



YEPs Info Session

Young Local Leaders for a climate neutral Europe Implementing the Renovation Wave

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Platform: Zoom

Moderator: Andrea BODOVA, Deputy Head of Unit, Commission for the Environment, Climate change and Energy (ENVE), European Committee of the Regions.

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- **Rafał TRZASKOWSKI (PL/EPP)**, President of the capital city of Warsaw, Member of the European Committee of the Regions and Rapporteur of the [Opinion on the "European Climate Pact, European Committee of the Regions"](#);

Green Deal Going Local: from showcasing best practices to accelerating climate action.

- **Marta MANSANET CÁNOVAS**, Policy officer, Commission for the Environment, Climate change and Energy (ENVE), European Committee of the Regions;
- Debate with the participants of the Young Elected Politicians (YEPs) Programme of the CoR.

The Covenant of Mayors initiative: local authorities' joint approach to mitigate and adapt to climate change

- **Frédéric BOYER**, Head of the European Office, Covenant of Mayors;
- Debate with the participants of the Young Elected Politicians (YEPs) Programme.

How to finance the renovation of buildings?

The European Local Energy Assistance (ELENA)

- **Marcin Idczak**, Energy Engineer, JASPERS, European Investment Bank;
- Debate with the participants of the Young Elected Politicians Programme of the CoR.

Funding the Clean Energy Transition

- **Céline TOUGERON**, Project Manager, Financing Energy Efficiency, European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency;
- Debate with the participants of the Young Elected Politicians (YEPs) Programme.

The European City Facility Initiative

- **Francisco GONÇALVES**, coordinator of the European City Facility Initiative, Energy Cities;
- Debate with the participants of the Young Elected Politicians (YEPs) Programme.

Wrap up and closing remarks

- **Andrea BODOVA**, Deputy Head of Unit, Commission for the Environment, Climate change and Energy (ENVE), European Committee of the Regions.

Speakers' profile



Rafał TRZASKOWSKI is the Mayor of Warsaw since 2018. He is a member of the European Committee of Regions. In 2020, Rafał Trzaskowski was the Civic Platform's candidate for the Presidency of Poland. Former MP, MEP and Vice-Chair of the European People's Party, in 2014 he served as the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland and in 2013 as a Minister for Administration and Digitalization in the Cabinet of PM Donald Tusk. Rafał Trzaskowski was born in Warsaw, where he studied and graduated in international relations and English philology at the University of Warsaw. In 2004 he obtained his PhD degree in political science. He speaks fluent English, French, Spanish, Russian and Italian.



Marta Canovas MANSANET works as Policy Officer in the Commission for the Environment, Climate change and Energy (ENVE) at the European Committee of the Regions. Her tasks focus on supporting local and regional authorities in accelerating the climate and energy transition, as well as in the implementation of the European Green Deal. Previously, she worked in a couple of law firms and in the Regional Government of Valencia. Following a LLM in International and European Law at Tilburg University, she specialized in environmental law, climate change policies and nature protection legislation. She graduated from the University of Valencia with bachelor's degrees in Law and in Political and Public Administration Sciences. Finally, her involvement in a local environmental NGO provided her with knowledge on communication and awareness-raising activities to address the climate and environmental



Frédéric BOYER graduated in Environmental Engineering and has always worked with local authorities. Joining Energy Cities in 2009 was the perfect match for him to conciliate cities with the energy transition, a sector close to his background and interest. Heading the Covenant of Mayors office since 2015, Frédéric has the opportunity to engage and support cities on the one hand and on the other to advocate for an enabling legislative and financial framework together with his policy colleagues. Father of 3 musketeers Frédéric also walks the transition talk after office hours: prosumer, member of several energy cooperatives, he is a daily "cycling cannibal" and also nicknamed "table trash" for always finishing his colleagues' plates.



Marcin IDCZAK is a senior energy engineer at the technical department of the European Investment Bank (EIB) "Energy Efficiency and Energy Advisory Division". Based in the Warsaw office of the EIB, he deals with advisory to key European energy infrastructure projects supported with EU funds (e.g. power transmission lines, gas pipelines, LNG terminals, RE and EE). Marcin has been working with the EIB for 11 years including 6 years at the HQ in Luxembourg. Previously employed in the private sector company as an energy auditor in Poland, he graduated in environmental engineering at the Warsaw University of Technology. He holds a PhD from the Warsaw University of Technology and Ecole Centrale de Nantes.



Céline TOUGERON works at the European Commission's Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) on actions to support local public authorities and trigger energy efficiency investments, supported by the Horizon 2020 and LIFE programmes. Céline focuses on project development assistance and coordinates the [Sustainable Energy Investments Forums](#). She previously managed the energy programme at the EU Delegation to Ethiopia.



Francisco GONÇALVES coordinates and manages European projects, incl. project strategic orientation, building trustful relationships with the consortium of project partners coming from various European countries. He also integrated Energy Cities' Overall Coordination team in 2019. He is the coordinator of the European City Facility (<https://www.eucityfacility.eu>), replication lead in the smart cities project (www.smarter-together.eu) and in the Smart Cities and Communities Secretariat (SCALE – European Smart and Lighthouse Cities Amplified). He also collaborates in mPOWER (<https://municipalpower.org/>) and LocalRES (Empowering local renewable energy communities for the decarbonisation of the energy systems) projects on the development of renewable and citizen energy communities.