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MedCUC – MedCities Climate Urban Capacity Programme



City Climate
Finance Gap Fund



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MedCUC

Welcoming words

Josep Canals-Molina
Secretary General of MedCities

What is MedCities?



81 members

18 countries

7 observers

Now, MedCités counts with 81 member local authorities of 18 countries from all over the Mediterranean area.

It also counts with 7 observing members: ACCD, FACM, Provincial Deputation of Barcelona, ANIMA Invest Network, Hariri Foundation, MEDPAN, and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean.

Our guiding principles



Sustainable
development



Climate crisis
mitigation

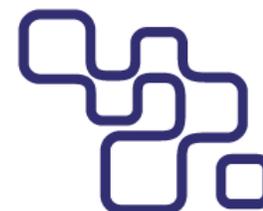


Economic and
social equality

Our main thematic areas



Waste management



Strategic Planning

Energy



Governance & city planning



Environment & climate change



Social cohesion

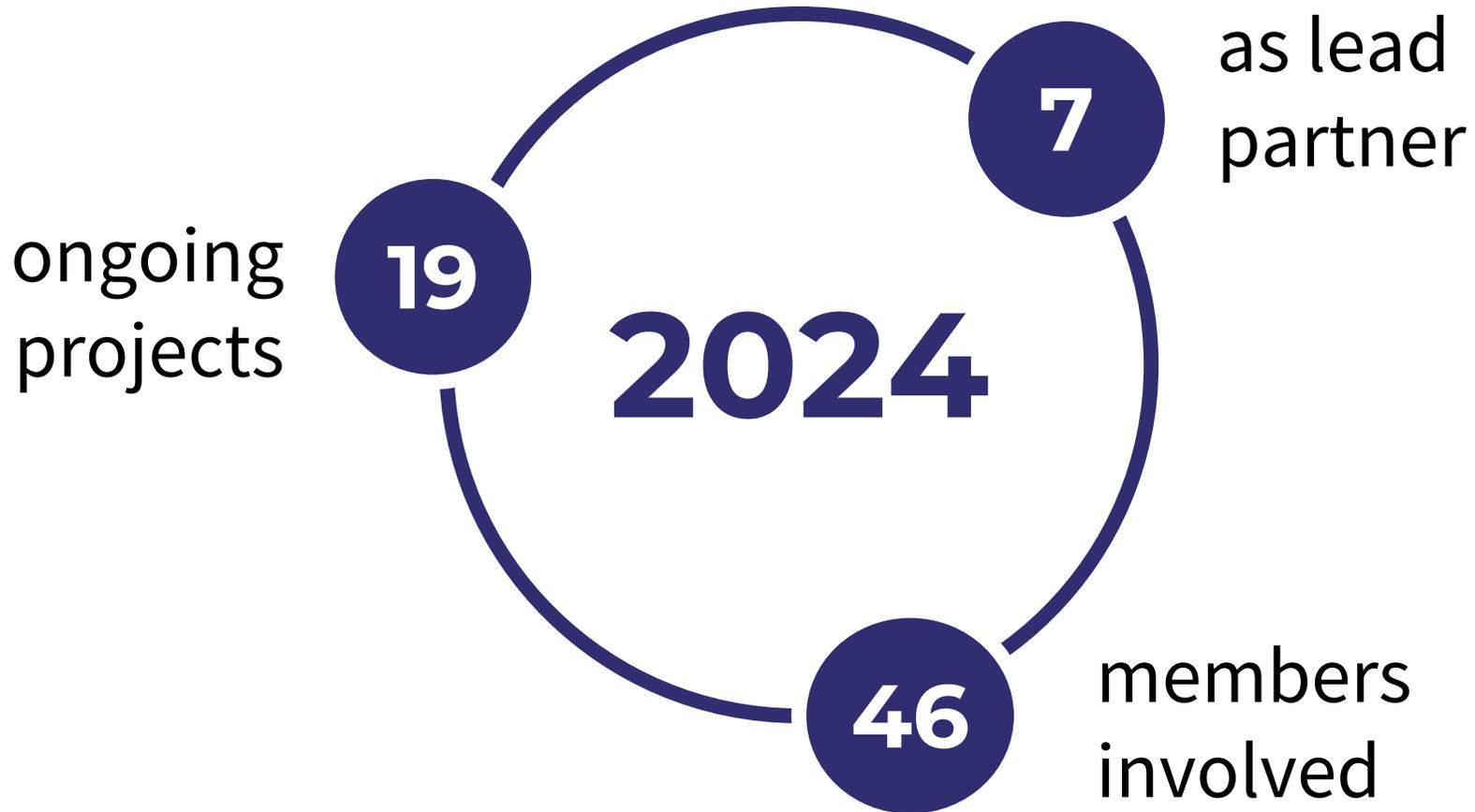
Mobility



Sustainable development



A place for innovative projects



MedCities carries out **innovative and capacity-building projects** to reinforce the role, competences and resources of Mediterranean local governments.

A knowledge sharing platform



Study Visits



Events and seminars



Trainings and workshops



MedCities promotes the **exchange of best practices and common pitfalls** of sustainable local policies between Mediterranean actors.

A regional cooperation actor



MedCities launches and develops **direct cooperation and partnerships** between its members.



A voice for local authorities



Networking with international partners



Participation in international forums



Policy recommendations and reports



MedCities makes **your voice heard on the international scene** and advocates in favour of Mediterranean local authorities.

Agenda

Presentation of the City Climate Finance Gap Fund

by Khadija Esseghairi (GiZ)

The MedCUC programme

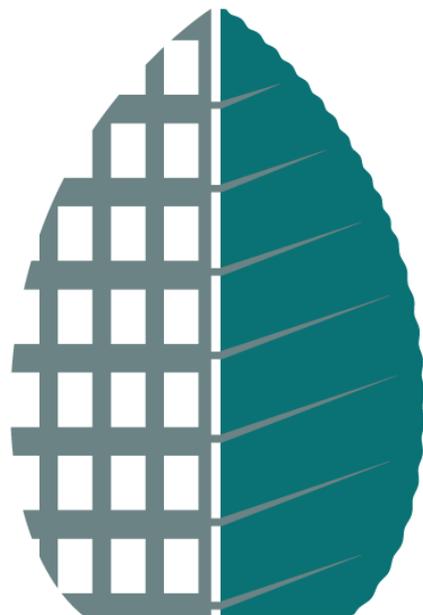
By the MedCUC team

The Call for Mediterranean Local Authorities

by the MedCUC team

Questions & answers

Foreseen time:
11:00 – 12:30 (CET)

