

Citizens' engagement in the Mission and its sustainability projects

VALÈNCIA, 23 and 24 April 2024

Registration: <https://forms.gle/Mr6nFmcsXLnzMbQSA>

CONTEXT

From the SSH Center project, in collaboration with València Clima i Energia, Net Zero Cities, CitiES 2030 and the Cities for Sustainability Governance project, we have the pleasure of organizing the conference “**Citizens' engagement in the city's Mission and sustainability projects**”

The SSH Center project seeks to strengthen social innovation and collaboration between SSH (Social Sciences and Humanities) and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) to accelerate the European Union's transition towards carbon neutrality.

Specifically, València participates as a pilot city to analyze how **citizen involvement** can be improved and enhanced in the Mission, its **Climate City Contract (CCC)** and the city's sustainability policies.

To this end, 5 researchers from the social sciences and humanities are studying what initiatives and policies can increase citizens' interest in joining the Valencia Climate Mission. The aim is to motivate the commitment and **practical action of citizens in the decarbonization of the city**, avoiding eco-anxiety, and seeking to awaken motivation and inspiration to act collectively.

AGENDA

23rd April – Palau de l'Exposició, Carrer de Galícia, 1, El Pla del Real, 46010

Time	Activity	Objective
9h00 - 9h15	Opening	Open the day, welcome participants, remind objectives and agenda, share logistics information.
9h15 - 9h30	Icebreaker	Round of introductions and breaking the ice.
9h30 - 11h30	Focus on the Valencia case	Understanding Valencia citizens' engagement challenges.
11h30 - 12h00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
12h00 - 14h00	How to involve citizens in the Cities Mission and the CCC	Presentation and workshop by Democratic Society, Tangente and Anthesis: how can Mission cities engage citizens in their sustainability projects?
14h00 - 15h00	<i>Lunch</i>	



15h00 - 16h00	Workshop on citizens' engagement (part 1)	Invited cities share their knowledge about citizen engagement, highlighting good practices, creative ideas, challenges, and tips to overcome them.
16h00 - 16h30	<i>Break</i>	
16h30 - 17h30	Workshop on citizens' engagement (part 2)	Invited cities share their knowledge about citizen engagement, highlighting good practices, creative ideas, challenges, and tips to overcome them.
17h30 - 19h00	Optional: Green Capital Route	Visit one of the Valencia Green Route (European Green Capital tourist routes)

24th April – Oficina de l'Energia Parque del Oeste, Calle de Enguer, s/n, 46018

Time	Activity	Objective
9h00 - 9h15	Opening Day 2	Welcome and remind the agenda of the day.
9h15 - 11h15	Researchers present their outputs and ideas and discussions with the participants	Presentations of researchers' progress and discussions.
11h15 - 11h45	<i>Break</i>	
11h45 - 13h00	Reflections on the relation between policy and research	Workshop led by ECIT to gather insights on deliverable D3.2 (policy and research contrasting realities).
13h30 - 15h00	<i>Closing, lunch and departures</i>	

CITIES PARTICIPATING

Valencia, Spain	Confirmed
Lyon, France	Confirmed
Porto, Portugal	Confirmed
Nantes, France	Confirmed
Mannheim, Germany	Confirmed
Bologna, Italy	Confirmed
Dublin, Ireland	Confirmed
Valladolid, Spain	Confirmed
Vilnius, Lithuania	To be confirmed