

# GABROVO INNOVATION CAMP 2022 RESILIENT CITIES

## CHALLENGE NAME: MISSION-BASED CLIMATE NEUTRAL TRANSITION

### GENERAL

<b>Theme</b>	<p>The challenge is related to the practical issues of how to design a working roadmap leading to a successful NetZero transition by 2030 at the local level, involving all key players – local governance, institutions, academia, business and citizens.</p> <p>The point of this initiative is HOW to efficiently bring art, science, technology, analytics, expertise, finance and citizens engagement into a so-called consortium.</p>
<b>Challenge-owner and Organisation</b>	Municipality of Gabrovo
<b>Contact person (if different than above)</b>	

### Challenge-OWNER DESCRIPTION (background)

<p>The challenge owner is Municipality of Gabrovo as a leader in the transition process on decarbonisation, on social change on just transition and on realities of climate adaptation.</p> <p>The main challenge is that within the next ten years we have to live in connected, holistic ways where we have the possibility of finding of solutions and joining them together.</p> <p>The NetZero Mission is not an end/aim itself, it's part of the strategic potential of the region.</p> <p>Gabrovo's persistent efforts in environmental policies awarded us with the EU Green Leaf Award for 2021, we are part of the Covenant of Mayors and one of the 100 EU Mission platform for climate neutral and smart cities for 2030.</p>
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### BACKGROUND/CONTEXT of the Challenge

<p>The main reflection of this group should be that a Mission is not just about WHAT, it's also about HOW!</p> <p>In general, people are not sufficiently informed and ignore this topic. They still do not realize their key role, a fact that stands for local companies too.</p> <p>What it means to be climate neutral - to take care of each sphere by investing accordingly, looking for a way to move to the next phase.</p> <p>How to successfully attract people to this cause. First they have to want to hear us, create different collaboration models using different tools and start moving together.</p> <p>The matter should be addressed as a space of deep, strong, solid and thoughtful collaboration. Over time we have to work ways that are about bridges, connections and combinations.</p> <p>2030 is a number we've told ourselves that matters - what matters about it is not the number, but that we try!</p>
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## DESCRIPTION OF MAIN ISSUES, OPPORTUNITIES AND OBSTACLES

<b>Main Issues</b>
<p>Create a working 2030 NetZero road map, based on the following key principles:</p> <p><b>CITIZEN AND URBAN STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT</b> – how to engage citizens deeply, take their input into policy seriously, and enable meaningful, diverse participation in every step of the climate action path - from problem framing to implementation, assessment, and learning, in order to create meaningful impact. How to build a mutual trust among governments, citizens, and urban stakeholders.</p> <p><b>TECHNICAL INNOVATION FOR CLIMATE-NEUTRALITY</b> - for all cities, to reach net zero emissions, transformational change in all sectors will be required. Addressing emission sources will be central to this challenge. Fortunately, there are a range of technologies and innovative solutions that can be implemented and deployed to drastically cut these emissions. In this regard, there is much to learn from peers to accelerate implementation of new solutions. For example, the EU Commission has identified seven priorities for technological action – energy use and supply in buildings, energy generation, mobility and transport, circular economy, nature – based solutions, green industry and digital solutions.</p> <p><b>FINANCE THE TRANSITION TO CLIMATE-NEUTRALITY</b> – draw up an investment plan or some kind of global fund with a blended finance approach, implement environmental policies, mainstream climate considerations.</p>
<b>Underlying Issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Identify key milestones as part of the roadmap, with specific indicators that can be measured every step of the way, thus showing in real time whether this approach is successful.</li><li>- Flexibility in all actions.</li><li>- Identify the members of the transition team which will carry out all actions.</li></ul> <b>Opportunities</b> <p>Innovation Camp methodology offers the Challenge owner, Municipality of Gabrovo, an opportunity to collectively analyse the Challenge and propose new ideas involving different stakeholders on a participatory bottom-up approach. This approach will allow us to be more resilient, competitive, with high added value.</p> <b>Obstacles</b> <p>In order to implement all these solutions effectively, cities will need to activate a number of instruments. These levers include planning and governance, policy and regulation, social innovation, financing mechanisms, and capacity building among others. In a dynamic and sometimes unstable geo environment, the climate challenge may turn challenging itself.</p>

## Relevant Stakeholders and stakeholder organizations

Municipality of Gabrovo, institutions on local, governmental and European level, local NGOs, academia, businesses, citizens.

## CHALLENGE GROUP MEMBERS: Potential participants at the camp

Group member suggested by Challenge-owner

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The Challenge owner should suggest participants who are responsible for/relevant to following through on the results after the Camp. We strongly recommend that 2 people from the Challenge owner's organisation take part in each Workgroup.

Name	Email	Position	Organization	Expertise

Background documents for the participants in our group (investigate further):