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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A MEMBER OF ENERGY CITIES?



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WHO ARE WE?

ENERGY CITIES IS THE EUROPEAN LEARNING COMMUNITY FOR FUTURE-PROOF CITIES

We work with our direct members and our collective members, who act as multipliers of our community in more than 30 countries in Europe and beyond.

+1,000 CITIES



- Local governments / energy agencies
- 📍 Collective members (NGOs, networks, associations)

TURKISH MEMBERS OF ENERGY CITIES



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BORNOVA

416 007 Inhabitants

BÜYÜKCEKMECE

230 000 Inhabitants

GAZIANTEP

1 290 000 Inhabitants

KARŞIYAKA

325 000 Inhabitants

NİLÜFER

397 000 Inhabitants

// COLLECTIVE MEMBERS

MARMARA MUNICIPALITIES UNION

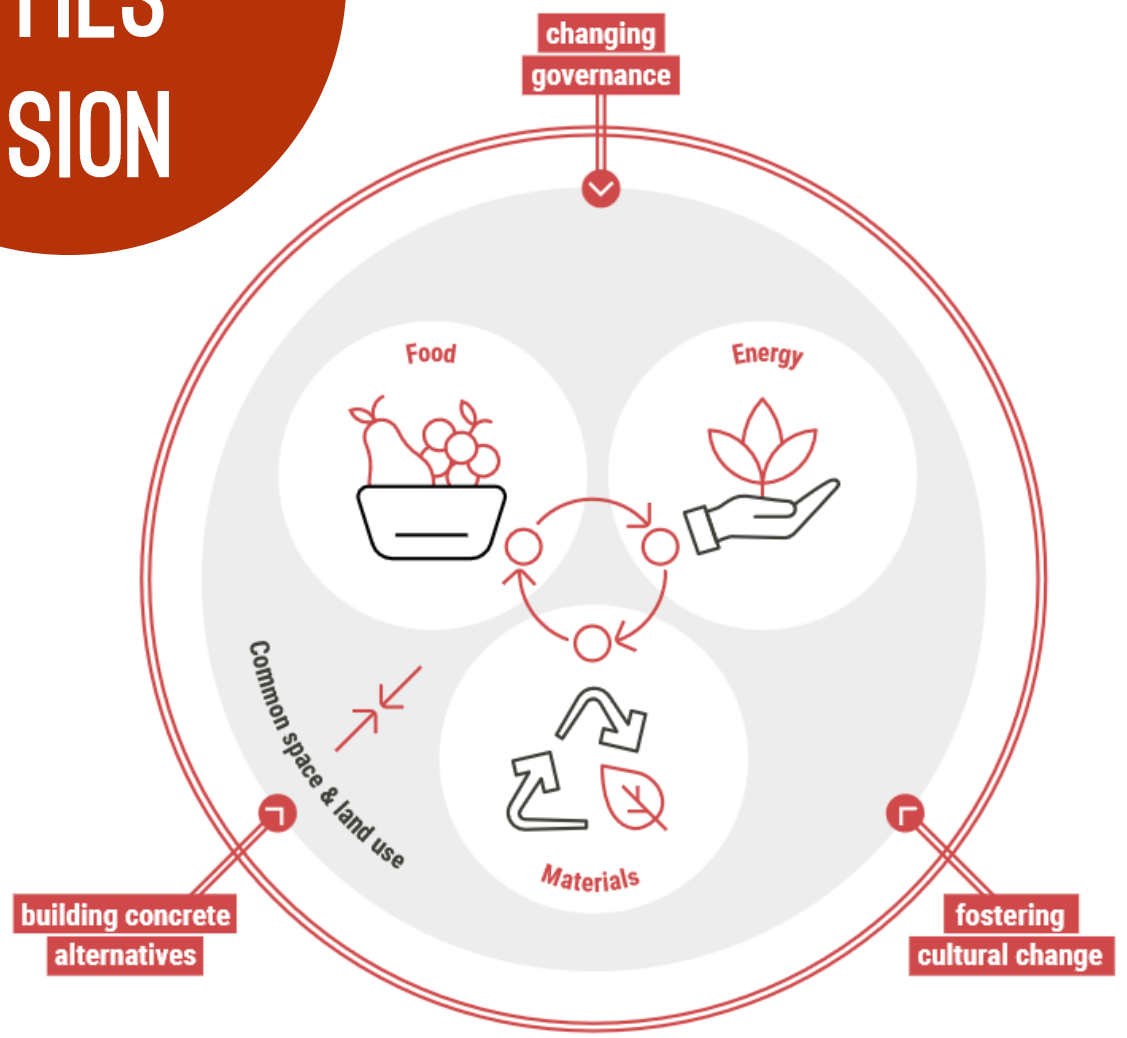
MISSION

WE ARE DRIVEN BY THE DESIRE
TO STRENGTHEN THE ROLE AND
SKILLS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

We showcase concrete alternatives deployed by cities, we advocate to change political and economic governance at all levels and we foster a wide cultural change leading to a future-proofed society.



