

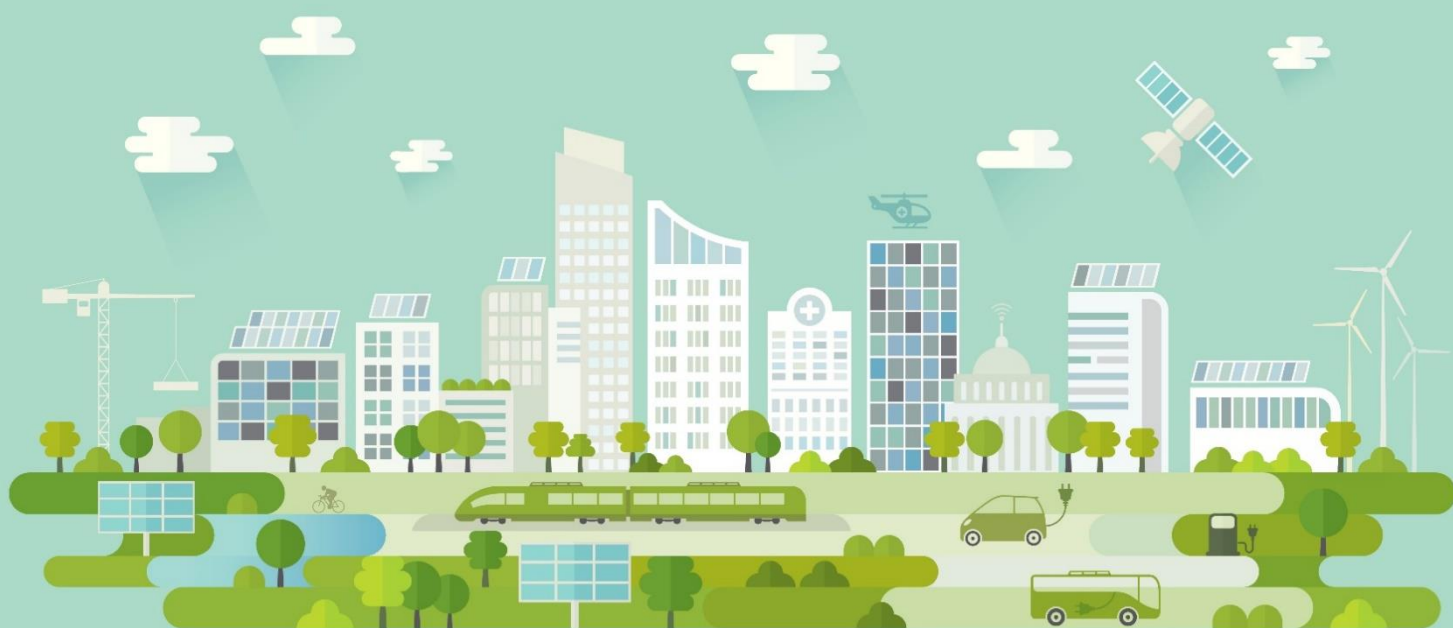
# AGENDA

06 April 2023 | 10:00-11:30 CEST | Online

OECD Programme on Decarbonising Buildings in Cities and Regions

## *Decarbonising Homes in Cities: a neighbourhood approach*

A case study from the Netherlands



# Decarbonising Buildings in Cities and Regions

## What's the issue?

Decarbonising buildings is a vital step towards a net-zero future where buildings operate on clean and affordable energy. Globally, buildings and construction account for nearly 40% of energy-related CO2 emissions and fossil fuels still fulfill over 60% of the heating energy demand of buildings. When the mitigation potential of buildings is fully exploited, buildings will be one of the biggest contributors to reaching a net-zero future. Moreover, the recent global energy crisis, triggered by Russia's war of aggression in Ukraine, has called for reducing energy demand through energy efficiency measures such as insulation and replacing fuel imported from Russia by sustainable and future-proof energy sources.

In this context, the Netherlands needs to accelerate its ambition to phase out natural gas in buildings to tackle climate and energy challenges as well as to advance net zero goals. In the Netherlands, 90% of homes are dependent on natural gas for heating, which is by far the highest figure in Europe. From the 2019 Dutch Climate Agreement to the 2022 Sustainability Measures in the Built Environment Acceleration Programme (PVGGO), the Netherlands has put several policy instruments to accelerate building decarbonisation.

Building on the policy framework developed in synthesis report on *Decarbonising Buildings in Cities and Regions* in March 2022, the [OECD programme on Decarbonising Buildings in Cities and Regions](#) conducted its first country-specific case study in the Netherlands. In light of the disparities in buildings and heat transition conditions across Dutch cities and regions, **the case study sheds light on the role that municipalities can play, together with the national government, in accelerating the decarbonisation of buildings, particularly through a neighbourhood approach.**

## About the event

The OECD will launch its new report *Decarbonising Homes in Cities in the Netherlands : a neighbourhood approach*. The presentation of key findings from the report will be followed by a **panel discussion** on how to start, scale up and speed up local actions to decarbonise buildings based on lessons from the Netherlands and international examples.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn: **i) What are the key factors of success of the Dutch Natural Gas-free Neighbourhood Programme? ii) What are the lessons learnt from the pilot neighbourhoods? iii) How did local governments develop communication strategies with local residents?**

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**10:00-10:10**                      **Opening remarks**

SPEAKER    **Chris Kuijpers**, Director-General for Housing and Construction, Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations (BZK), The Netherlands

**10:10-10:25**                      **Launch of OECD report**  
**“Decarbonising homes in cities in the Netherlands: a neighbourhood approach”**

SPEAKER    **Aziza Akhmouch**, Head of Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development Division, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD

**10:25-10:35**                      **Presentation of the Dutch National Programme for Local Heat Transition (NPLW)**

SPEAKER    **Maureen van Eijk**, Director, National Programme for Local Heat Transition (NPLW), The Netherlands

**10:35-11:25**                      **Panel discussion**    Moderator : Aziza Akhmouch  
**“How can we Start, Scale up and Speed up local actions? ”**

Panelists    **Takeshi Miyamori**, Senior Policy Analyst, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD

**Robert Dijksterhuis**, Envoy for Sustainable Building, Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations (BZK), The Netherlands

**Julia Sondermeijer**, Programme Manager, National Programme for Local Heat Transition (NPLW), The Netherlands

**Lydia Hameeteman**, Sustainable Advisor and Programme Manager, City of Rotterdam, The Netherlands

**Merel Toussaint**, District Heat Plans Project Manager, City of Leusden, The Netherlands

**Takashi Imamura**, Counsellor for Building Regulations, Housing Bureau, Ministry of Land, infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Japan

**Frankie Downy**, Energy & Buildings Lead, C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group

**11:25-11:30**                      **Ways forward**

SPEAKER    **Takeshi Miyamori**, Senior Policy Analyst, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD

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