

European Circular Cities Declaration

Information Sheet

About the Declaration

The **European Circular Cities Declaration** is designed to help accelerate the transition from a linear to a circular economy in Europe, and thereby create a resource-efficient, low-carbon and socially responsible society.

It aims to:

- Allow local and regional governments across Europe to **communicate their commitment** to supporting the circular transition
- Provide **a shared vision** of what a “circular city” is
- Underline **the critical role** which local and regional governments need to play in making this transition happen
- Establish a **community of committed organisations** to share their experiences, challenges and successes

The Declaration has been developed by a broad **partnership of stakeholders** to ensure that the vision and commitments contained are ambitious, yet achievable, and reflect the needs of all.

Why sign?

Signing the Circular Cities Declaration offers many benefits to cities and regions. Signatories will become part of a **powerful, unified group of cities** that will help raise awareness of the long-term political, societal, environmental and financial benefits of the circular economy, and contribute to the development of a supportive political framework.

Other benefits include:

- **International profiling** and a platform to showcase activities globally through print, online media and/or key events
- **Sharing and developing capabilities** with like-minded cities to implement a circular economy
- **Accessing advice and support** in the development of a circular economy
- Opportunities for **city-to-city cooperation** to push rapid and effective implementation on the ground
- Demonstrating leadership and commitment at the sub-national level to a **productive, liveable and resilient Europe**



Founding signatories

Tirana (Albania); **Ghent, Leuven and Mechelen** (Belgium); **Prague** (Czechia); **Copenhagen, Høje-Taastrup and Roskilde** (Denmark); **Helsinki, Lappeenranta, Oulu, Tampere and Turku** (Finland); **Grenoble** (France); **Freiburg im Breisgau** (Germany); **Budapest** (Hungary); **Florence and Prato** (Italy); **Wiltz** (Luxembourg); **Guimarães** (Portugal); **Bergen and Oslo** (Norway); **Ljubljana and Maribor** (Slovenia); **Seville** (Spain), and **Eskilstuna, Malmö and Umeå** (Sweden).

Procedure for signing

- Provide ICLEI (info@circarcitiesdeclaration.eu) with the name and title of the senior politician who wishes to sign the Declaration on behalf of the city or regional administration
- Provide information to be included on a dedicated page on the [Declaration website](#):
 - 1-2 paragraphs of text highlighting the city/region's activities in the field of Circular Economy
 - Links to any important documents or webpages for further information on the city/region's CE activities
 - Your logo and a nice photo to use as the webpage header

Activities and obligations

- There is no financial payment required
- The only request we make of signatories is to provide a simple annual update of the activities you have carried out related to the commitments made within the Declaration
- A series of webinars will be organised four times a year on relevant topics to highlight good practice amongst the signatories, and discuss challenges
- Contact details will be shared between signatories and the support partners to enable exchange and interaction

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