ENERGY CITIES' VISION



AGENDA FOR A TRANSFORMATIVE DECADE

20
30

APR 2021

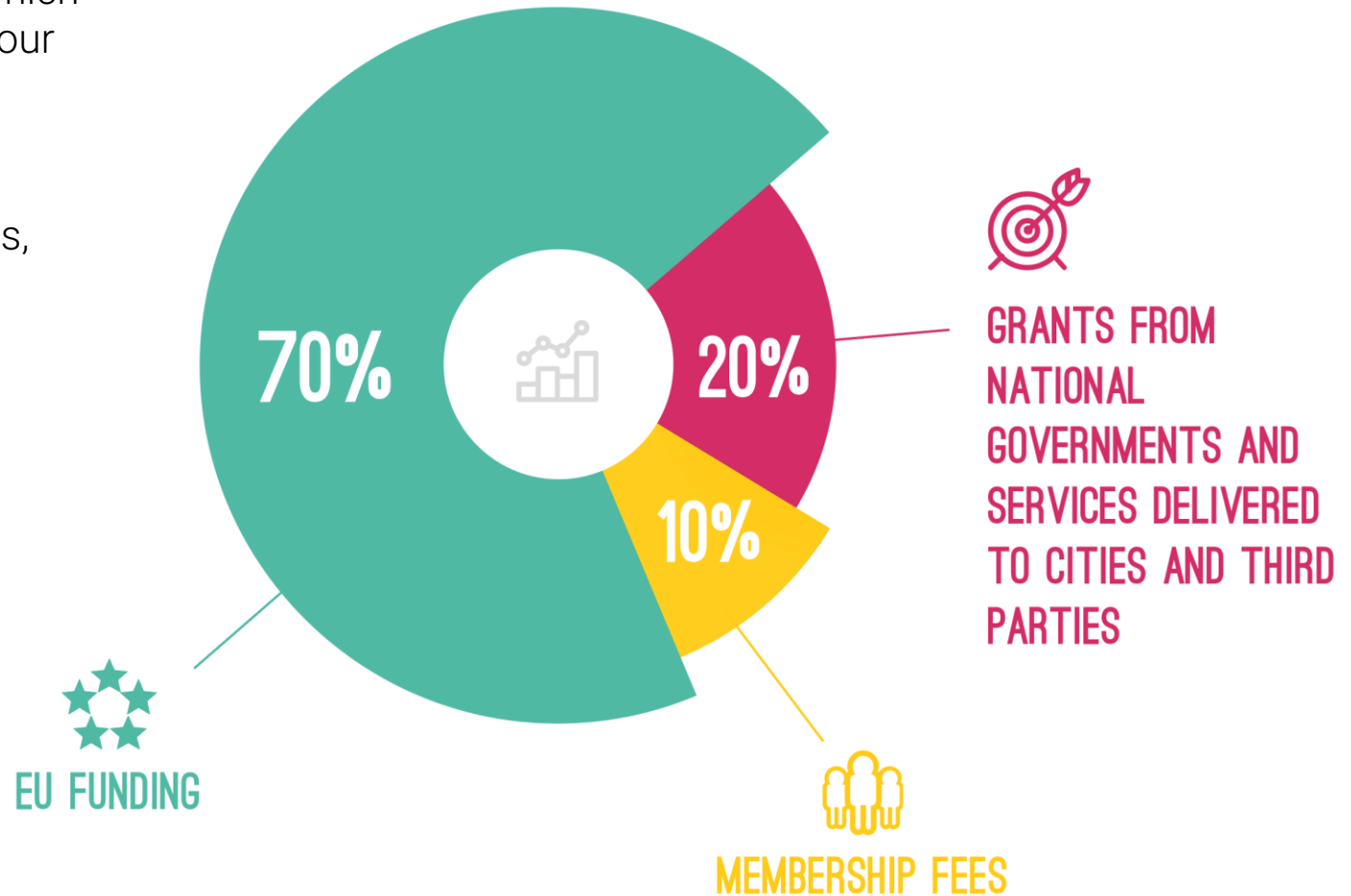


GOVERNANCE AND FUNDING

Energy Cities is a non-profit network of cities. We operate with near-total public funding, which allows us to demonstrate integrity towards our member cities and preserve intellectual independence in our work.

We embrace transparency in all our activities, including our funding sources.

- ✓ Intellectual independence
- ✓ Transparency



THE TEAM

OUR ORGANISATION IS GOVERNED BY THE PRINCIPLE OF HOLACRACY

Decisions are made by the person or “circle” responsible for a role. Team members have no function or title, they are fulfilling one or more roles defined in our “constitution”. They are co-owners of the organisation’s strategy & development.



Two offices location

The network is “put into motion” by competent staff based in two offices, in Brussels (Belgium) and Besançon (France).



Several spoken languages

We are fluent in several languages: German, Italian, Spanish, Slovakian, Romanian, Hungarian, Russian, Portuguese and Dutch.



Agile & horizontal

The organisation constitution changes every time we identify a need and collectively agree on a solution.