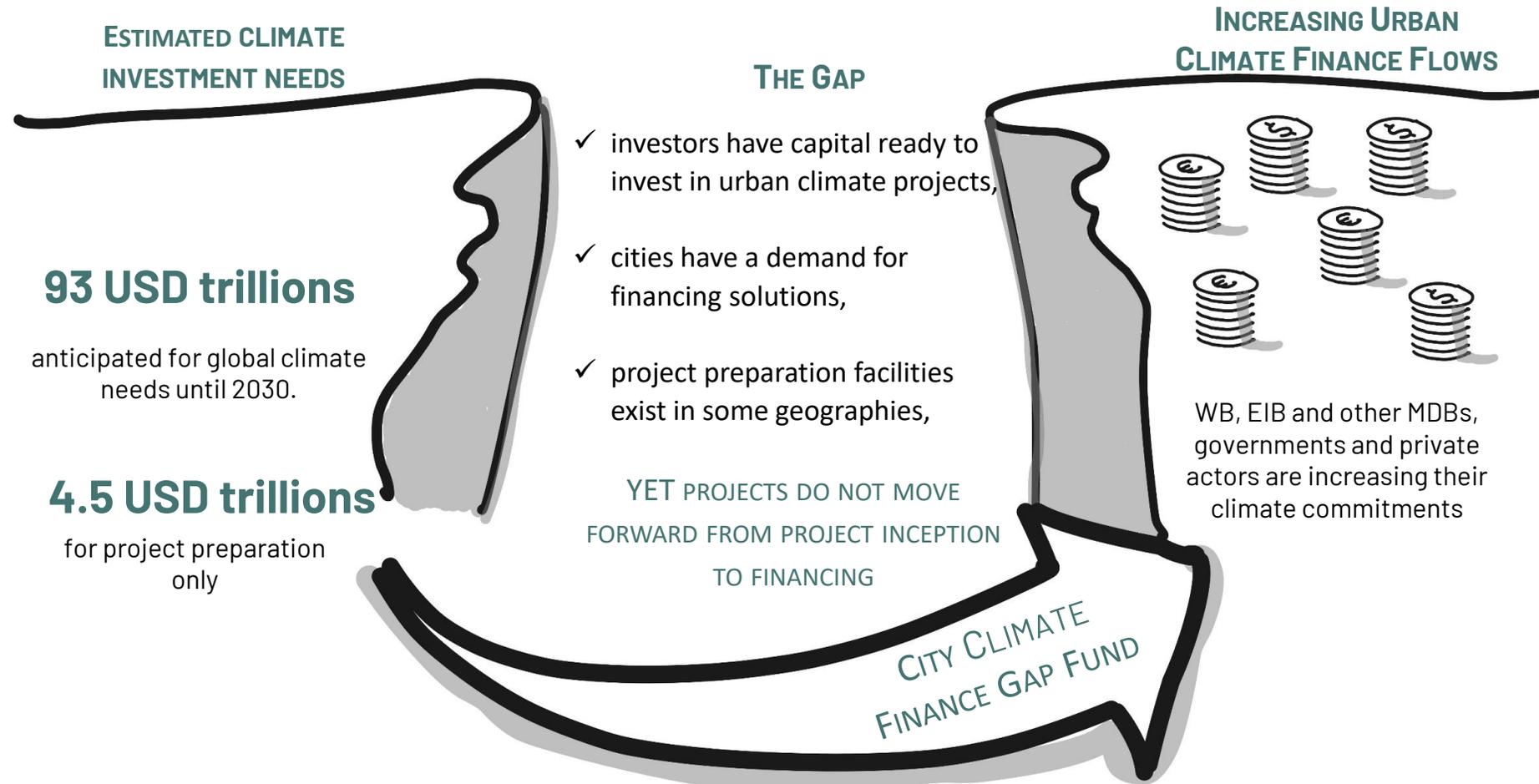


City Climate Finance Gap Fund

What is the Gap?

1.

What is the gap?



Organisational structure

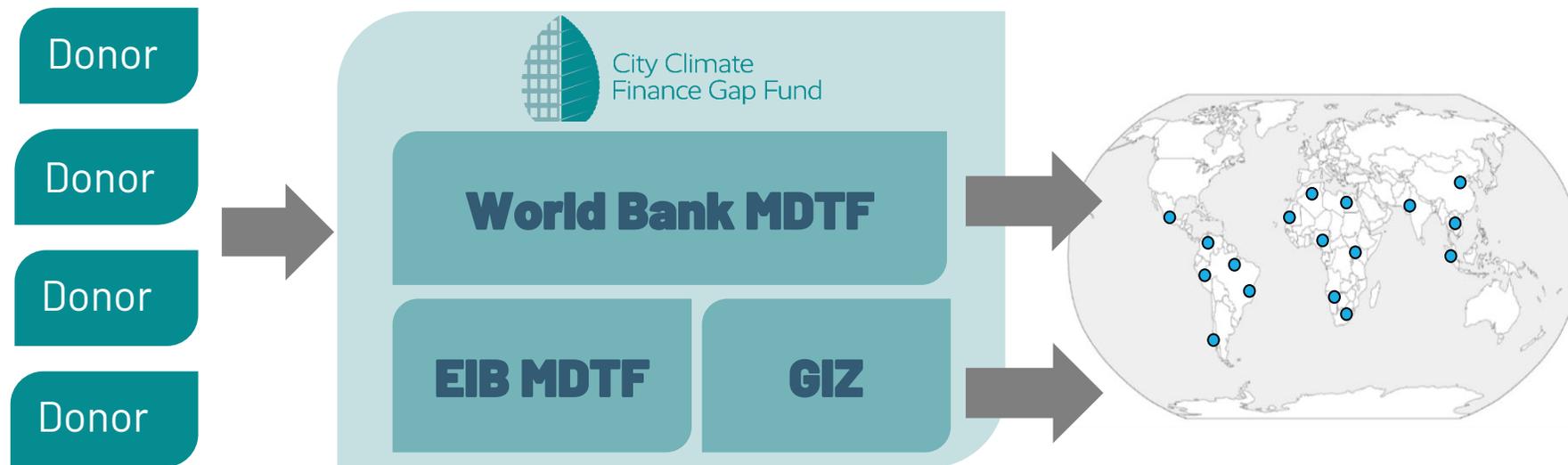
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The Gap Fund – one initiative, different implementing partners

