

## Call for CrAFt Cities

## New European Bauhaus transformations towards climate-neutral, beautiful and inclusive cities

The <u>European Mission on Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities</u> is leading the way for urban climate neutrality by 2030, with 112 cities acting as hubs of experimentation and innovation and many more following in their footsteps.

The <u>CrAFt (Creating Actionable Futures)</u> platform will help cities to make their climate-neutral transformations beautiful, inclusive and sustainable. Running until 2025, CrAFt supports the implementation of the Cities Mission, the <u>NetZeroCities Mission Platform</u> and the <u>New European Bauhaus</u> (NEB).

We are looking for 70 CrAFt Cities that want to test and share models of transformation with us, receive implementation support and become role models for cities across Europe. The CrAFt city cohort will include a geographically balanced mixture of cities selected from among the mission cities, cities that applied under the mission, cities involved in NEB demonstrator projects and other NEB initiatives, and additional cities of high interest. We particularly encourage small and medium-sized cities to apply.

The deadline for proposals is **9 September 2022**. For further details regarding the application process, please refer to the <u>Annex</u> and then fill in and submit the <u>Expression of Interest form</u>.

As a CrAFt City, you will receive support to develop and test local collaborative governance models to support your transition:

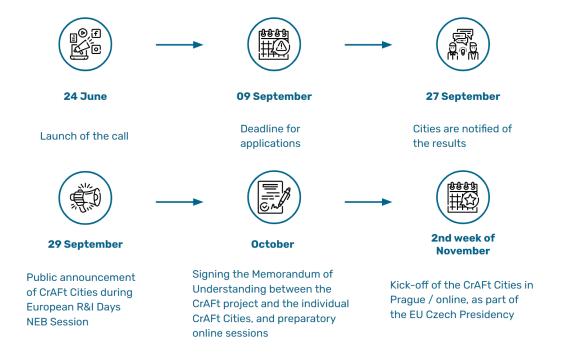
- Learn from other CrAFt Cities
- Balance stakeholder interests, priorities & competencies in a Climate City Contract
- Make the climate neutrality process more inclusive, empowering and accessible to all
- Use art, culture and the creative sectors as catalysts in the transition
- Participate in a next-generation think/do tank with students and youth communities
- Participate in a storytelling campaign on actionable climate-neutral futures
- Shape policy briefs to inform and advise national and European policy makers
- Showcase your projects in CrAFt events, storytelling and publications
- Receive first access to the CrAFt Impact Model and Guidance Package



## What do we expect from you as a CrAFt City?

- Assign a dedicated point of contact (person and organisation) for your city's
  participation in CrAFt. A municipality may choose to dedicate a point of contact among
  its own staff, or delegate this responsibility to a person from another organisation,
  supported by an official Letter of Support by the Mayor or City Manager. Only one
  proposal per city will be accepted.
- Bring together local stakeholders from public and private sectors, NGOs, academia, citizen, cultural and other organisations to support your work as a CrAFt City. For instance, this may be the same group of organisations collected for the Climate City Contract of the Cities Mission. If you do not yet have such a selection of stakeholders, CrAFt can help you identify relevant partners.
- Share experiences and discuss mutual challenges in learning sessions with other CrAFt
  Cities, give input to the CrAFt Impact Model and Guidance Package (tools, collaborative
  local governance models, stories, good practices and guidelines), policy briefs and
  storytelling.
- Make local cases available to the CrAFt next-generation think/do tank of students and youth communities.
- All CrAFt activities are to be inclusive, empowering and accessible to all.

## Timeline for the call process





This call for CrAFt Cities is valid until April 2025, when the CrAFt project ends.

We look forward to supporting you in making your climate transition beautiful, inclusive and sustainable!

Contact us at smartcities@ad.ntnu.no for further information, follow us on social media Twitter: @craft\_neb / Instagram: @craft\_neb or check our website craft-cities.eu for updates.

If you wish to stay updated on the CrAFt project, please register for our <u>CrAFt Newsletter</u>.

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