



### SIXTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE IPCC СЪПЪТСТВАЩА ПРОГРАМА

#### International conference

### Climate policies as an opportunity for investments in the development of the urban environment

How do the EU missions for 100 climate neutral and smart cities and adaptation to climate change stimulate the interaction between central and local authorities and the development of working investment models?

Sofia, 30 July 2024

10.30 - 11.00 Registration

11.00 – 11.15	Opening:
	<ul> <li>Petar Dimitrov, Minister of Environment and Water</li> <li>Krasimir Nenov, Deputy Minister of Energy</li> </ul>
	Moderator: Julian Popov, Minister of Environment and Waters (2013, 2023- 2024)
11.15 – 11.45	Keynote speeches:
	Cities as a key partner in the development and implementation of climate policies
	<ul> <li>Şiir Kılkış, Vice-Chair of Working Group III of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)</li> <li>Dr. Philippe TULKENS, Head of Unit, DG Research &amp; Innovation Healthy Planet Directorate, Deputy manager of the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change</li> </ul>







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11.45 - 12.45	Session 1: Mission 100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities for the future until 2030: implementation of local business models and support from the state
	Moderator: Julian Popov, Minister of Environment and Waters (2013, 2023- 2024)
11:45 - 12:15	• The national plan in the field of energy and climate as an opportunity for the development of local business models in the field of sustainable energy: <b>Krasimir Nenov</b> , Deputy Minister of Energy
	<ul> <li>Demonstration projects for zero-emission urban areas in the "One Hundred Climate Neutral and Smart Cities" Mission: Dragomir Tzanev, Executive Director of EnEffect, EU Covenant of Mayors Supporter</li> </ul>
12:15-13:00	Good practices and investment needs of the Bulgarian cities for the implementation of consistent local policies for climate neutrality
	Panel discussion:
	Tanya Hristova, Mayor of Gabrovo
	<ul> <li>Donka Mihailova, Mayor of Troyan</li> <li>Nikola Barbutov, Deputy Mayor of Sofia Municipality</li> </ul>
	Questions and Answers
13.00 – 13.45	Lunch
13.45 – 15.00	Session 2: Adapting to climate change mission: climate policies as an investment opportunity for sustainable urban development
	Moderator: Apostol Dyankov, MOEW
13:45 -14:30	<ul> <li>The EU Mission "Adaptation to Climate Change": The transition from science-based planning to attracting investments: Svetlana Zhekova, Member of the Mission's Expert Board</li> </ul>



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14:30 -15:15	<ul> <li>Climate risks on the territory of municipalities: definition, analysis, risk management and investment needs</li> <li>Panel discussion: <ul> <li>Dimitar Nikolov, Mayor of Burgas</li> <li>Kamelia Georgieva, National Trust Eco Fund (NTEF)</li> <li>Svetoslav Stoykov, Za Zemyata</li> <li>Radoslava Bekova, Institute of Oceanology at the Bulgarian Academy of Science</li> <li>Ivo Anev, "The Team of Sofia" / "Meaning" Club</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Questions and answers
15.15 – 15:45	<b>Closing discussion</b> The Sofia Declaration: The fastest way to climate neutrality is investments in sustainable local development Panel discussion:
	<ul> <li>Ina Tsvetkova, Climate Coalition / Institute for Circular Economy</li> <li>Silvia Georgieva, Executive Director of the National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria</li> <li>Julian Popov, Minister of Environment and Waters (2013, 2023-2024)</li> </ul>
	Moderator: Apostol Dyankov, MOEW
15:45-16:00	Conclusion and next steps



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