- **Implementing Partners:** World Bank, European Investment Bank and GIZ



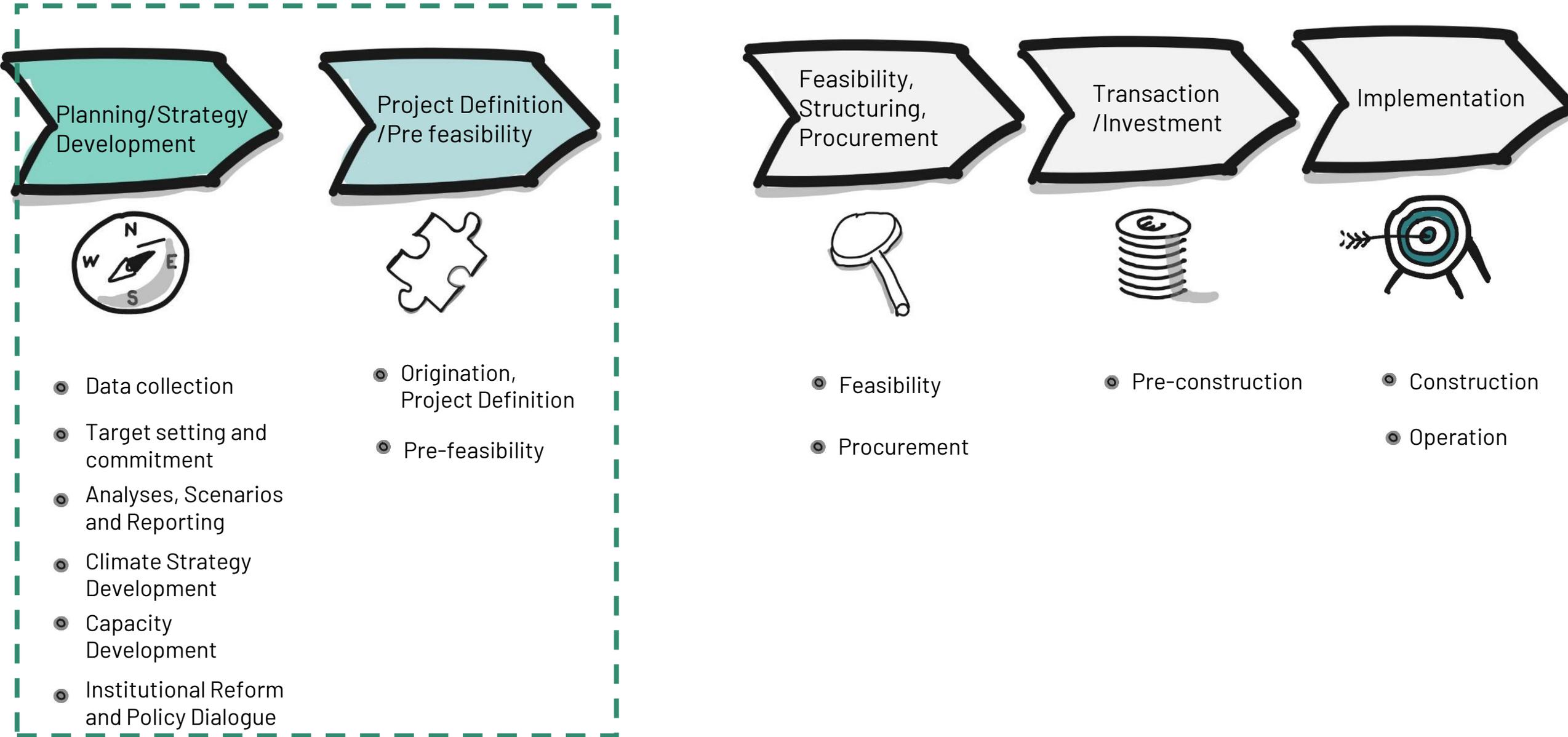
- **Cooperation partners:** GCoM, C40, ICLEI, CCFLA



**What does the
Gap Fund offer?**

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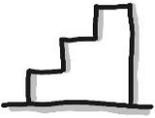
The City Climate Project Planning and Development Cycle



What the Gap Fund offers



Supporting **city climate strategy development** and analytics to assess the climate potential of plans, strategies, and investment programs



Providing **capacity building** for low-carbon and climate-resilient urban development



Supporting the **prioritization of investments** as part of a climate strategy or investment program



Defining **project concepts** and preparing pre-feasibility studies



Supporting **the appropriate financial structuring** for different projects



Matchmaking with additional support sources for later stages of project preparation



Offering potential support to **fill in other project preparation gaps**

Eligibility criteria

- **Countries:** Countries in the ODA-OECD DAC list
- **Climate action potential:** Mitigation and/or adaptation to climate change
- **Urban dimension:** The project must be situated in or functionally linked to an urban area
- **Stage:** Early stages of climate investment planning and project preparation:
 - Climate strategy development/ enabling environment
 - Project definition/concept
 - Pre-feasibility
- **Sectors**
 - Urban mobility
 - Energy efficiency and small renewables
 - Solid waste management
 - Water and wastewater management
 - Greening of urban areas, nature-based solutions
 - Adaptation to climate vulnerabilities
 - Affordable housing with an energy-efficient approach
 - Multi-sector, area-based investment programs
 - Circular economy approaches

The Gap Fund EOI

3.

Expression of Interest



The City Climate Finance Gap Fund (or "Gap Fund") aims to help cities in low- and middle-income countries transition towards low-carbon and climate-resilient pathways in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement.

Resources will be available to provide technical assistance to the development of early-stage urban climate action interventions, by: (i) supporting cities and their local governments develop climate strategies/action plans; (ii) supporting cities and their local governments prepare bankable climate action investment projects; and (iii) facilitating matchmaking to later-stage project preparation facilities and financiers. It is not intended to finance any expected investment expenditures under this Fund.

Instructions: Applications received for the Gap Fund must ensure that their activities are properly aligned with the program's goals and objectives which you can find [here](#). Additional information may be enclosed as needed.

SECTION A: BASIC DATA

1. Title of proposed activity	<input type="text"/>
2. Applicant's information	<input type="text"/>
Full name	
Position and department/unit	
Institution	
Email address	
Phone number	
3. City name and population size	<input type="text"/>
4. Country	<input type="text"/>

SECTION B: KEY PROJECT DETAILS

5. Sector focus (Select all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable urban mobility <i>Related to public transport, BRT systems, fuel switches, non-motorised transport</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Energy efficiency <i>Buildings, street lighting, district heating and/or cooling and distributed renewable energy generation</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Solid waste management <i>Recycling, integrated waste management systems, circular economy</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Water and wastewater management <i>Water supply and sanitation, sewerage, redevelopment for flood protection</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Green buildings/eco-districts <i>Interventions to meet suitable green building certifications or equivalent</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Greening of urban areas <i>Public spaces, nature-based solutions, blue/green infrastructure (green/blue roofs, rain gardens, etc.)</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Adaptation <i>To established climate vulnerabilities</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Multisector, area-based investment programs <i>Includes slum/informal settlement upgrading, brownfield redevelopments, urban extensions</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing <i>With energy efficiency approaches</i>	
6. Climate focus (Select one only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigation or low-carbon development	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Adaptation or resilience	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	

7. Type of Support Requested

The objective of the Gap Fund is to support strategic planning and early stages of project preparation when cities often lack the capacity and financial resources required to turn ideas into real projects.

Climate strategy development and enabling environment

Examples include analysis of legal environment, alignment with national strategies, policy mapping, stakeholder engagement, international good practice capacity development on early-project preparation

Definition of a project concept

Examples include concept development, investment prioritization and analysis of potential finance-readiness

Pre-feasibility support

Examples include preparing Terms of References and carrying out a pre-feasibility study, technology assessment, stakeholder engagement at project level, preliminary financial or economic analysis and climate assessment

Other type of technical assistance requested

Please specify here

8. Briefly indicate and describe the: (i) climate change challenges/issues to be addressed, (ii) reason for requesting Gap Fund support, (iii) overview of proposed interventions and scope of the technical assistance requested, and (iv) expected environmental, social, and economic co-benefits (not more than 400 words)

EXISTING PARTNERSHIPS/ENGAGEMENTS

9. Does the city have an existing engagement with any one or more of these development partners? (Directly or indirectly via state or national agencies)

(Select all that apply)

World Bank (WB)

Provide details on type and number of engagements and project name(s)

European Investment Bank (EIB)

Provide details on type and number of engagements and project names(s)

German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ)

Provide details on type and number of engagements and project names(s)

Others (multilateral development banks, national development banks and any other international financial institutions and development partners)

Provide details on type and number of engagements and project names(s)

None

10. Does the proposed intervention have any linkages to existing or planned local or national government strategies?

City climate change action plan or resilience strategy

Yes No

If yes, what is the status of the plan?

