

# 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, Hoje-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@circularcitiesdeclaration.eu](mailto:info@circularcitiesdeclaration.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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