



LIFE-NECPlatform Political Launch

STRENGTHENING MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE AND DIALOGUE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW NATIONAL ENERGY AND CLIMATE PLANS (NECPS)

11th October 2022 (13:00-17:30) - on-site and online event

Venue: Atelier 29, rue Jacques de Lalaing 29, Bruxelles //

Online: link will be shared with registered participants

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Context

Europe is at the doorstep of one of its grimmest winters in recent history, with an energy crisis that is threatening the wellbeing of citizens across the continent. Now more than ever, it is crucial to see effective and swift political action in terms of energy. The EU has already mandated that Member States reduce energy consumption by 15%. For national authorities to successfully implement these reductions, they need to establish and enforce effective short-term energy savings measures, while accelerating and staying committed to long-term measures transitioning them to green energy sources. This, however, is only possible if Member States work closely with local decision-makers, who are on the frontline of the crisis. Local governments have a key role to play in driving the necessary changes to face the upcoming crisis and embed those changes within a long-term energy transition strategy rooted in their territories.

National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs)

However, too often, we see that national climate-neutrality and energy plans do not tap into the enormous potential local and regional authorities have in driving the transition – and the situation with the crisis today is no exception. On a broader scale, we see this with the National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs) that EU Member States are working on. As part of the Energy Union governance process, the first draft update of these plans must be submitted by June 2023 and the final version published by June 2024 after an assessment from the European Commission. In previous cycles, it was already clear that local and regional authorities are not considered enough and that national legislative frameworks do not always support municipalities' transition towards climate-neutrality and resilience. In parallel, several EU urban initiatives such as the Covenant of Mayors or the Mission 100 climate-neutral and smart cities, emphasize the key role of cities and regions in driving Europe to energy independence and climate-neutrality, marking the relevance of subnational authorities to drive the transition.

About the LIFE-NECPlatform Project

The LIFE-NECPlatform project has received funding from the LIFE programme of the European Union



The LIFE-NECPlatform project, funded by the first LIFE-Clean Energy Transition call of 2021, aims at supporting six EU Member States (Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Italy, Portugal, and Romania) transition to climate neutrality by setting-up and managing permanent multi-level Climate and Energy Dialogue (CED) Platforms in line with Article 11 of the Energy Union Governance Regulation. The objective is to reinforce the national policy frameworks of the six target countries in a view to design an inclusive governance model that in the future could be replicated in other Member States. LIFE-NECPlatform will gather relevant stakeholders from ministries in charge of NECP, national association of local and regional authorities, local, regional, and national energy agencies, civil society, business sector and academia, to ensure that energy and climate policies are co-created and consistent across all levels of governance.

The Political Launch of NECPlatform project

On October 11th, we will hear from some of these important stakeholders, in an event which will launch the LIFE-NECPlatform project on a high note: gathering high-level speakers from different governance levels to discuss different ways in which cities can help drive Europe's transition and how multilevel governance can be put into place to capitalize on this potential. Moreover, it will be the first opportunity to inform on new NECP's guidelines that the European Commission is expected to issue by the end of October – a perfect framework to kick-off cooperative patterns, bridging relevant stakeholders ahead of the 2-years long project.

Agenda

Time	Activities
13:00 – 14:00	Welcoming lunch offered to speakers and participants
14:00 - 14:10	Welcoming remarks and presentation of the agenda Frédéric BOYER (Moderator), Project Manager at Energy Cities
14:10 - 14:20	Opening speech Rafał TRZASKOWSKI , Mayor of Warsaw, Chair of the ENVE Commission of the European Committee of the Regions
14:20 – 15:20	1st panel discussion with representatives from the EU, national and local level: the Energy Union governance and the role of multi-level governance for the update of NECPs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paula ABREU-MARQUES, Deputy Director DG Energy “Energy Policy: Strategy and Coordination” and Head of Unit “Interinstitutional, Policy Coordination and Planning”, European Commission - Emma Wiesner (tbc), Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe Group, Sweden), EUFORES Vice-President - Cristian-Silviu BUȘOI (tbc), Member of the European Parliament (EPP group, Romania), Chair of the ITRE Committee - Eva Srnová (tbc), Regional, Urban and Cohesion Policy, Permanent Representation of Czech Republic to the European Union - Martin Pejřimovský (tbc), Energy Attaché, Permanent Representation of Czech Republic to the European Union - Nelson LAGE, Chairman of ADENE (2022 Presidency of the European Energy Network) - Duarte CORDEIRO (tbc), Minister for the Environment of Portugal via video message

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rafał TRZASKOWSKI, Mayor of Warsaw, Chair of the ENVE Commission of the European Committee of the Regions
15:20 – 15:35	<p>Presentation of the NECPlatform + Q&A Giulia PIZZINI, Senior Expert at the Institute for European Energy and Climate Policy & Thibaut MARAQUIN, Project Manager at Energy Cities</p>
15:35 - 16:00	BREAK
16:00 - 16:20	<p>Presentation of the Flemish Climate Pact + Q&A Tine HEYSE, Deputy-Mayor of Ghent Responsible for Climate, Environment, Energy and Housing</p>
16:20 - 17:20	<p>2nd panel discussion – multi-level governance: the perspective of local elected representatives from six Member States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Luca MENESINI, President of the province of Lucca, Mayor of Capannori and CoR member (IT) - Christophe ROUILLON, Mayor of Coullaines and CoR member (FR) - Emil BOC, Mayor of Cluj-Napoca and CoR member (RO) - Tanya HRISTOVA, Mayor of Gabrovo and CoR member (BG) - Joško KLISOVIĆ, President of the City Assembly of the City of Zagreb and CoR member (HR) - Ricardo RIO, Mayor of Braga and CoR member (PT)
17:20 - 17:30	<p>Wrap up and closing remarks Frédéric BOYER, Project Manager at Energy Cities</p>