WHAT WE BELIEVE IN

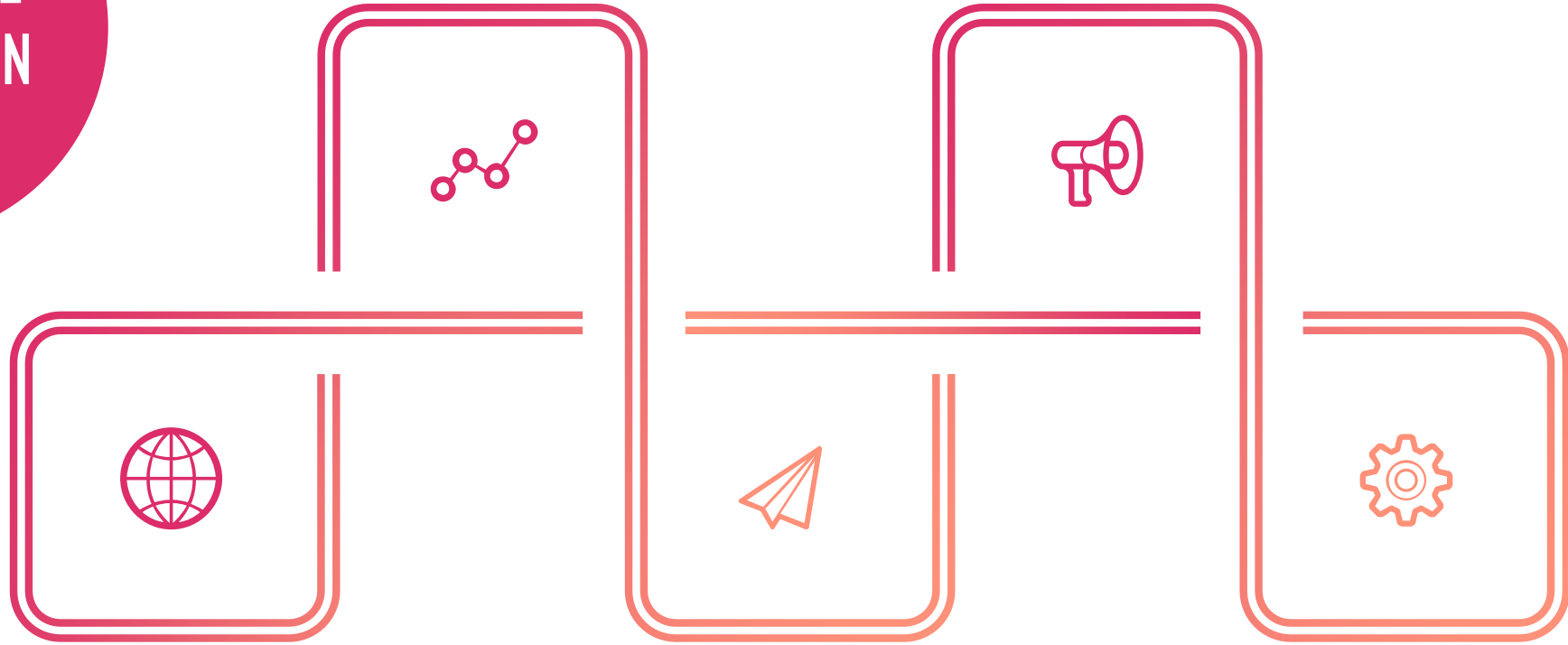
LINKS MATTER

As a network, our *raison d'être* is to create connections.



WE ARE CITIES' MEGAPHONE

We build a bridge between cities and EU and national institutions, helping them to find their tailored solutions.



SIZE DOES NOT MATTER

There are no such things as "small" changes: there are only changes. There is no such thing as a "small" town, there are only places.



EMPOWER & ENTRUST

There are no such things as "best practices", each city follows its own learning path. We offer tools and resources for them to deliver their desired strategy.



WE BELIEVE IN COOPERATION

What we produce is open access: the best thing that can happen to a great idea or product is to be adopted by many.



WHO CAN JOIN?

ENERGY CITIES HAS A DIVERSE MEMBERSHIP AND EVERY CITY HAS ITS OWN JOURNEY

You can become a member if you are


- ✓ a local government