Choose an item ▼

Urban development plans

(master plan, strategic spatial plan, investment plan, etc.)

Yes No

If yes, what is the status of the plan?

Choose an item ▼

National climate change action plan or resilience strategy, Nationally Determined Contributions, etc.

Yes No

If yes, what is the status of the plan?

Choose an item ▼

Others

Namely:

Yes No

If yes, what is the status of the plan?

Choose an item ▼

**The Gap Fund so
far**

4.

EoIs and Investments projects approved so far

710 EoIs received thus far until March 2025

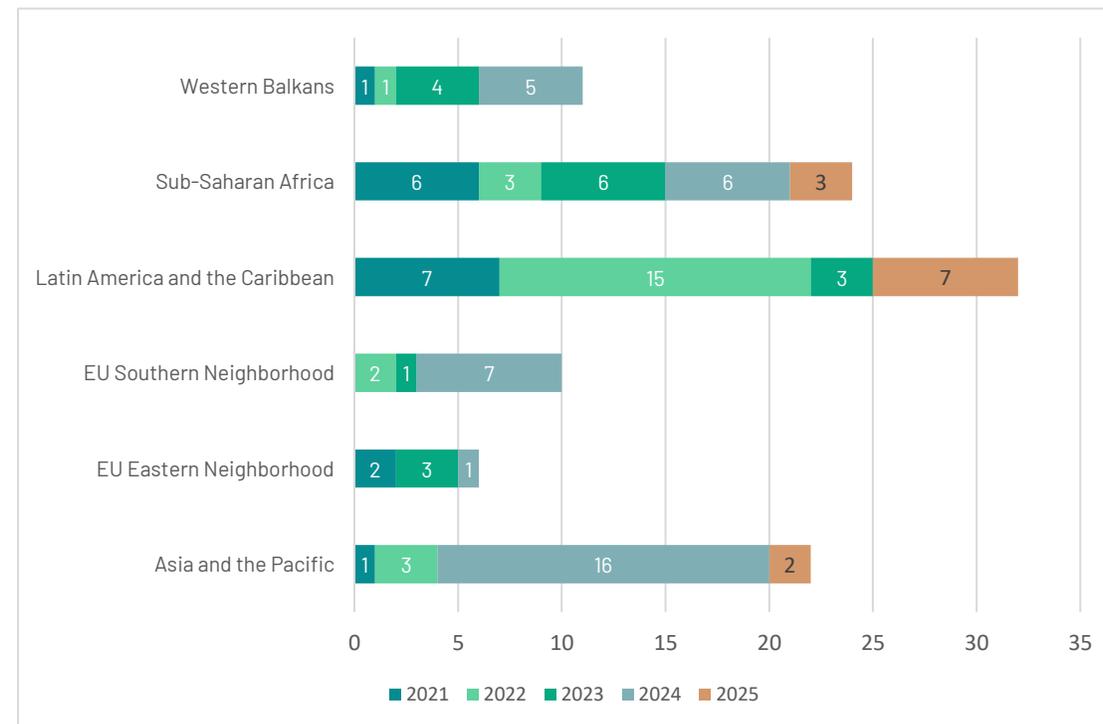
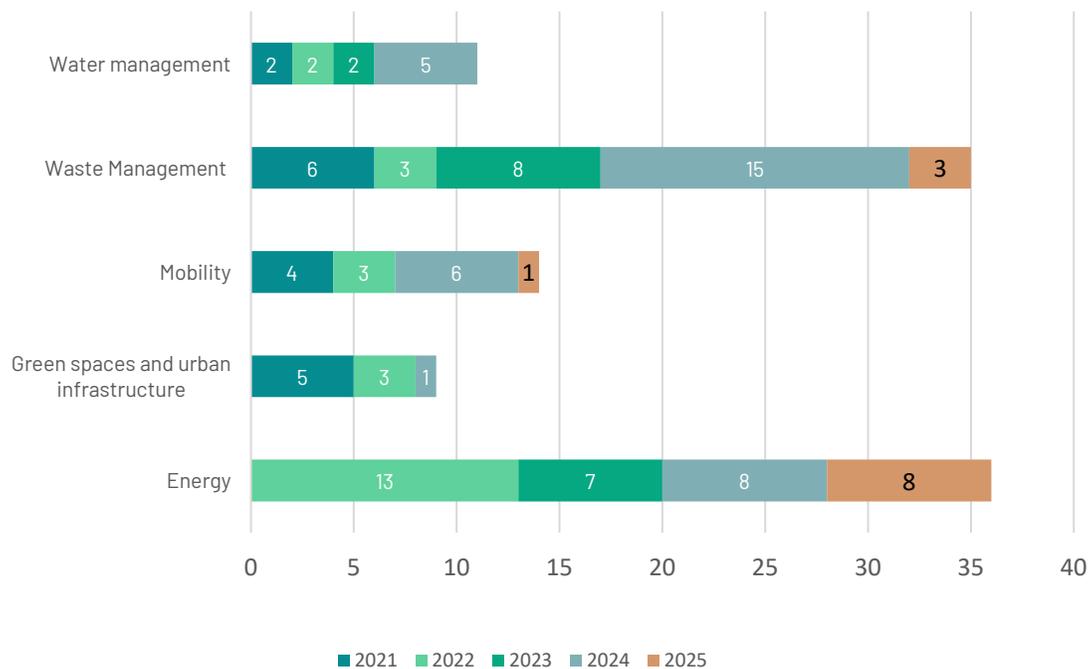


105 Investment Projects approved so far

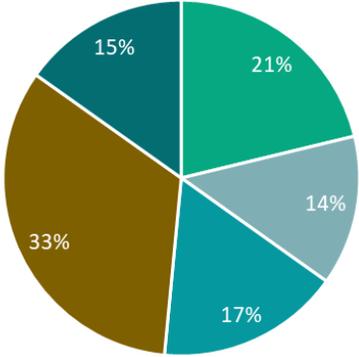


12 Investment Projects approved in 2025

Sectoral and geographical distribution of approved Investment Projects over Gap Fund operation



EIB-GIZ Gap Fund portfolio until Q1 2025



- Energy
- Green spaces and urban infrastructure
- Mobility
- Waste Management
- Water management

