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Ferð formanns borgarráðs til Valencia til þátttöku á fundi um kolefnishlutlausar og snjallar borgir

Formaður borgarráðs, Dagur B. Eggertsson tekur þátt í fundi um kolefnishlutlausar og snjallar borgir í loftslagsviku sem haldinn verður í Grænu borg Evrópu 2024, Valencia dagana 25.-28. júní nk.

Þátttökubeiðni ásamt dagskrá eru meðfylgjandi.

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Hjálagt: Þáttökubeiðni kolefnishlutlausra og snjallra borga Dagskrá







Subject: Invitation to Speak at the 100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission Conference 2024

Dear Deputy Mayor Dagur Eggertsson,

s Programme Director of the Cities Mission Platform (NetZeroCities) it is my pleasure to invite you to speak at this year's conference "Empowering Cities – The Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission in Action," 25th and 26th June 2024, in Valencia (Palau de la Música de València, Passeig de l'Albereda, Valencia, Spain).

This yearly event is co-organised by the Cities Mission Platform (NetZeroCities) and the European Commission. We expect the attendance of many of the mayors of the 112 cities from EU and associated countries that are participating in the Mission, as well as their transition teams, national and regional authorities and key stakeholders at EU, national and regional level (more than 600 participants in total).

This 2024 edition will be held in the framework of the Valencia Cities Climate Week, as part of the Valencia EU Green Capital 2024. The Valencia Cities Climate Week encompasses several key events alongside the Cities Mission Conference, in particular the European Urban Resilience Forum 2024 (EURESFO) and Energy Cities' Annual Forum. This is a unique opportunity to create synergies and promote urban sustainability, as well as to find common solutions to achieve climate neutrality and resilience.

We would be very pleased if you could agree to take an active role as a speaker during the opening panel of the Cities Mission Conference, which will be taking place Tuesday, 25th June, 10:15 – 11:00.

This dynamic panel discussion will bring together both European and local perspectives on the critical role of cities in achieving the European Green Deal and Mission. The session will highlight the significant contributions of cities, the essential involvement of national and regional governments, and the importance of innovation at all levels. We will explore how Mission cities are progressing towards climate neutrality, reflecting on EU policy implementation, multi-level governance, and innovative practices.

Please confirm your participation by Wednesday 29 May and contact Tara Nelson – tara.nelson@eurocities.eu.

Kind regards,

Thomas Osdoba NetZeroCities Programme Director



Valencia Cities Climate Week

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// INFORMATION LOCATION DATE From 25 June 2024 09:00 to 28 June 2024 18:00 Palau de la Música de València, Passeig de l'Albereda, Valence, Espagne **LANGUAGE English**

The city of Valencia has the pleasure of hosting Valencia Cities Climate Week, a far-reaching event that will encompass the celebration of three main gatherings: the Cities Mission Annual Conference, EURESFO 2024 (European Urban Resilience Forum), and our Annual Forum.

The celebration of such events and the participation of the EU Cities Mission, Energy Cities and ICLEI, represent an added value to the 2024 European Green Capital. At this juncture, we join forces to promote sustainability and find common solutions to tackle climate threats. The objective of this event is not only to celebrate these three different gatherings but to create synergies. Valencia, as a Mediterranean and green capital, constitutes the perfect scenario for coming together and sharing knowledge between the main European actors and civil society.

Energy Cities Annual Forum

Our annual forum, Grafting Cities, is a privileged space for European cities to share their experiences and learn from others in the green transition.

A Grafting City is a municipality that has begun the art of grafting: writing a new story for the city's future; reinventing its city based on what already exists; showing how a place can thrive by building on its assets to become more diverse and resilient.

The 2024 edition is dedicated to 'revealing cities'. The annual forum will explore with local authorities the strengths of each region, revealing the invisible. It will leave the floor to the cities to share initiatives, results, needs, collective actions and any kind of contributions that would support cities in nurturing the graft.

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European Urban Resilience Forum (EURESFO)

Since 2013, <u>EURESFO</u> has been a valuable space to discuss challenges and solutions in local and regional governments' efforts to adapt to a changing climate, manage disasters and multiple crises and build resilience. EURESFO is recognised as the most important event on urban resilience and climate adaptation in Europe.

The 2024 edition of EURESFO will be built around three thematic streams, the first focuses on multilevel governance, cooperation and just transition, the second on water resilience and the Blue Economy, and the third stream on enabling the transformation to resilient, adaptive, and climate-neutral cities. There will also be a special stream concentrating on post-conflict resilience and recovery.

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Cities Mission Conference

The Climate-Neutral and Smart <u>Cities Mission Conference</u> is returning for a third edition in June 2024 on the theme "*Empowering cities – The Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission in Action*". The event will gather political representatives and practitioners from the 112 Mission Cities, the Mission Platform, managed by NetZeroCities, along with high-level representatives from EU institutions, and a wide range of stakeholders, including regional and national authorities.

With a focus on the transformative journey towards climate neutrality undertaken by cities, the Conference will be a great opportunity for the Mission to celebrate progress, join forces, and share inspiration. With workshops and policy sessions addressing key challenges, the Conference is intended as a platform for face-to-face interactions and collaboration towards a climate-neutral future.

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