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MUNICIPAL CLIMATE PARTNERSHIPS



Our objectives

Municipalities are pioneers and ambassadors for a more low-carbon economic system and way of life. They make a direct contribution towards implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Through climate partnerships, municipalities in Germany and the Global South assume joint responsibility. Together they address the challenge of climate change. The two sides share experience and knowledge and develop innovative solutions at the local level in a wide range of thematic areas. Through expert missions and mutual advice, each municipality brings its specific expertise to bear in the partnership.

Activities cover a broad range of topics that include renewable energy, energy efficiency, waste avoidance and recycling, water and wastewater management, low-carbon mobility strategies, restoration of public parks, sustainable tourism, and sustainable agriculture and forestry.



What we offer

We support the municipalities in drawing up a joint programme of action over a two-year period. To facilitate this process we provide numerous inputs:

- → technical and methodological advice on designing the programme of action and developing the climate partnership
- → funding of reciprocal expert missions between the municipalities
- → organisation and funding of network meetings for the participating municipalities and international workshops to kick off the project phase and present the results
- → advice on funding opportunities for implementing specific projects

Your contribution

- → a willingness to prepare a joint programme of action and work together with your partner municipality on a long-term basis
- → a guarantee of cooperation between different specialised departments within your municipality, and active involvement of relevant actors from the realms of policymaking, business, academia and civil society

- → active participation in a network of municipalities and the relevant network meetings
- → assignment of your own personnel to work in the climate partnership, especially for the missions

Project implementation

The 'Municipal Climate Partnerships' project is available to municipalities and local authorities of any size.

Since 2011, a new project phase involving new climate partnerships has been launched every two years. As a result, around 80 climate partnerships have arisen within ten years. Each project phase begins with an international kick-off workshop, followed by three missions and network meetings in the Global South and Germany. The international results workshop, at which the joint programmes of action are presented, marks the transition to the climate partnerships implementation phase. When the municipalities go on to implement specific activities they can make use of further services provided by the Service Agency.

Our project partners

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- \rightarrow the Association of German Cities
- → the German Association of Towns and Municipalities
- ightarrow the German County Association

To obtain advice interested municipalities are welcome to contact the Service Agency or LAG 21 at any time without obligation.