- ✓ an inter-municipal structure or a group of municipalities
- ✓ a local energy management agency
- ✓ a municipal company

or join as a collective member, if you are

- ✓ a regional or
- ✓ national association of municipalities.



AS A MEMBER,
YOU WILL BE ABLE
TO SHOW, SHARE
& SHAKE UP!



AS A LEARNING
COMMUNITY FOR CITIES,
ALL MEMBERS CAN BENEFIT
IN MANY WAYS FROM OUR
NETWORK.



4 KEY BENEFITS FOR ENERGY CITIES MEMBERS

- 1 **Tackle the energy & climate crisis** with the support of a network of peers and a committed team.
- 2 Get access to **funding opportunities** to accelerate your city's transition away from fossil fuels.
- 3 Contribute to designing and **implementing EU projects** to meet local challenges.
- 4 Make your voice heard at EU level to **drive the systemic changes** we need for more sustainable cities.

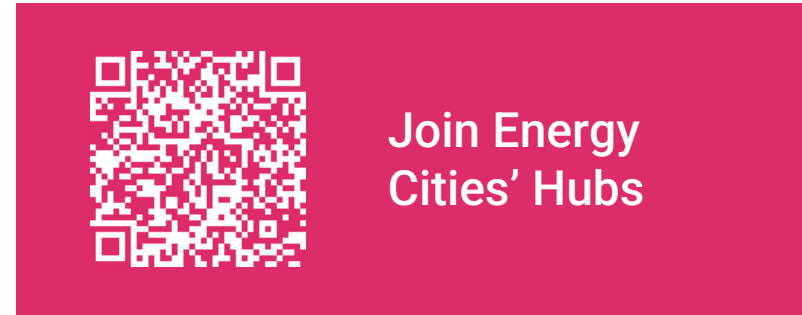


We work hand in hand with our members through the Energy Cities' Hubs.

