



Local Governments  
for Sustainability

EUROPE



**CONNECT • INNOVATE • ACCELERATE**

# WHO WE ARE

## A global network

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability is a global network of local and regional governments committed to sustainable development.

## ICLEI in Europe

ICLEI Europe provides its members with a voice on the European and international stage, a platform to connect with peers and the tools to drive positive environmental, economic and social change.

With over 160 urban sustainability and communication professionals based in Freiburg (Germany), Berlin (Germany) and Brussels (Belgium), ICLEI Europe works closely with local and regional governments and partners across Europe, the Middle East and West Asia.

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OFFICES  
WORLDWIDE



CITIES, TOWNS,  
REGIONS



180+ MEMBERS  
IN 35+ EUROPEAN  
COUNTRIES

# WHAT WE DO

## Strengthen partnerships

ICLEI works with European, national, regional and local actors to mobilise resources and build partnerships to advance sustainable development.

## Take an integrated approach

We have a team of technical experts across 12 topical areas who take an integrated approach to sustainability. We don't just focus on selected topics or one angle, we consider policies, plans, and projects that reflect the systemic nature of sustainability.



BIODIVERSITY  
AND NATURE-  
BASED  
SOLUTIONS



CIRCULAR  
ECONOMY



RESILIENCE  
AND CLIMATE  
ADAPTATION



CLIMATE  
NEUTRAL  
CITIES



BUILT  
ENVIRONMENT,  
CULTURE AND  
HERITAGE



SUSTAINABLE  
ENERGY  
SYSTEMS



SUSTAINABLE  
MOBILITY



SUSTAINABLE  
FOOD  
SYSTEMS



SUSTAINABLE  
AND  
INNOVATION  
PROCUREMENT



GREEN  
DIGITAL  
TRANSFORMATION



GOVERNANCE  
INNOVATION



JUSTICE,  
EQUITY AND  
DEMOCRACY



## HOW WE WORK

### **Provide a gateway to urban solutions**

ICLEI connects local and regional governments with other levels of government, partners and funders to influence framework conditions, pilot innovations and facilitate knowledge exchange. We do this by:

- ✦ Being the voice of cities and regions on European and global stages: We work closely with EU policy and decision-makers, participating in key political events, and acting as the official focal point for the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities Constituency (LGMA) to UN climate negotiations.
- ✦ Connecting local and regional governments with peers and solutions: We do this in the form of collaborative project work across many sustainability topics, as well as funding opportunities, and knowledge sharing events.
- ✦ From policy to implementation: We enhance knowledge and capacity among practitioners to help cities make their climate-neutral ambitions a reality.

### **Translate theory into practice**

ICLEI has experienced communications staff skilled at translating complex research findings, directives and policies into accessible language and disseminating this widely among local governments.



## WHO WE WORK WITH

### Connect leaders

ICLEI connects ambitious local and regional governments with leading peers, national governments and institutions, European institutions, the United Nations, businesses, banks, academia, and NGOs to learn from one another and accelerate transformative change.

### Work together to influence change

ICLEI represents local and regional governments in European and global policy processes. We cooperate with European networks, the European Commission, the European Parliament, the Committee of the Regions and others to influence and shape the debate on urban sustainability policies and legislation.



# JOIN US

ICLEI's membership is made up of local and regional governments as well as national and regional associations of local governments. We offer our members multiple exclusive benefits and opportunities. Other organisations can join ICLEI as associate partners.

For more information on how to join, visit: [www.iclei-europe.org/members](http://www.iclei-europe.org/members)

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*"Actions to address the challenges of our time need to happen at the local level. Local government action drives global sustainable development."*

### Martin Horn

Lord Mayor  
of Freiburg  
(Germany)  
President of  
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