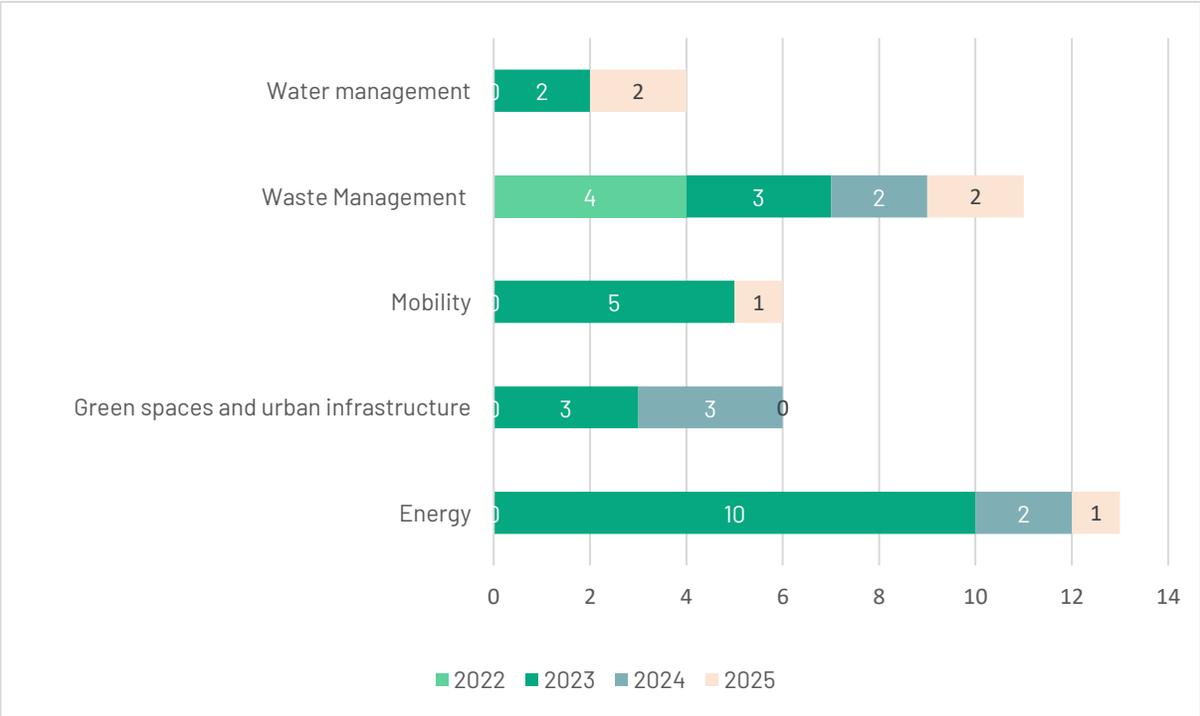
- TA in progress (39)
- TA finalized (27)



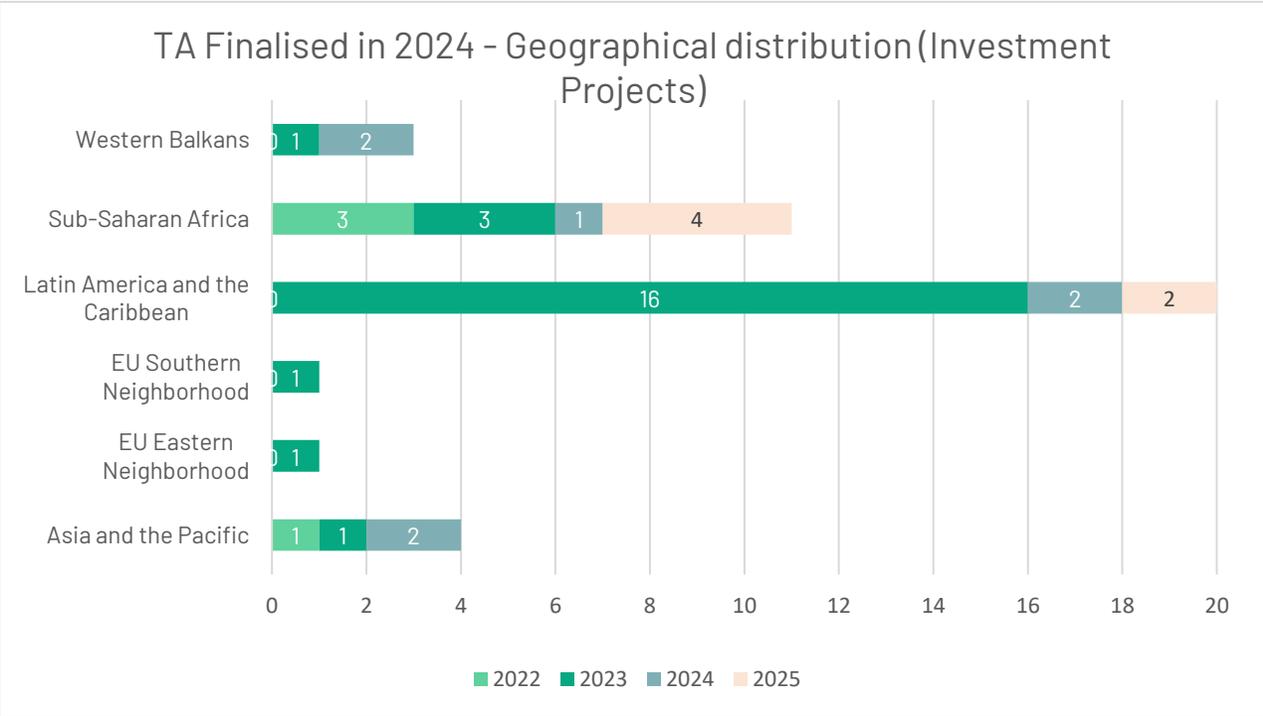
EIB-GIZ Gap Fund portfolio until Q1-2025

Investment projects with Technical Assistance completed

Sectoral distribution



Geographical distribution



Examples of assignments

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Examples of the Gap Fund (EIB-GIZ) Assignments



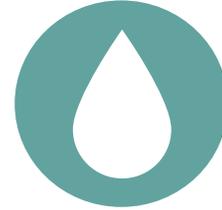
Green spaces and urban infrastructure

- Flood Risk Assessment and Management, Nabeul
- Coastal erosion protection for Libreville and Port Gentil
- Pre-feasibility study for active mobility in Constantine, Algeria



Energy

- Prefeasibility study for solar PVs in public spaces in Zenata, Morocco
- Detailed Energy Audits for 55 schools in BiH



Water management

- Hydraulic modeling and conceptual designs of water supply systems in Prokuplje, Serbia
- Wastewater treatment, Zanzibar, Tanzania



Waste management

- Organic waste management, La Marsa, Tunisia
- Inter-municipal Integrated Waste Management in Gjilan and Ferizaj, Kosovo

Examples of successful handover (EIB-GIZ)

Project

Integrating Climate Perspectives in Dhaka's Urban Regeneration Project
Bangladesh



Gap Fund support

Develop a **climate, environmental and green action plan** with the aim to identify the main environmental and climate risks in the target area and outline options for **inclusive climate-proof infrastructure**

Next steps

The Urban Regeneration Project is **financially supported by the AIIB**

Inter-municipal Integrated Waste Management in Gjilan and Ferizaj
Kosovo



Pre-feasibility study to assess the current waste situation and **determine long-term demands to define a 10-year investment plan**

Gjilan and Ferizaj will be applying for EU funding for implementing prioritized waste management intervention with support from GIZ Kosovo

Transformative Riverine and Stormwater Management Programme
South Africa



Identify possible solutions to Mbombela's flood management issues, via a **transformative river management approach and the use of nature-based solutions** in addition to grey infrastructure.

