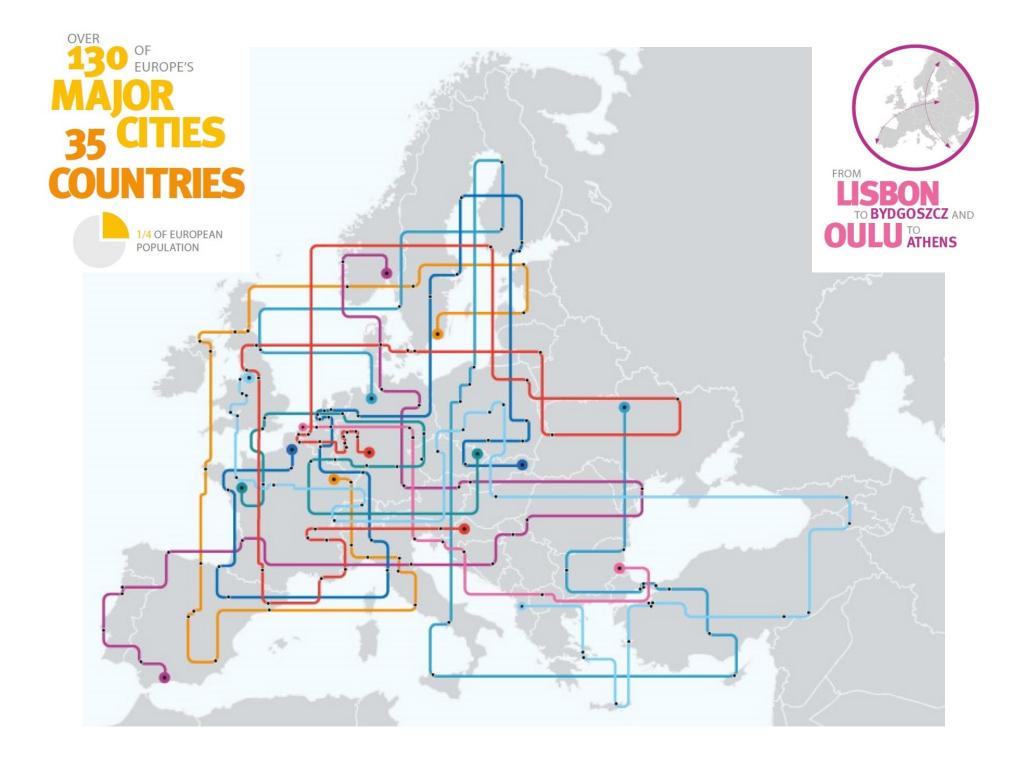


# How local governments are pioneering the deployment of efficient and sustainable energy

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#### **Overview**



**OVER CITY EXPERTS AND** POLITICIANS ACTIVELY **ENGAGED** ACROSS SECTORS CULTURE ECONOMY ENVIRONMENT KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY MOBILITY SOCIAL AFFAIRS WORKING GROUPS

#### Sustainable cities

- 75% of EU population
- 85% of GDP

- 80% of energy use
- 69% of Europe's CO2

Average GHG reduction target for the Covenant of Mayors: 29% by 2020





# Energy action in cities

### Cities are

- investors
- organisers and planners
- trusted brokers

They work inter alia on

- Renewable energy production
- Increasing energy efficiency
- Sustainable mobility







# Mapping energy efficiency - Vilnius

- Interactive energy map
  - energy performance data for every apartment block in the city
- By 2015, map accessed more than 200 000 times
- Over 400 homeowner associations joining renovation programme

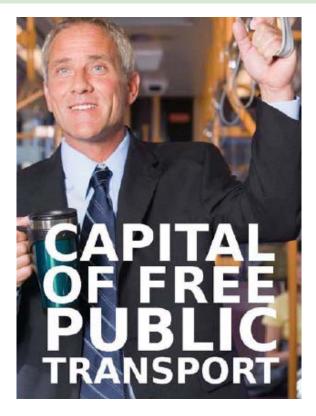


#### Awareness raising



## Pioneering free public transport - Tallin

- Free public transport for
  - Registered Tallin residents, schoolchildren and 65+ yrs old
- Led to boom in registrations (more than 6100 in 5 months) - rise in tax base
- More mobility for residents with low income



