



Concept and Agenda

Connective Cities virtual exchange presenting good municipal Green Recovery practices and discussing the importance of Renewable Energy

Part of the Connective Cities Series on Municipal Response to COVID-19

13 December 2021

12:00 – 14:20 CET

Virtual platform BigBlueButton (BBB)

The Meeting link: [Presenting good municipal Green Recovery practices and discussing the importance of Renewable Energy in Southeast Europe \(SEE\) | Connective Cities Network \(connective-cities.net\)](#)

Overview and objectives of the virtual event

The event will explore the crisis management mechanisms that cities employed and ways in which they envision green recovery especially on the bases of introducing the use of renewable energy. The pandemic tested the robustness and remorsefulness of mostly all municipal services, from transportation and waste management to recreation and food supply. Pandemic-centered protocols set new behavioral patterns - many of which were quite stressful for urban economies. On the contrary, others - such as raised environmental awareness - made both city leaders and citizens rethink the status-quo regarding sustainability, resilience and in overall - stressed the importance of accelerating previous commitments and striving for even more.

The virtual event is being held as part of the Connective Cities international network initiative and will gather representatives of cities from all over the world. In addition, during the event, representatives of GIZ, other international funds, cooperating experts on energy, green recovery, with special focus on local development will take part to discuss prevalent trends, opportunities, and challenges emerging, along with the development and reinvention of municipal responses.

The keynote presentation will explore the implications of the Green Deal for introducing renewable energy use as a bases for green recovery, especially stressing on the local scale. Continuing with Good practices of Municipalities, who have managed to strengthen the link of crisis responses to such sustainable actions. Finally, the event will stress on funding opportunities or alternative contributive actions that can be applied locally to boost the transition to a cleaner, greener system.

The Connective Cities international exchange platform is a multi-stakeholder project run by the German Association of Cities, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), and Engagement Global with its Service Agency Communities in One World (SKEW). The project has been commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

Agenda

Connective Cities virtual exchange discussing the Connective Cities Network's development and presenting good municipal Green Recovery practices and the importance of Renewable Energy (times in CET)

13 th December 2021		
Time	Theme	Institution/person in charge
11:45	Registration of participants and system check	
12:00	Welcome and presentation of the objectives of the project and the Connective Cities SEE Regional Network development (10 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming remarks • Interactive check-in • Objectives and agenda 	<p>Ms. Ricarda Meissner, Connective Cities Senior Project Manager</p> <p>Ms Fatina Toukan, Connective Cities Adviser, Bonn</p> <p>Dr. Piotr Żuber, Team Leader</p> <p>Mr. Lasha Nakashidze, WFD Georgia Country Representative, Moderator of the event</p>
12:10	Presentation of the Connective Cities SEE Regional Charter and Roadmap (10 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goals, objectives • Future collaboration opportunities • Thematic focus 	Dr. Irakli Samkharadze, GIZ Connective Cities Regional Coordinator
First Part		
Keynote Speech		
12:20	Investment Policy of Cities as an Instrument of Realization of the Green Deal (25 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A 	Mr. Przemysław Gorgol, Advisor of Green Transformation Projects; Former Director of the Center for EU Transport Projects
Second Part		
Practitioners' exchange - presentations of good practices		
12:45	Good practice I (15 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The case of Bursa, Turkey • Q&A 	Mr. Mustafa Sinan Bakir, Senior Mechanical Engineer, Energy Manager at Bursa Metropolitan Municipality

13:00 - Break (20 mins)		
Third Part		
Interactive panel – Funding Opportunities and Actions to Support Green Recovery on the Local Scale		
13:20	Interactive panel with the representatives of municipalities, international organizations, private sector and experts (45 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visions; • Opportunities; • Challenges; • Implication on local scale; • Good practices. 	Moderator: Mr. Lasha Nakashidze, WFD Georgia Country Representative Discussants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Giorgi Nanobashvili, UNDP Georgia, Head of Economic Development Department • Mr. Max Van der Sleen, Project Manager, Innovating together for Green Growth at Ethical Growth Strategies B.V., Netherlands • Mr. Antonio Sirovec, Representative of the city of Krizevci, Croatia
14:10	Wrap-up session (10 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short summary – common challenges, efficient responses, and good cooperation practices • Next steps and opportunities for further cooperation and the Connective Cities Network's development • Presenting MoU between Connective Cities SEE Region and 	Mr. Lasha Nakashidze, WFD Georgia Country Representative, Moderator of the event Dr. Irakli Samkharadze, GIZ Connective Cities Regional Coordinator Mr. Andrej Špik, CEO, IPM Green & Sustainable, Institute for Green Transition and Sustainable Society

Connective Cities Virtual Exchange (CET time zone)

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