Follow-up technical support provided by C40 CFF, with the aim to establish climate-resilient stormwater and flood alleviation infrastructure in three sub-catchment areas



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The Mediterranean area is one of the most **vulnerable to the impacts of climate change**, and municipalities and local governments are on the front line...

- **Lack of sectoral or strategic plans** to address these issues in an integrated manner
- **Absence of inter-departmental coordination** and dedicated structures
- **Lack of political will** to target climate change as a priority issue
- **Lack of capacity, skills and knowledge** to define, prepare and implement their projects
- Unawareness and/or inability to **access financing opportunities**

... among others.

...but they are **confronted with many challenges.**

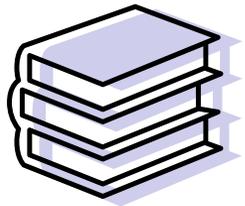
Objective

Leverage the capacity of MedCities in the Mediterranean area...

...to offer to needs-oriented and sustainable support to prepare climate resilient and low carbon urban projects.

MedCUC activities for cities

Offer support to prepare climate projects



Project preparation pack

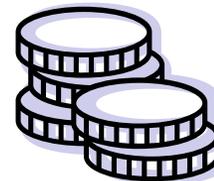


Tailored Technical Assistance (Call)

NEW SERVICE PORTFOLIO

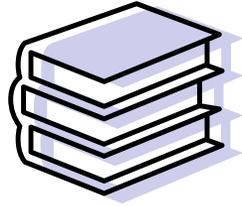


Thematic peer-to-peer sessions



Mapping of funding & matchmaking sessions

New service portfolio



Project preparation pack

Offer city project promoters information and capacity development measures on **early-stage project preparation and financing**, including tips and practical recommendations.

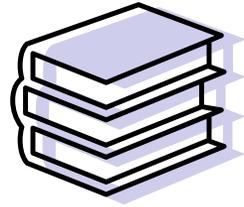
What? A navigable tool with links and resources

When? Available soon on

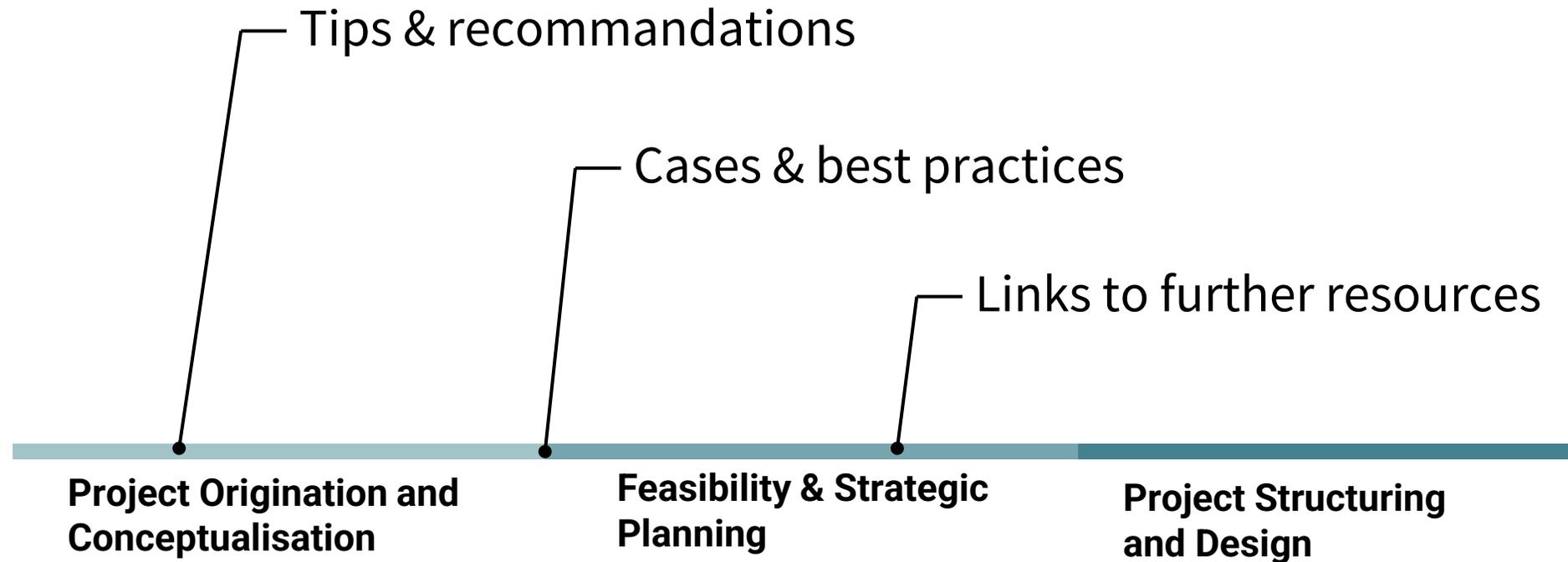
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RETHINKING CITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN



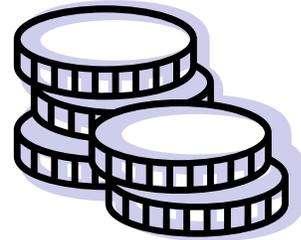
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Project preparation pack



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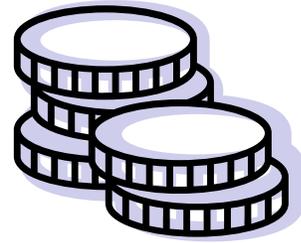
Mapping of funding & matchmaking sessions

Act as a go-between for financiers to **make climate funding opportunities known to Mediterranean cities.**

What? Identification, dissemination + 2 “Financiers to cities” matchmaking sessions

When? 2nd semester 2025 – beginning of 2026

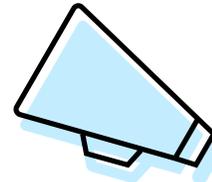
New service portfolio



Mapping of funding & matchmaking sessions



Mapping of opportunities & strategic intelligence



Dissemination to local authorities



“Financiers to cities” matchmaking sessions

New service portfolio



Thematic peer-to-peer sessions

Enable local governments and cities to **share lessons learnt and replicate successful models** for climate action.

What? 8 thematic peer-to-peer sessions, as part of MedCities Working Groups

When? First half of 2026

New service portfolio

Only available for the WG participants + 9 cities of the Call



Thematic peer-to-peer sessions

SUSTAINABLE URBAN
MOBILITY



GREENER & CLIMATE-
RESILIENT CITIES



4

working groups



COASTAL
CITIES



INTEGRATED WASTE
MANAGEMENT



New service portfolio



Tailored Technical Assistance

Offer 9 cities **training and technical assistance tailored to their needs** in the early-stage preparation and financing of their climate project



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Call for Mediterranean Local Authorities



What is this Call about?

