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Call for cooperation between partners of Horizon Europe Partnerships with cities of the EU Mission on Climate-neutral & smart cities

Dear Chairs of Horizon Europe Partnerships,

Cities play a pivotal role in achieving climate neutrality by 2050, the goal of the European Green Deal. In particular, European cities can substantially contribute to the European Green Deal target of reducing emissions by 55% by 2030 and, in more practical terms, to offer cleaner air, safer transport and less congestion and noise to their citizens.

The climate-neutral and smart cities Mission of Horizon Europe has selected 100 cities from the EU Member States as well as 12 cities from Associated Countries that aim to become climate-neutral by 2030 (list in Annex). These cities will now develop, with the support of the Mission Platform¹, their so-called Climate City Contract, which will include an overall plan for climate neutrality by 2030 across all sectors including energy, buildings, transport....

We believe that your partnership and its members have great potential to contribute to the objectives of the Mission. Indeed, many members of your partnerships, because of their local implantation in the selected cities, can be important actors to co-create and implement together with the local authorities the Climate City Contracts.

I would therefore like to ask you to share this letter with your partnership members and call upon your members to get into contact with the relevant local authorities of the selected cities to discuss about ways to get involved in the planning and implementation of the Climate City Contracts. Please visit the website of the Mission Platform (<https://netzerocities.eu/>) to get more information about the Cities Mission and interested

⁽¹⁾ more information is available at www.netzerocities.eu

partners can send an Email to hello@netzerocities.eu to receive the contact details for the selected cities.

Yours faithfully,

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Annex: Fact sheet on EU Mission “100 climate-neutral and smart cities” (including list of selected cities)