



Green City Accord

Clean and Healthy Cities for Europe



Environment

What is the Green City Accord?

The Green City Accord is a movement of European cities committed to safeguarding the environment.

In signing the Green City Accord, city leaders agree to take further action to make their cities greener, cleaner and healthier places.

The Green City Accord will support the delivery of the European Green Deal and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



Why a Green City Accord?

Urban areas are home to some 70% of the EU's population

Urban areas face a host of environmental challenges that pose risks to the health and wellbeing of their citizens



Vision

The Accord brings together mayors and leaders across Europe around a common vision of an urban future where, by 2030:

Cities will be attractive places to live:

- Citizens will breathe clean air, enjoy clean water, have access to parks and green spaces, and experience less environmental noise.
- The circular economy will be a reality and waste will have become a resource by greater reuse, repair and recycling.



Goals

In joining the Accord, mayors agree to taking further action to achieve the following goals by 2030:



Significant improvement in air quality in cities and moving closer to respecting the World Health Organization's Air Quality Guidelines, while ending exceedances of EU air quality standards as soon as possible.



Important progress in realizing the quality of water bodies and the efficiency of water use.



Goals



Considerable increase in the extent and quality of green areas in cities, including by halting the loss of and restoring urban ecosystems.



Advancing the circular economy, including by securing a significant improvement in the management of household municipal waste, a substantial improvement in recycling, and a reduction in waste generation.



Significant reduction in noise pollution moving closer to World Health Organization's recommended levels.



Why Cities should join?

The Benefits

- Gain **Europe-wide visibility** in recognition of your city's environmental actions and achievements.
- Contribute to shaping EU environment policy and become part of a community of like-minded cities **driving the transition** towards a clean and healthy Europe.
- Increase your **transparency, accountability and credibility** vis-à-vis the local community.
- Gain **access to EU funding** opportunities.
- Participate in **networking events**, avail of capacity-building opportunities.
- Receive **tailored guidance and support** via a dedicated helpdesk.
- **Benchmark** your city achievements against progress in other cities.

How to join?

The Accord is open to any city located in the European Union.

The Accord step by step

- **SIGN:** The Mayor or an equivalent representative of the council signs the Green City Accord, after an official resolution has been adopted by the local council (or equivalent decision-making body);
- **DEFINE:** Within two years, the city establishes its ambitious targets in the five domains of the Green City Accord, and determines baseline levels reflecting the starting point in each domain;
- **ACT:** The city plans and implements policies and programmes in an integrated manner, to achieve its targets by 2030;
- **MONITOR AND REPORT:** The city reports back on progress every three years through an easy-to-use online tool.



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