



City of Helsinki - Pledge to deliver climate action

In the face of record temperatures and a growing number of extreme weather events, citizens across Europe are demanding solutions to the escalating climate crisis. We, the major cities of Europe, fully support their message. Current global policies put us on a trajectory for a 3°C rise in average temperatures by the end of this century, far beyond the scope of what any country or city could cope with in a reasonable manner. The urgency of the crisis requires immediate action from all levels of government and the private sector. We must step up our mitigation and adaptation efforts to reach the 1.5°C target of the Paris agreement.

There is a clear need for deep, systemic changes in the global approach to climate change. We, as cities, play a central role in delivering this change by developing and implementing local plans and by actively engaging citizens, business and civil society. European cities, as climate leaders and living innovation labs, test and deploy new solutions daily. These range from decarbonising our heating and cooling systems to retrofitting buildings, and measures promoting low-emission mobility. Real change is possible, and we are ready to support and work with all levels of government to make our continent climate-neutral by 2050.

The success of European actions will also depend on Europe's ability to engage with international partners in the fight against climate change. The European Union should seize the opportunity to provide true global leadership by committing to net zero emissions by 2050, putting us on a pathway in line with the IPCCs 1.5°C degree report.

In view of the above, the city of Helsinki commits to a fair and inclusive transition that delivers a clean and equitable planet for all by:

- committing to the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy 2030 targets
- reducing GHG emissions by 60% by the year 2030*
- reaching net zero emissions by the year 2035

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City:
Date:

Name:
Position:

* Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy 2030 minimum requirement is 40% GHG reduction by 2030