

Title: Urban Climate Investment Plans for unlocking Multilevel Financing

Date & Time: 2 June 2026, CET: 9:00 - 10:45

Location: Rue du Congrès 1, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Purpose: Show how cities can translate climate ambition into investable portfolios through Climate Investment Plans (CIPs) within Climate City Contracts (CCCs), and how multi-level governance can unlock funding for nature-based solutions and urban transition.

Target audience: Cities and regional authorities, EU institutions and national ministries, funding officers, Mission Cities and Mission-Minded Cities, Practitioners working on climate finance and nature-based solutions

Suggested Workshop Outline:

5 min	Welcome (ICLEI or Demos Helsinki)
10 min	Framing by Moderator (European Commission representative, from DG REGIO or DG REFORM, TBC) Key messages: Integrated solutions of adaptation and mitigation. Why are urban climate investment pipelines important for EU policy? What is the role of multi-level governance and EU instruments in unlocking funding? How can synergies be built from existing frameworks of Climate City Contracts (CCCs) and Climate Investment Plans (CIPs) in the operationalisation of the EU Cities Agenda?
8-10 min	Climate Funding Expert (BwB or EIB representative, TBC) Key messages: Combining funding and financing; What makes city climate projects investable? How can portfolio planning in a Climate Investment Plan (CIP) help unlock (blended) funding across governance levels? What are key barriers/opportunities in relation to future NRPPs and ECF??
8-10 min	Mission City Representative (e.g., Valladolid, Leuven, Bologna or Umeå, TBC) Key messages: How they built a CIP, what it has unlocked for them etc.
8-10 mins	Mission-Minded City (Replication potential): Sofia or Lviv, TBC Key messages: What elements are useful for replication? What are they doing already and what elements of the CCC seem useful to them?
20 min	Panel: From Climate Ambition to Investment Pipelines Participants: MC; MMC; Climate Funding Expert; national / regional

	<p>representative of MC(?)</p> <p><i>Discussion for panel:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What enabling conditions help cities structure investment portfolios? • Barriers and opportunities to financing nature-based investments • How multi-level governance can unlock funding → what is needed from EU level?
10-15 min	Coffee break + networking
30-45 mins (TBD)	<p>Interactive Workshop: Scaling Climate Investment Planning</p> <p><i>Small groups to discuss:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What barriers prevent cities from building strong investment pipelines for nature? • What role should each level play? (EU, national, regional, cities, private sector)?
10-15 mins (TBD)	Moderated discussion with whole group
5 mins	Closing by Moderator
5 mins	Next Steps: ICLEI/ Demos