Objective:

Select **9 Mediterranean local authorities...**
...to give them a boost in the **preparation and funding of their urban climate project.**

**SUSTAINABLE
URBAN MOBILITY**



**GREENING OF
URBAN AREAS**



**ENERGY
EFFICIENCY**



**WATER
MANAGEMENT**



**SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT**



**CLIMATE
CHANGE
ADAPTATION**



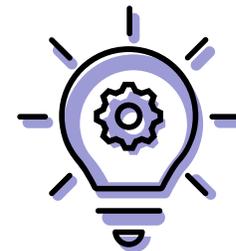
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TRAINING



**TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE**

What support?

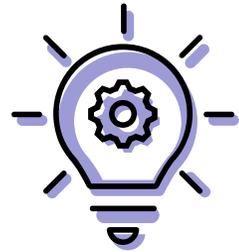


TRAINING

(1) An online training in climate project preparation & financing

- 6-hour online initial training
- **in English and French**
- essential knowledge in project preparation and financing:
 - Familiarity with project lifecycle
 - Basic understanding of Climate Finance
 - General requirements for project funding
 - Main tools of project preparation
 - Importance of early preparation, cross-sector collaboration and transformational change

What support?

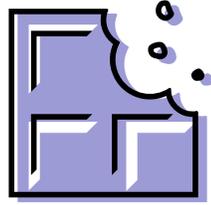


TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

(2) Tailored technical assistance

- Series of exchanges over 4 to 6 months
- Tailored support and recommendations for climate projects, by an expert (MedCUC advisor):
 - Early-stage project maturation
 - Project structuration
 - Funding and technical assistance opportunities
 - Project presentation & pitching
 - Experience-sharing and networking

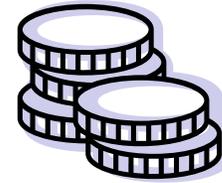
What support?



**EXTRA
SUPPORT**

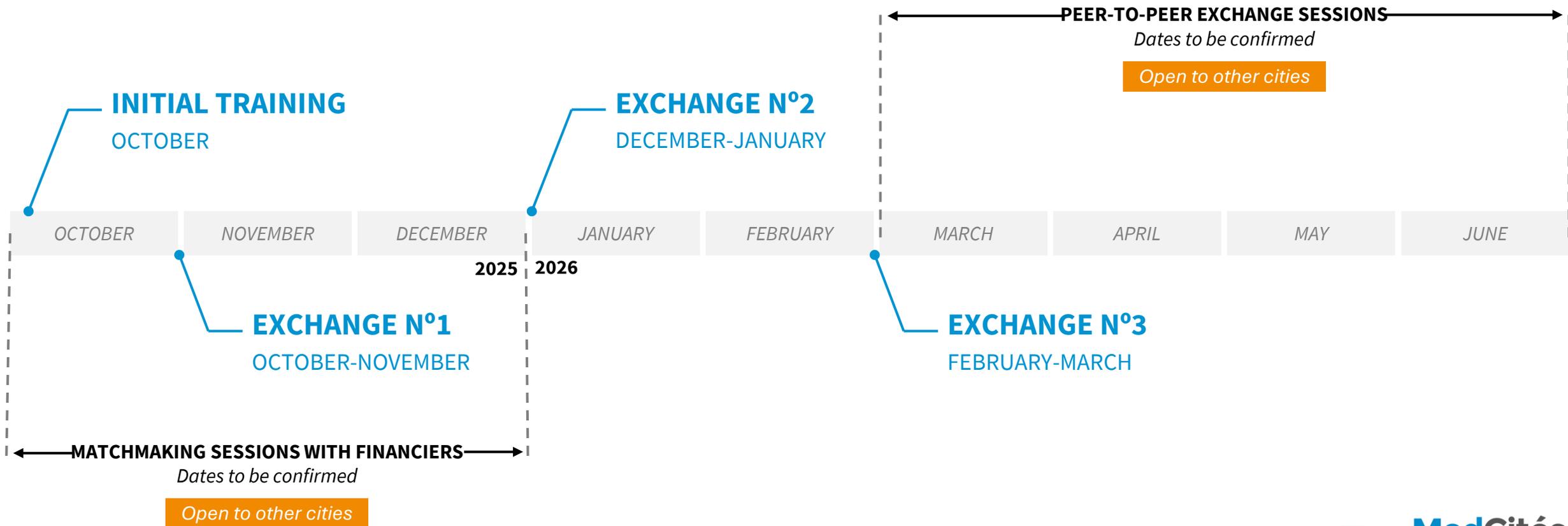


**Thematic peer-to-
peer sessions**



**Mapping of funding &
matchmaking sessions**

When will the activities take place?



What requirements?

English
/
French

What? The selected local authorities commit to:

- Participate in the **online training**
- Participate into the exchanges of the technical assistance and implement the resulting tasks
- Provide all the necessary information and documentation related to their climate project

Who? Relevant municipal departments + 1 focal point

How much time? About 20 hours at least

Who is eligible?

Applicants can only be:

(1) A local authority

- City councils
- Town councils
- Specialised districts
- Bodies responsible for providing services (e.g. metropolitan councils, public agencies)
- Etc.

(2) From an ODA country in the Mediterranean

Official Development Assistance

How to apply?

To apply, applicants must:

(1) Read the Terms of Reference

- Scope of the support
- Calendar
- Participations requirements
- Application process
- Eligibility
- Evaluation process



How to apply?

To apply, applicants must:

(1) Read the Terms of Reference

(2) Prepare your form

- Courtesy form available to prepare the form



Only applications submitted through the online form will be evaluated.

ABOUT THE APPLICANT

Institution name	
Name, SURNAME of the person submitting the application	
Position	
Department / unit	
E-mail address	
Phone number	

ABOUT THE CITY

1. Name of your city	
2. Size of city*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Very small urban area: less than 50,000 inhabitantso Small urban area: between 50,000 and 200,000 inhabitantso Medium-sized urban area: 200,000 to 500,000 inhabitantso Metropolitan areas: 500,000 to 1.5 million inhabitantso Large metropolitan areas: 1.5 million or more inhabitants
3. Country	

* OCDE typology: <https://www.eced.org/en/data/indicators/urban-population-by-city-size.html>

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How to apply?

To apply, applicants must:

(1) Read the Terms of Reference

(2) Prepare your form

(3) Sign the engagement letter

- Template available
- On official letterhead
- Signed by a legal representative

[Please, use your entity's official letterhead, or at least include your city's logo and name]

ENGAGEMENT LETTER

[Place, date]

As the legal representative of [Name of the local authority], I, undersigned [Name SURNAME], in my capacity of [role in the local authority], confirm our formal commitment to participate in the MedCities' Climate Urban Finance Capacity programme (MedCUC). Our entity recognises the importance and potential impact of this initiative and pledges its full engagement.

During the entire duration of the programme, our entity commits to fully cooperate with MedCities and will dedicate the necessary resources to ensure a successful participation. This includes the active involvement of relevant municipal departments as well as assigning one technical representative, fluent in English or French, to act as focal point between them and the MedCUC advisor. Our city will ensure that qualified staff members participate in the programme activities, i.e.:

- Active participation in the online joint training that will kick-off activities
- Participation into the three exchange processes, at least online, and implementation of the resulting tasks, following the MedCUC advisor's recommendations
- Provision of all the necessary information and documentation related to the climate project and its corresponding climate plan to the MedCUC advisor

The participating staff will have to have a working knowledge of either English or French and commits to dedicate about 20 hours of their working time in total to the activities over the course of the programme.

