:

### #1 – Making the EU climate neutral by 2050: how to translate climate neutrality into local strategies?

*28 September 2021 - 10:30 – 12:00*

To meet the EU's ambition to become climate neutral by 2050, the European Union and Member States will need to rely on cities and their capacity for mobilization and innovation. The local strategies to translate climate neutrality and the drivers for action are different from one territory to another. Each territory builds on its own context and invent a new way of doing.

In this webinar, we will have the opportunity to hear from the **SCOT Grand Douaisis, in France**, who adopted the concept of sufficiency to become carbon-neutral by 2050. They will also give their feedback on how they raise awareness on energy and climate issues through a serious game. We will also hear from **another European cities** and its experience on long-term planning and how they intend to become carbon-neutral.

During the second part of the webinar, we will discuss the role of (small) municipalities and their capacity for mobilization and innovation. Ulysse Blau will share its findings from its project **'la Route en Commun'** where he interviewed 64 Mayors on their capacity for mobilization and how they manage resources such as energy and food.

### #2 – Cities going circular: the role of local authorities in avoiding, preventing and reducing the consumption of resources

*12 October – 10:30 – 12:00*

Urban territories through their daily functioning generate and are crossed by important flows of materials and energy with a strong environmental and social impact. This is the case with building materials, waste or resources such as water and food production. These resources are sometimes produced locally but most of them are imported. The dependence of the territories on imported resources have a big impact on their vulnerability to climate change. Nevertheless, there are opportunities to minimise input and output flows and find some synergies within and across territories.

In this webinar, we will hear from the city of **Maribor in Slovenia**, leading the **Urban Soil 4 Food** project (IUA project) with 3 main goals: change the material flow, reach food sovereignty and increase societal awareness. The city of **Prato in Italy** will also share its experience on sustainable and circular re-use of spaces and buildings in cooperation with the **Urban Agency for Re-Use**.

### #3 – Local Climate Pact: How local authorities create their own COP21?

*26 October – 10:30 – 12:00*

Local authorities play a key role in driving the transition of Europe to climate-neutrality. In parallel to reducing energy consumption from the buildings, boosting public transport and soft mobility, deploying local renewable energy sources, municipalities play a key role in engaging their community in the transition. Early 2021, the Covenant of Mayors – Europe renewed its ambitions. Beyond the objective of reaching climate neutrality by 2050, Covenant of Mayors signatories also commit to engaging their citizens, businesses and local stakeholders in the transition.

Some local authorities have become pioneers in innovating their local governance and supporting initiatives in their territories. To accelerate the transition to a greener and climate-neutral Europe, it is crucial that all local actors – knowledge institutions, businesses, and the civil society – become part of the thinking of a transition roadmap as well as of its implementation.

This webinar will guide us through 2 inspiring examples of local governance in Europe. The contributors will also highlight the key drivers to set-up such partnerships to transform the local ecosystem.

