

The impact of EU climate and energy initiatives on cities' climate transition

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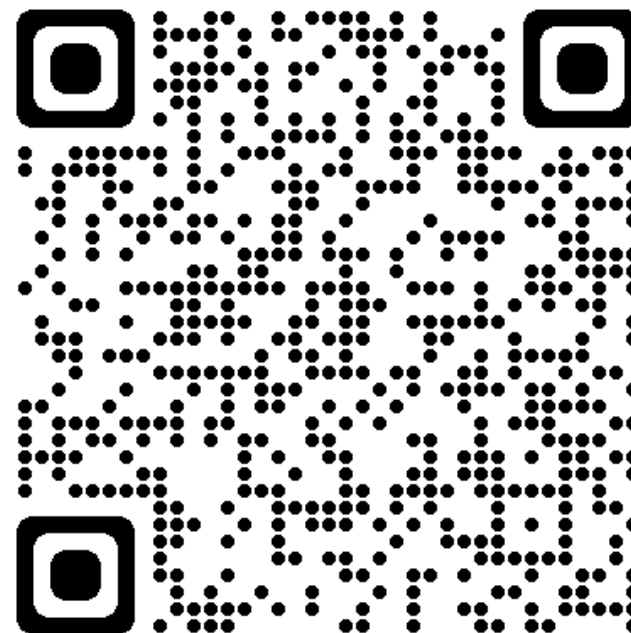
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EU initiatives to support climate and energy transition

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Outline

1. Study objectives, methodology and contents
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3. Recommendations
4. Interactive tool

Objectives of the study

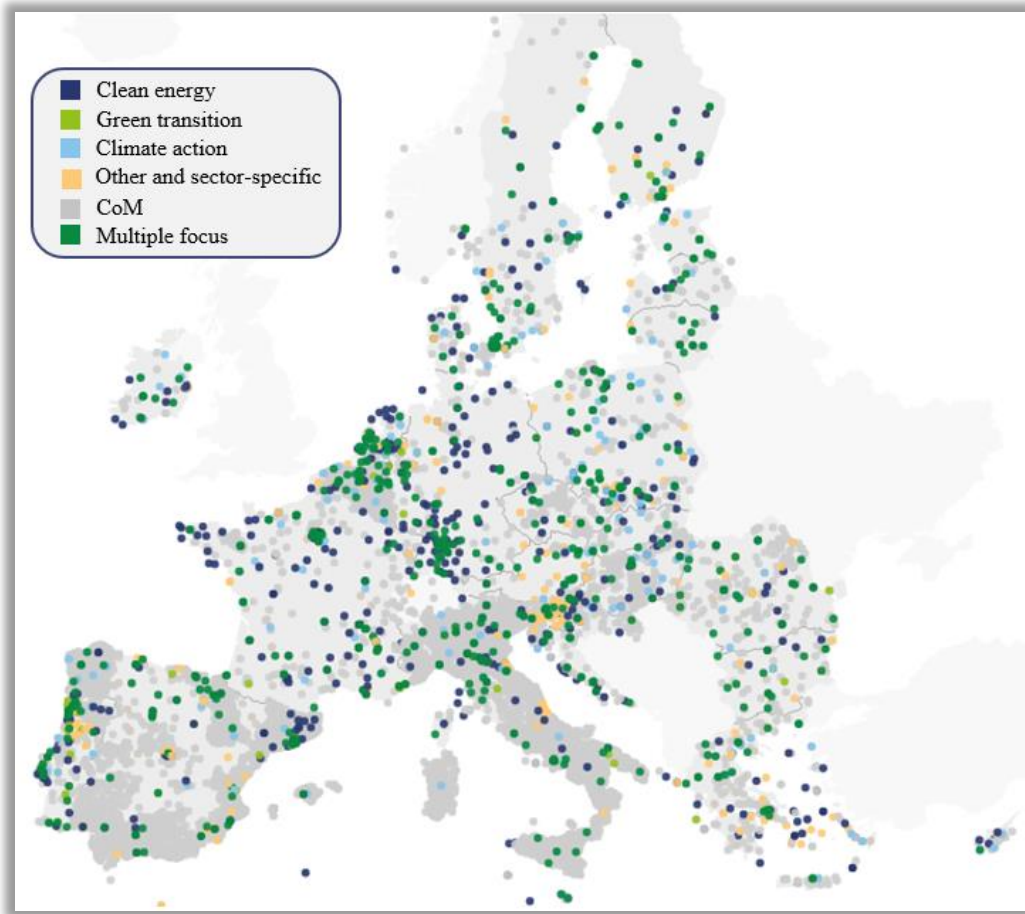
- To map the existing EU initiatives relevant for climate and energy transition
- To provide policy recommendations on the future development of the initiatives
- To analyse the benefits, challenges and barriers related to the initiatives for the participating LRAs
- To assess the synergies and overlaps between the different initiatives
- To identify potential support gaps and streamlining opportunities

Methodology and contents of the study



EU-level organisations (6) and LRAs (16) desk research and interviews on:

- ▶ Mapping and categorisation of 28 initiatives
- ▶ Case studies
- ▶ Assessment: benefits, challenges and barriers
- ▶ Recommendations
- ▶ Separate interactive online tool



