

Driving Urban Transitions towards a Sustainable Future (DUT)

DUT CITY PANELS

Call for Expression of Interest

Strategies and actions taken by European cities are essential for meeting European ambitions towards climate-neutrality. The DUT Partnership strongly commits to **actively engage in a consultative manner with representatives of urban public administration**¹ for its activities. As problem-owners and experts for urban use cases, involving their experience, needs and requirements is essential in order to develop challenge-driven and innovative solutions.

The DUT Partnership² steps up the game to tackle urban challenges by enabling local authorities and municipalities, business and residents to jointly translate global strategies into local action. We strengthen existing skills and tools to make urban change happen and boost urgently needed transformations towards climate-neutral, liveable and inclusive cities. The Partnership pursues this aim in three “Transition Pathways”: (1) Positive Energy Districts and Neighbourhoods (PED), (2) Circular Urban Economies (CUE), and (3) The 15-Minute City (15minC).



Positive Energy Districts and Neighbourhoods
transforming the urban energy system



Circular Urban Economies
an integrated approach for urban greening and circularity transitions



The 15 Minutes Cities
rethinking the urban mobility system and space

DUT Transition Pathways

We plan to base the strategic development of each Transition Pathway on continuous exchange and consultation with city representatives in dedicated **City Panels** of around 20 - 30 cities in each Transition Pathway and therefore **invite for an expression of interest**.

¹ Public administration is organized differently in different countries and different urban areas, respectively. Urban public administration represents a summarized term of potentially different levels of administration and refers to

- the whole administrative area of a city
- municipalities
- metropolitan regions (with planning capacity regarding the topics of the 3 TPs)
- representatives of city districts (with planning capacity regarding the topics of the 3 TPs)

² <https://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/driving-urban-transitions-to-a-sustainable-future-dut/>

Selected members of the panel will have the opportunity to

- **shape priorities of a transnational European R&I programme** by bringing in local expertise, experiences and needs,
- **exchange, discuss and learn from experiences** of other European municipalities and cities,
- **actively contribute to developing strategies** towards climate-neutral, sustainable, inclusive and liveable urban environments.

Goals of the DUT Transition Pathways

The **Positive Energy Districts Transition Pathway (PED)** supports innovative solutions for the planning, large-scale implementation and replication of PEDs with the mission to have at least 100 Positive Energy Districts by 2025 and to contribute to the goal of the Horizon Europe Mission regarding 100 climate-neutral cities by 2030. PEDs combine integrated, neighbourhood-oriented solutions on the path towards climate-neutrality and the energy transition; they contribute to achieving the COP21 targets and the European Green Deal objectives and raise the quality of life in cities. They need to be synergistically connected to the energy system in Europe by applying an integrative approach including technology, spatial, regulatory, legal, financial, environmental, social and economic perspectives.

The **Circular Urban Economies Transition Pathway (CUE)** promotes the transformation of how cities address their use of resources in a broad sense. At different spatial scales, CUE aims to support cities and urban areas to implement circular economy-solutions towards increased resource efficiency, to restore natural capital and foster the use of multi-functional greening approaches to address the effects of climate change. From a CUE perspective, all design solutions that address urban resources issues, should be built on a solid base of social cohesion, and as such support community building, and address matters of liveability, inclusion, equality, public health and well-being as well.

The **15-Minute City Transition Pathway (15minC)** fosters urban mobility transitions through improving accessibility and connectivity, with a focus on the neighbourhood-level. The 15-Minute City concept is based on the idea that city dwellers should be able to cover the vast majority of their daily needs within a 15-minute radius, by walking and cycling, while connecting to other 15-minute neighbourhoods and travelling larger distances by other forms of sustainable transport. In order to reduce GHG-emissions and adapt our urban environments to climate change, it is key to establish integrated and mixed-use neighbourhoods that reduce the need for longer trips, while raising local quality of stay and opportunities. By including challenges of urban logistics, delivery and production, the 15-Minute City TP wants to boost the necessary mobility transition as a support to the evolution of climate-neutral, liveable and inclusive cities.

Tasks, benefits and working mode

The three DUT City Panels shall each serve as an **advisory board to their respective Transition Pathway (TP), and be** composed of around 20 – 30 city representatives.

These representatives should have the following qualifications/positions:

- **PED City Panel:** The panel shall consist of experts from city administrations (city, municipality or entity providing key urban services) with a combined knowledge in energy planning and the transformation of the urban energy sector (integrated in urban planning processes), sustainability strategies (e.g., Smart City strategies) and the implementation of concrete measures supporting the energy transition (e.g., in zoning, urban retrofitting/revitalisation, shared mobility, etc.)

- **15minC City Panel:** The panel shall include experts from city administrations (city or metropolitan level, municipality), key public mobility providers) and are expected to have a practical professional background in the wider field of mobility transitions, such as in personal mobility, transport of goods, city planning, social sciences with a focus on mobility, and others.
- **CUE City Panel:** The panel shall consist of experts from city administrations (city, municipality or entity providing key urban services), with a combined expertise in urban resource flows, urban metabolism, and multi-functional urban greening approaches on the one hand, and matters of social cohesion, urban liveability and equity on the other.

Activities of the City Panels include:

- **Identification and discussion of cities' challenges, needs and requirements** regarding implementation and replication processes
- **Strategic reflections on priorities and tasks** of the TPs
- **Sharing experience and good practice** regarding strategies on urban development, the energy transition, the mobility transition, circularity and nature-based solutions and similar topics, as well as concrete projects in the respective cities and innovation projects in DUT
- Support in **promoting DUT/TP activities as “ambassadors”**
- Participation in working groups on specific content-related tasks (optional)

Expected benefits for City Panel members:

- **Peer-to-peer learning:** Be part in a city network of peers to exchange on experience in conceptualisation and implementation of innovation projects for urban climate-neutrality,
- **Co-creation and agenda-setting:** Contribute to setting priorities of the transnational R&I programme of DUT, based on cities' needs,
- **City Promotion:** Position your city as a front-runner in the field of urban transitions,
- **Community:** Become part of the wider DUT stakeholder community (AGORA), make use of existing networks and build new networks.

Meetings and activities:

- Around two meetings/workshops per year (on-site/online)
- One case study excursion per year³
- In-between exchange via a provided platform (online meetings/webinars, sharing of documents, and exchange, etc.)
- Expected resources needed: 50 – 100 hours per year (including site visits and travelling)

Expression of Interest

Please express your interest in joining one or more DUT City Panels by filling this short survey (until 25 April 2022):

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HZV7F5H>

Please note: In order to ensure geographical balance and consider city size and specific ambitions of the interested cities, the DUT Management may need to select a limited number of members for each TP City Panel. All interested cities will also be invited to become part of the DUT AGORA and engage in various forms of stakeholder exchange and co-creation.

³ Depending on COVID19 development and regulations