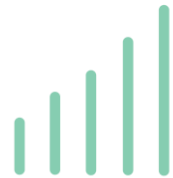


HOW DO WE WORK?

THE HUBS ARE OUR COMMUNITY SPACES TO **ACTIVATE, EMPOWER** AND **INSPIRE** LOCAL LEADERS FOR A CLIMATE-NEUTRAL EUROPE



FUTURE-PROOF LOCAL GOVERNANCE



FOSSIL FREE DISTRICT & BUILDINGS



COMMUNITY-LED ENERGY FOR MASSIVE RENEWABLE PRODUCTION



FUTURE-PROOF FOOD SYSTEM & LAND POLICIES

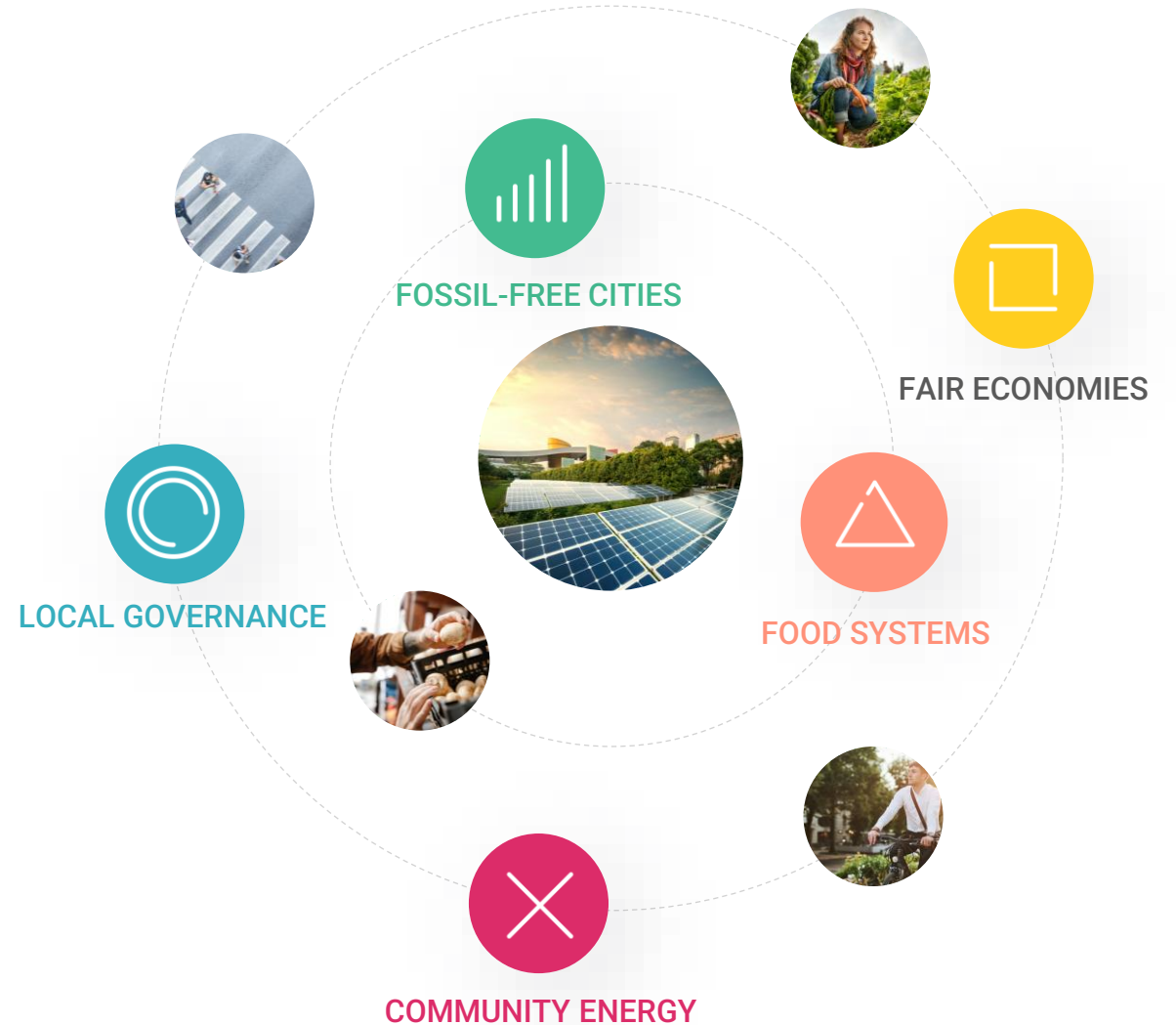


RESOURCE-WISE & SOCIALLY JUST LOCAL ECONOMIES

HOW DO THE HUBS WORK?



Through a **periodical bulletin** with selected information and opportunities related to members' preferred topic(s).



AND THAT'S NOT ALL!

Thanks to the partnership between Energy Cities and the Association of Cities and Regions for sustainable Resource management (ACR+), Energy Cities members can benefit - free of extra charges - from the exclusive services offered by ACR+ and can multiply your networking, learning, and funding opportunities.



HOW CAN THE HUBS STRENGTHEN CITIES' SKILLS?

TRANSITION LEADERS PROGRAMME

Capacity building to go the extra mile!

The transition leaders programme is designed to provide our members with training, coaching, tools and peer-to-peer exchanges to facilitate their transition journey.

MARKETPLACE

Facilitate access to EU Funding

- Info sessions, matchmaking events and project ideas labs for our members on a regular basis.
- Calls for funding on specific topics.

WHAT'S EUP?

The latest information on EU policy developments

Our What's EUp programme delivers policy briefs for local policy makers with key updates on major EU policy files linked with each Hub.

ed 21% when 3 scopes of emissions are considered



MAYOR'S VOICES

An open dialogue between citizens, local leaders, EU and national governments

Via the Mayors' voices, local political leaders take part in discussions with key EU policy makers on concrete proposals in support of cities' climate transition.

LOCAL TRANSITIONS LEARNING CENTRE

AN INITIATIVE BY ENERGY CITIES

A learning offer designed with cities, for cities

