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Agios Dimitrios, Greece
80 000 inhabitants

Challenge

A more strategic approach to data management, planning and reporting, as well as community engagement

Solution

Voluntary Local Review (VLR)

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Braga, Portugal
200 000 inhabitants

Challenge

For SDGs to be successful, action must be holistic, transversal and inclusive to all sectors of municipal activity. The efforts of local government, the private sector, universities, civil society and ordinary citizens needed to be coordinated and engaging.

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Innovative Policy Development

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Espoo, Finland
340 000 inhabitants

Challenge

Need to deepen SDG integration within the city organisation and strengthen citizen and community engagement in the whole strategy process.

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Solution

3 Models of Governance

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Gabrovo, Bulgaria
50 000 inhabitants

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Seeking innovative approaches to involve all its citizens and city administration in its transformation journey, guided by a shared vision for the future - especially in Climate work

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Climate City Contract

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Jablonec nad Nisou, Czechia
50 000 inhabitants

Challenge

Lack of functional strategic municipal plans, Lack of awareness to UN Agenda 2030, and how to integrate sustainability to policies and governance

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Climate Strategy

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Košice, Slovakia
200 000 inhabitants

Challenge

Structure of governance, cross-sectoral positions and management inside and outside of municipal governmental organization, and harmonization and finding balance in SDGs.

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Solution

Combining Education, Climate work & Sustainable development

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Mannheim, Germany
320 000 inhabitants

Challenge

functional governance structure, to reduce 1) the "silo mentality" and 2) to ensure the other hand, interdisciplinary cooperation

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Tallinn, Estonia
500 000 inhabitants

Challenge

Aiming to build sustainability governance processes that deliver better impact: 1) Policy, 2) Organizational Development, 3) Multilevel Governance

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Tallinn 2035 Strategy

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Valencia, Spain
825 000 inhabitants

Challenge

Advancing on the Climate Mission governance and securing holistic sustainability e.g. through the urban strategic plan and capacity development programmes.

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Solution

Mission Community

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