

Unlocking EU Funds to Boost Climate Neutral Cycling Cities

Shifting towards active mobility is perhaps the most powerful transformer for creating sustainable and safe cities. Such cities can actively contribute to reducing carbon emissions as well as become socially equitable, healthier, and happier places to live.

The EU has great ambitions and will unlock a range of funding opportunities to boost smart and sustainable cities, including for the initiative to have [100 climate neutral cities by 2030](#), a target which cannot be reached without seriously investing in improving cycling conditions.

This leaflet gives an overview of available resources and projects which can help cities to boost active mobility to new levels. It can help find the answers to questions such as:

How can cities build on the active mobility momentum created during COVID-19 and how can they build back better, both now and during the aftermath? Which are the most promising of the policies and interventions to help achieve a modal shift towards active mobility? And how can local ambitions strengthen the goals of the EU to create 100 climate neutral cities by 2030?



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Advice

Consult a source of advice:

- [Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy Europe – Interactive Guide](#)
- [ECF Guide to EU Funds](#)
- [EIB Advisory Hubs – Road Safety & URBIS](#)
- [European Commission Regional Policy](#)

Urban Europe

Joint Programming Initiative

Transnational consortia to fuel innovation and research to support capacity building for urban transformations

// [annual calls](#) // [info](#)

ERDF

To strengthen economic and social cohesion in the EU by correcting regional imbalances

// [new framework from 2021](#) // [info](#)

Handshake

Support for the take-up and transfer of successful cycling measures

// [possible follow-up after 2022](#) // [info](#)

INTERREG VI

Cross-border cooperation in Dutch-German border areas. Smart growth and social, cultural and territorial cohesion

// [2021 – 2027](#) // [ongoing deadlines](#) // [info](#)



ELENA

Technical assistance for programmes above €30 million with a four-year period

// [no deadlines](#) // [info](#)



EUI

Forthcoming: will consolidate EU urban development programmes

// [announcements forthcoming](#) [here](#) //



EU RRF

To help EU states address the economic and social impact of the COVID-19 pandemic with green and digital transitions

// [funding until 2026](#) // [info](#)



Horizon

The EU's key funding programme for research and innovation: climate change, sustainable development, competitiveness and growth

// [2021 – 2027](#) // [ongoing deadlines](#) // [info](#)



LIFE

The EU's funding instrument for the environment and climate action

// [2021 – 2024](#) // [first deadline autumn 2021](#) // [info](#)