In our Learning Centre, both learners and instructors are called to produce jointly a new knowledge, as well as new skills and competences.

By co-designing our learning opportunities with local governments and stakeholders, we will make sure to always deliver the most useful learning opportunities and in the most appropriate format.

The Local Transition Learning Centre is an initiative led by Energy Cities.



ENERGY CITIES ANNUAL FORUM 2025



Website: <https://annualforum.energy-cities.eu/>

THEME

The theme “Weaving connections”, which will highlight the importance of forging connections to **foster collective efforts** and build a learning community for municipalities to share knowledge, experiences and best practices.



Since 1990, we have been creating a community and building strong bonds among our members to work towards a climate neutral future.

ENERGY CITIES ANNUAL FORUM 2025

AN INNOVATIVE PROGRAMME

DAY 2 - 5 PARALLEL THEMATIC JOURNEYS

Journey 1: Engagement for cooperation

Engagement more and cooperation with citizens and local stakeholders

Journey 2: Innovative partnerships for a city “100% renewables”

New modes of co-investment to plan large-scale deployment of renewables

Journey 3: Doing better with less

Integrating sustainable practices to reduce consumption and be more efficient

Journey 4: Eating well, eating local

Developing green belts, while preserving land, and a sustainable agricultural policy

Journey 5: Adapting to climate change

Making urban ecosystems more resilient and anticipate the effects of climate change

DAY 3 - 3 PARALLEL SESSIONS

Inspiration fair

Learning about the diversity of opportunities our network offers its members: overview of our 5 Hubs, our LEARNing offer, key EU policies overview and details of our membership offer.

Open mic

The Open Mic session gives three organisations the chance to share their ideas and experiences for 20 minutes each. It's a dynamic space for learning, discussion, and exchange.

