Financing Climate Action in Regions and Cities

Wednesday, November 10, 2021
14:00-16:00 (CET) / 13:00 – 15:00 (GMT)

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The event will have English, French, and Italian interpretation.
Regions and cities are key actors in the global response to climate change. They are both major emitters of greenhouse gases and highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

At the same time, cities and regions are key actors in the fight against climate change due to their jurisdiction over key policy domains relevant to the climate neutral transition such as transportation, housing, spatial planning and zoning, and waste management.

Given the urgency of addressing the climate crisis and the push towards a post-pandemic green recovery, it is more critical than ever for regions and cities to align their budgets with climate objectives and to increase climate-related expenditure and investment. To achieve this, it is necessary to overcome existing coordination, capacity, and data challenges and allow subnational governments to realise their full potential as public leaders in the climate-neutral transition.

This event will convene policy-makers, climate finance experts, and private sector stakeholders from across the globe to generate actionable policy advice to push the dial forward on financing climate action in regions and cities.

**Agenda**

14:00 - 14:05  **Welcome and Introduction**
Dorothée Allain-Dupré – Head of Division, Regional Development and Multi-Level Governance, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD
Bella Tonkonogy – Associate Director, Climate Policy Initiative (CPI)

14:05 - 15:00  **Session 1: Aligning Subnational Budgets with Climate Objectives**
Introductory presentation:
Isabelle Chatry, Head of Unit, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance Division, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD
Round-table and Q&A:
  - Catrin Robertsen – Project Manager, C40 (Norway)
  - Massimiliano De Martin – Deputy Mayor for Private Housing and Environment, City of Venice (Italy)
  - Gildas Lebret – Deputy General Manager, Region of Brittany (France)
  - Brigid Shea – Travis County Commissioner, Austin, Texas, USA and Alliance City Ambassador (USA)
  - Susan Goeransson – Director, Infrastructure Europe, Sustainable Infrastructure Group, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

15:00 - 15:55  **Session 2: Subnational Climate Finance Tracking**
Introductory Presentation:
Priscilla Negreiros, Manager, Cities Climate Finance Leadership Alliance
Roundtable and Q&A:
  - Tiza Mafira – Associate Director, Climate Policy Initiative (Indonesia)
  - Dhruba Purkayastha – India Director, Climate Policy Initiative (India)
  - Luana Betti – Urban Economics Coordinator, World Resources Institute (WRI) Brazil
  - Isabelle Chatry – Head of Unit, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance Division, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD
  - Myriam Bovéda – Team Leader “Sustainable Growth”, European Commission

15:55 - 16:00  **Concluding Remarks**

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