[Name of the signatory]

[Role of the signatory in the entity]

[Signature]



MedCUC webpage

How to apply?

To apply, applicants must:

(1) Read the Terms of Reference

(2) Prepare your form

(3) Sign the engagement letter

(4) Submit your application

- Copy your form in the online questionnaire
- Upload the engagement letter (and other supporting documents)
- Click on “Submit”



Save a backup on your local computer (disable if you are using a public/shared computer)

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CALL FOR MEDITERRANEAN LOCAL AUTHORITIES

[About the applicant](#)

* Name of the institution:

* Name and SURNAME of the person submitting the application:

* Work position:

* Department / unit:

* E-mail address:

* Phone number:

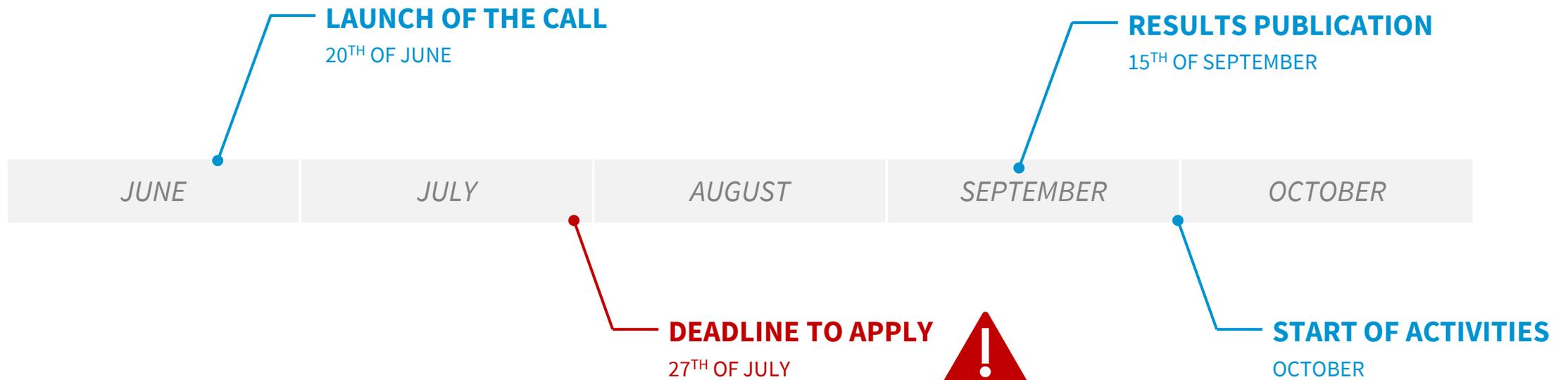
[About the city](#)

* 1. Name of the city:

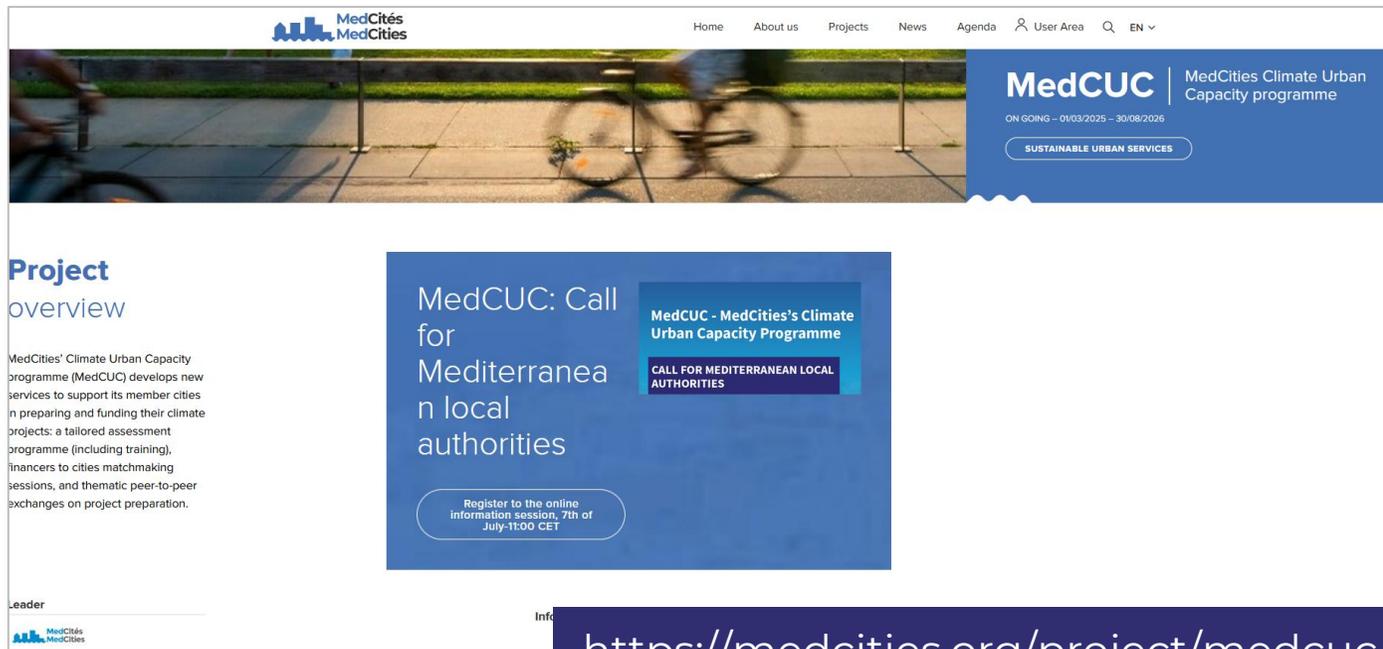
* 2. Size of city: Very small urban area: less than 50,000 inhabitants

The logo for the MedCUC webpage, consisting of a white globe icon on a laptop screen, followed by the text "MedCUC webpage" in white on an orange background.

Calendar of the call



Where to find more information?



The screenshot shows the MedCUC webpage on the MedCities website. The page features a navigation bar with links for Home, About us, Projects, News, Agenda, User Area, and EN. The main content area includes a header for MedCUC, a project overview section, and a call to action for a call for Mediterranean local authorities. A registration link for an online information session is also visible.

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ON GOING – 01/03/2025 – 30/08/2026
SUSTAINABLE URBAN SERVICES

Project overview

MedCities' Climate Urban Capacity programme (MedCUC) develops new services to support its member cities in preparing and funding their climate projects: a tailored assessment programme (including training), financiers to cities matchmaking sessions, and thematic peer-to-peer exchanges on project preparation.

MedCUC: Call for Mediterranean local authorities

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CALL FOR MEDITERRANEAN LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Register to the online information session, 7th of July-11:00 CET

Leader

Info

<https://medcities.org/project/medcuc/>

MedCUC webpage on MedCities' website:

- General information
- Documentation
- Link to apply online

In English
and French



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Thank you!

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