Matchmaking

The Matchmaking session is your chance to explore funding opportunities under EU calls such as Horizon EU and LIFE, and other funding sources.

PODCAST: CITY STORIES

Monthly podcast.

This podcast is for those who want to learn more about how cities go about with the energy transition.



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About

Welcome to City Stories, the podcast by Energy Cities. Energy Cities is the European city network of local authorities in energy transition with over 1000 members from 30 countries. This

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The Board of Directors is composed of elected representatives of 11 local governments from 10 countries. The Board of Directors gathers during the Energy Cities Annual General Assembly and three times a year to make sure that the interests of cities stay always at the heart of European energy and climate policies.



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KUGLER

Member

Head of Climate
Protection
Department
Munich

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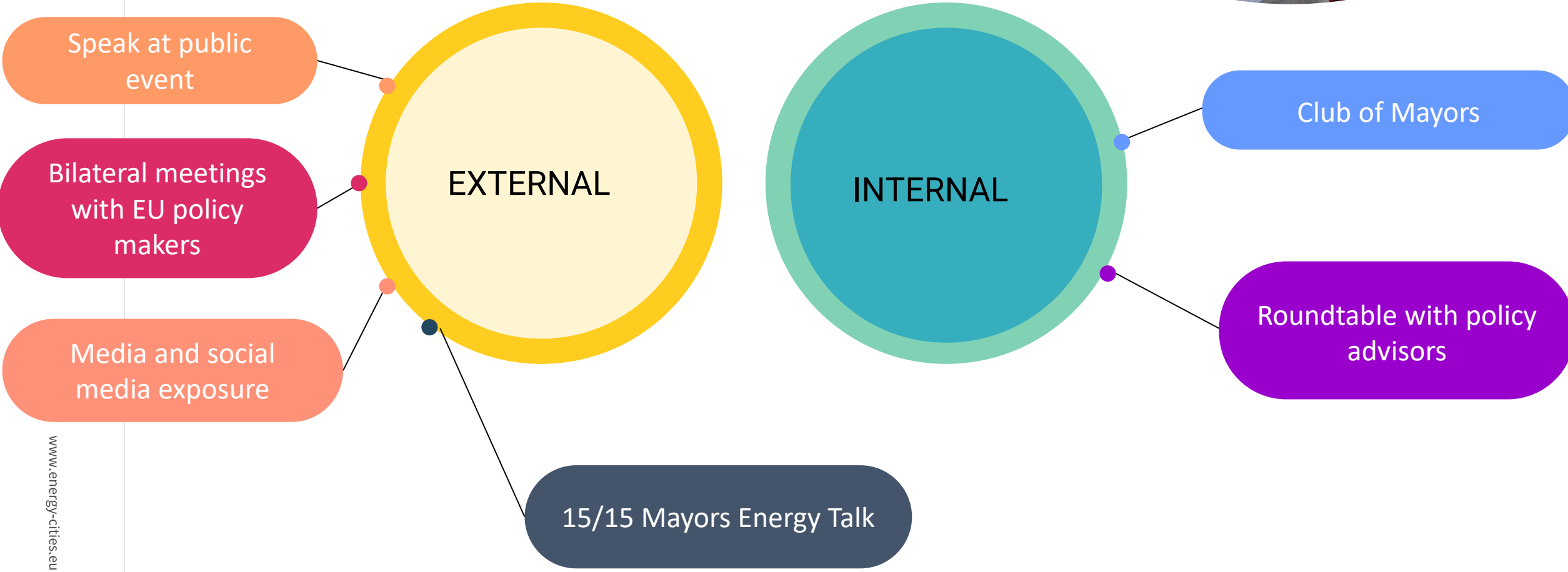
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Observer

Mayor
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Bulgaria

MAYOR'S VOICE ACTIVITIES





3 Mayors clubs in 2025:

Topics:

1. Inclusive renewable energy solutions
2. Engaging local Communities in Clean Heating
3. Resource-wise urban planning

Meeting :

- One time in person during the Annual Forum on April 9th and 10th in Besançon
- A second time online



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ANY QUESTIONS?

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