Emission reduction and inclusion

• 15% less cars



# Energy efficiency through participation - Malaga

- Los Limoneros: low income neighbourhood
- Participatory process made energy efficiency measures possible
- Awareness raising campaign
- Smart metering campaign



Gaining the trust of residents, involving them



# A localised Energy Union of smart cities

- Clear, long term framework crucial for investors
- Balanced approach to connecting & decentralising
- Better integration between MS and EU policies
  - Coordination among different policies, e.g. energy/climate and air quality, waste (incineration)
  - Integrated approach on related issues



## Energy Union - city initiatives

Cities are where EU energy and climate policies come together and interact

**Covenant of Mayors:** should be renewed with a local commitment of at least 40% CO2 reduction and be merged with the EU Mayors Adapt

Smart Cities EIP: should go beyond just energy, ICT, mobility; address related urban sustainability issues, e.g. air quality

EU Urban Agenda: could streamline and coordinate EU city initiatives in different fields



## Energy Union - markets and consumers

- Electricity markets
  - Integrate renewables into grid
  - Stable frameworks
- Smart grids
  - Assess usefulness, ensure data protection
- Energy poverty
  - Cities are taking action
  - Responsibility of all levels of government







## Energy Union - buildings and energy efficiency

- Energy Efficiency & Energy Performance of Buildings Directive
  - Address district level, e.g.district heating and cooling as part of strategy
  - Green public procurement
- Heating and cooling
  - (Smart) district heating & cooling important
  - Work on financing
  - Links to EED, EPBD, waste to energy
- Financial instruments
  - Need to be easily accessible and usable (capacity building)



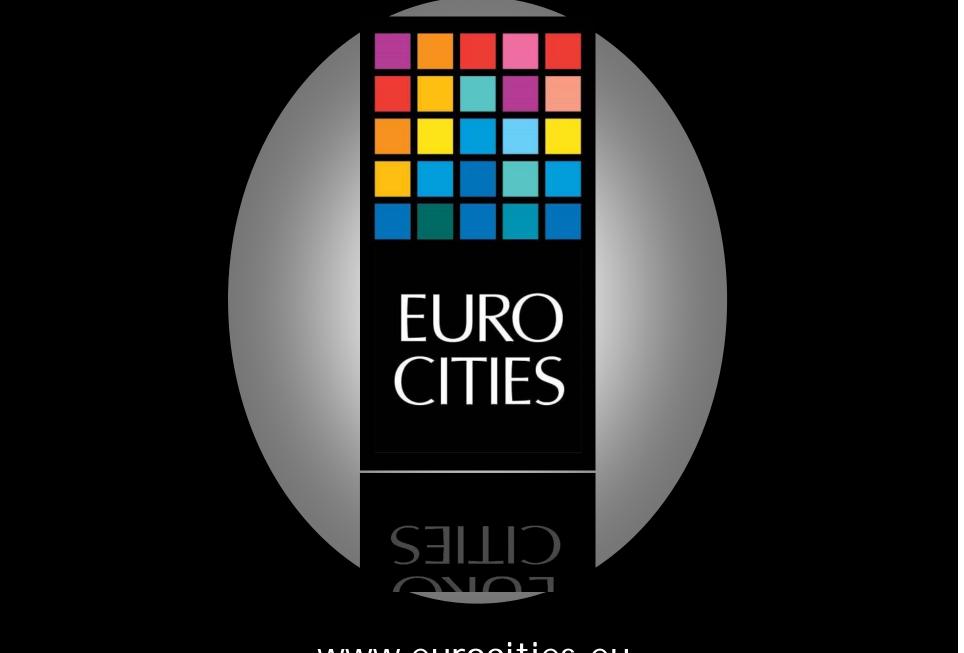




# Energy Union - transport

- Decarbonising road transport
  - Modal shift first
  - Need to ensure demand for infrastructure
- Post-2020 car & van CO2
  - Ambition and testing
- Eurovignette and e-tolling
  - Keep flexibility for cities to adapt to local situation





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