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**Cities Mission Label Award Ceremony and policy session on Climate Neutrality**

**“**[**Celebrating Progress Towards Climate-Neutral Cities**](https://regions-and-cities.europa.eu/programme/2025/sessions/47269#:~:text=This%20session%20will%3A%20a%29%20engage%20with%20mayors%20involved,of%20cities%20involved%20in%20the%20Covenant%20of%20Mayors.)**”**

**Agenda**

**Partners**: DG RTD (Lead), co-leads : Committee of the Regions/ENVE Commission, EU Covenant of Mayors

**Date: Brussels 15 October, Jacques Delors building**,  **COR Atrium-room JDE62**

**99–101, rue Belliard**

**Time:**  14:30

**Duration**: 90 min.

**Format**: Political/Policy Debates

**SESSION DESCRIPTION**

European cities have been leading the transition to climate neutrality, making their territories better places to live in and creating new economic opportunities in the clean and green transition. This session will engage Mayors involved in the EU Mission for Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities and in the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy to share success stories and inspire continued progress across Europe. The session will include the Mission Label Ceremony, recognizing cities strong commitment, ambition and innovation in the journey towards climate neutrality. About 230 participants are expected to participate.

**OBJECTIVES**

* Discuss how climate neutrality can be achieved with cities' actions
* The ceremony is an opportunity to publicly acknowledge these efforts and inspire further momentum by sharing success stories and lessons learned.

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| **Time** | **Min** | **Speaker** | **Activity** |
| 14:30 | 10 | **Gunārs Ansiņš,** *Mayor of Liepāja, First Vice-Chair of the ENVE Commission, Committee of the Regions, and EU Covenant of Mayors Ambassador* | **Welcoming address** |
| 14:40 | 10 | **Ekaterina Zaharieva**, *Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation, European Commission* | **Opening remarks** |
| 14:50 | 15 | **Ekaterina Zaharieva,** *Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation, European Commission* | **Commissioner invites on stage Mayors/representatives of the Labelled Mission Cities** andGunārs Ansiņš (Mayor of Liepāja, First Vice-Chair of the ENVE Commission, Committee of the Regions*,* and EU Covenant of Mayor Ambassador)  **for an official Group Photo,** with their plaque (which will be prepared for them on their seats) to mark the occasion.  **The Mayors/ Representatives of the 11 cities to be labelled are:**  Zagreb (Croatia), Angers Loire Metropole (France), Munich (Germany), Rome (Italy), Differdange (Luxembourg), Amsterdam, Eindhoven & Helmond, Groningen, Rotterdam (Netherlands), Bratislava (Slovakia) |
| 15:05 | 50 | **Philippe Froissard**, Deputy Cities Mission Manager and Unit Head (Strategy, Policy Coordination and Urban Transitions), DG RTD, European Commission | **Pannel Discussion**  **Mr Gunārs Ansiņš** (Mayor of Liepāja, First Vice-Chair of the ENVE Commission, Committee of the Regions*,*  and EU Covenant of Mayor Ambassador)  **Mrs Roelien Kamminga** (Mayor of Groningen )  **Mr Tom Ulveling** (Deputy Mayor of Differdange)  **Mr Edoardo Zanchini** (Chief of Rome’s Climate Office)  **Mr Tanguy Desrousseaux** ( Director for Housing, Cities and Regions Department, EIB ) |
| 15:55 | 5 | **Philippe Froissard,** Deputy Cities Mission Manager | **Closing remarks** |
| 16:00 |  | ***End of the Session*** |  |