

Journey 3: The leaf: communities driving the shift to fossil-free heating and cooling

How can cities accelerate the decarbonisation of Europe's heating and cooling (H&C) sector? They can start by combining robust regulatory frameworks, supportive measures, and strong political leadership with a strong community-led approach, which is a key enabler of the local transition.

Join us to explore inspiring approaches to citizen and community involvement in delivering fossil-free heating and cooling.

10:00 - 12:30

SITE VISIT: GUIMAGYM

Discover the GUIMAGYM, a newly built public sports facility that has fully decarbonised its heating and cooling systems by using renewable sources, including 1,300 m² of solar panels and a 10 km geothermal network. Here, local sports associations act as a driving force for community energy, young people and families are involved in the co-design of clean energy solutions.



12:30-14:00

Lunch

14:00-16:00

Workshop: Community-led heating and cooling solutions across Europe : state of play and challenges

Our workshop will bring together experts and cities to share experiences on policy barriers and solutions. We will also discuss how local heating and cooling plans could be important tools to improve the policy framework and provide tools to increase knowledge.

Please note that this document is provisional; the sheet with all logistical details will be provided beginning of April.