Geographical mapping of the initiatives by theme



Geographical distribution of LRAs participating in more than 5 initiatives

Benefits, challenges and barriers

Benefits

- Exchange of information and finding partners (platforms)
- Provision of support and advice, especially in acquiring funding
- Incentives thanks to commitments and competitions
- Increased visibility and interest representation

Challenges and barriers

- Conflicting timelines and requirements
- Excessive administrative burden, insufficient flexibility
- Different reporting methods and requirements
- Lack of active and tailor-made support
- Lack of alignment of objectives
- Insufficient synergies
- Overlaps

Recommendations

- ✓ Better coordination between the existing initiatives, including for streamlining of the objectives and reporting
- ✓ Restricting the number of new initiatives, expanding the existing ones to incorporate new objectives, themes and ideas
- ✓ Simplifying monitoring and reporting
- ✓ More flexibility to adapt to local contexts
- ✓ Providing clear information about the objectives and how they align with EU legislation and policy
- ✓ Providing active and tailor-made support for the LRA, especially in relation to implementation stage rather than planning
- ✓ Providing opportunities for direct funding and concrete guidance for active involvement of other funding opportunities and partners
- ✓ More flexibility in the implementation phase of commitments

Interactive online tool

Providing the LRAs and other stakeholders with an overview of the EU initiatives supporting climate and energy transition

Possibility to filter initiatives according to functions, topics and actors

Description of initiatives (incl. some highlights) and links to their websites,



CIVITAS

To make sustainable and smart urban mobility a reality and empowering cities to prioritise mobility in their decarbonisation efforts, by facilitating peer exchange, networking and training. Projects encompass a range of thematic areas, such as behavioural change & mobility management, clean & energy-efficient vehicles, demand & urban space management, public participation & co-creation; smart, sustainable, connected and shared mobility.

More than 300 cities are already members

Over 200 tools and methods available to help local authorities

Key functions: Platform; Political incentives; Interest representation; Support mechanisms

Main topics: Sustainable transport

Main participating actors: Cities

Find out more on the initiative [here](#)

List of initiatives →

Full list of all the initiatives

Initiative	EU participants	Types of services provided	Theme covered
CIVITAS	Cities	Platform; Political incentives; Interest representation; Support mechanisms	Sustainable Transport
Green City Accord	Cities	Facilitation of financing; Political incentives	Green transition
Intelligent Cities Challenge	Cities	Support mechanisms; Facilitation of financing; Platform	Green and digital transition
Living-in.eu movement	Cities	Platform; support mechanisms; Interest representation	Green and digital transition
EU Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy	Cities and Regions	Platform; Support mechanisms; political incentives; Facilitation of financing	Climate action; Clean energy
EU Mission for Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030	Cities	Platform; Support mechanisms; Facilitation of financing; Political incentives	Climate Action
European Green Capital Award	Cities	Political incentives; Platform; support mechanisms;	Green transition
European Green Leaf Award	Cities	Political incentives; Platform	Green transition
Smart Cities Marketplaces	Cities	Platform; Support mechanisms; Facilitation of financing	Multiple-focused initiatives
Energy Poverty Advisory Hub	Cities	Support mechanisms; Platform	Clean Energy
Circular Cities and Regions Initiative	Cities and Regions	Support mechanisms; Facilitation of financing; Platform;	Circular economy
European Urban Initiative	Cities	Platform; Support mechanisms; Facilitation of financing	Multiple-focused initiatives
USB&CT	Multiple stakeholders	Platform; Support mechanisms	Multiple-focused initiatives
Network/Nature Nature Based Solutions Platform	Multiple stakeholders	Platform; Support mechanisms	Climate Action
European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform	Multiple stakeholders	Platform; Support mechanisms	Circular economy
JPI Urban Europe	Multiple stakeholders	Platform, Support mechanisms	Multiple-focused initiatives
Clean Energy for EU Islands	Islands	Support mechanisms; Political incentives; Platform	Clean Energy
Smart Specialisation Platform on Energy, Agri-Food and Industrial Modernisation (S3P)	Multiple stakeholders	Support mechanisms; Facilitation of financing	Clean Energy
European Energy Efficiency Platform (E3P)	Multiple stakeholders	Platform	Multiple-focused initiatives
Green Cities Europe	Cities	Support mechanisms; Political incentives; Interest representation	Clean Energy
European Mobility Week Awards	Cities	Political incentives; Support mechanisms	Sustainable Transport
European Capital of Innovation (Capital)	Cities	Political incentives; Facilitation of financing	Multiple-focused initiatives
EU City Facility (EUCF)	Cities	Facilitation of financing; Support mechanisms	Clean Energy
Coal regions in transition	Regions	Platform; Support mechanisms	Clean Energy
Affordable housing Initiative	Multiple stakeholders	Support mechanisms; Facilitation of financing	Multiple-focused initiatives
EU Mission for Adaptation to Climate Change	Cities and Regions	Support mechanisms; Platform; facilitation of financing; Political incentives	Climate Action
Big buyers for climate and environment	Multiple stakeholders	Support mechanisms; Platform	Multiple-focused initiatives
ManagEnergy	Cities and Regions	Support mechanisms; Platform	Clean Energy

Questions?

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