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ENERGY CITIES

Energy cities is a network of cities; we gather stakeholders, city officials and technical experts working on the climate and energy transition. We count with more than 200 local authority representatives from 30 countries.

Since 1990 we have been building strong bonds amongst our members to work towards a climate neutral future together.

We showcase concrete alternatives deployed by cities, we advocate to change politic and economic governance at all levels, and we foster a wide cultural change leading to a resilient society.

Our vision is that, by 2050, we will all be living in decarbonised and resilient cities with access to affordable, secure and sustainable energy. We strive to deliver living spaces that are accessible to everyone, through vibrant local economies and maximising resource regeneration.



2. ANNUAL FORUM

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Energy Cities Annual Forum is a unique event that brings together municipalities, urban experts and organisations in the fields of energy and sustainability to discuss common challenges and set the path to advance in the green transition.

Every year it is hosted by a different city, a member of our network and, in 2023 it was named 'Grafting Cities' aiming to unveil the remarkable actions our members have undertaken to "graft" their cities and accelerate their transition.

This year it will take place on the 28th, 29th and 30th of April in Guimarães, Portugal.

AUDIENCE

IT GATHERS 250+ PARTICIPANTS FROM MORE THAN 20 COUNTRIES IN EUROPE AND BEYOND.

Types of organisations represented:

- Cities and regions
- National and international associations
- European institutions
- European programmes and initiatives
- Non-profit associations
- Researchers
- Media

THEME

The 2026 edition will be held under the theme '**Nurturing the roots**'. In a time when the upcoming EU budget foresees fewer resources to feed our cities' roots, and when democracy itself faces difficult challenges, it is more crucial than ever to ensure that cities have strong, resilient roots for ambitious energy and climate policies.

AN INNOVATIVE PROGRAMME



Our innovative programme will focus on five key areas: local governance, fossil-free cities, community energy, food systems, and fair economies.

It will offer six thematic journeys which will include a site visit and a workshop to learn more about Guimarães' sustainable initiatives. There will also be activities and sessions for members and non-members to discover our work, learn about the latest EU policy developments and find inspiration to develop new projects.

HIGH-PROFILE SPEAKERS

Deputy mayors, EU officials and leaders from international organisations will be participating in the forum.



CAPACITY BUILDING AND KNOWLEDGE SHARING



During the conference we will address the challenges and common issues cities and regions face and the different solutions to help them in their transition.

Our workshops and innovative sessions will be the platform for exchange among our members and other stakeholders to learn, connect and get inspired.

3. MEET THE HOST: GUIMARÃES

Guimarães will be the host of Energy Cities Annual Forum 2026. It's a city with rich historical and cultural heritage and is a place where citizens' well-being and nature coexist.

Sustainability has long been the cornerstone of the municipality's actions and transformation. It is signatory of the Covenant of Mayors since 2013 and member of the Green City Accord since 2021. In 2022 was selected for the EU Mission "100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities" in 2022 and was awarded the Mission Label in 2024.



Guimarães has been awarded the 2026 European Green Capital based on its commitment to achieving continuous improvement regarding all sustainable challenges and developments, as well as realising comprehensive results in all seven environmental management areas.

4. BENEFITS

As a sponsor of Energy Cities Annual Forum 2026 you will enjoy exposure at a conference that has a strong impact at local and EU level. You will be able to showcase your solutions and connect with relevant stakeholders working to make cities and regions fairer, greener and adapted to future challenges.

SPOTLIGHT YOUR SOLUTIONS

Present your solutions, products and services and gain premium visibility.



FOSTER NEW PARTNERSHIPS

Enjoy the opportunity to connect with municipalities, professionals and relevant stakeholders.

CONNECT WITH CITY AND EU OFFICIALS

Engage directly with decision-makers, planners, and practitioners from cities and regions in Europe and beyond.



NETWORK WITH OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

Meet our members and partners and connect with them to provide solutions adapted to their needs.

5. PACKAGES

GOLD SPONSOR

6.000 EUR

As a Gold Sponsor, you will sponsor the whole conference. You will ensure maximum visibility for your organization in the framework of our event.

- **Visibility before, during and after the event:** Your logo will be on the conference communications: website (17,000+ monthly views), section about the conference on five newsletters (database of more than 11,000+ contacts), infopack, official poster, downloadable programme and power point presentations in plenary sessions. Your logo will be on the badges and your flyer will be in the welcome goodie bag.
- **Sponsor the welcome fair:** space at the welcome fair on the 28th of April to bring promotional materials (brochures, roll-up, etc.).
- **Sponsor the coffee breaks on 30th April:** space in the room to bring promotional materials (brochures, roll-up, etc.)
- **Participation of 3 people** in the conference and the gala dinner.

JOURNEY SPONSOR

3.000 EUR

As a journey sponsor your organization will have great visibility during the journey day (29th April) and connect with our members and partners.

- **Visibility before, during and after the event:** Your logo will be on the communications about the journey: website (17,000+ monthly views), section about the journey in our bulletins (database of more than 11,000+ contacts), downloadable journey sheets.
- **Visibility on site:** space in the lunch and coffee break room to bring promotional materials (brochures, roll-up, etc.)
- **Showcase your solution:** 5-minute presentation before the workshop in the afternoon.
- **Participation of 2 people** in the conference and the gala dinner.

	GOLD SPONSOR	JOURNEY SPONSOR
Logo in all communication materials	✓	✗
Logo in communication materials about a journey	✗	✓
Logo on the badge	✓	✗
Flyer in goodie bag	✓	✗
Promotional space in welcome fair – 28 th April	✓	✗
Promotional space in coffee breaks on 30 th April	✓	✗
Promotional space in journey lunch and coffee break	✗	✓
5 min presentation	✗	✓
Number of tickets for the whole conference	3	2

6. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The standard terms and conditions are the following:

1. The final invoice must be paid by the contractor within 15 days of receipt or if the signing is done closer to the conference, the payment must be sent before the 16th of April 2026.
2. Indemnity/liability: the contractor will indemnify Municipio de Guimarães (depending on the place where the activity takes place) against all liability arising from the use of the forum premises according to the booking confirmation. Any costs of lost items, damage and/or repair must be fully paid to Municipio de Guimarães.
3. Third parties engaged by the contractor: the contractor is responsible for any damages caused by third parties engaged under their name. The contractor is responsible for any related insurances needed by third parties.
4. Clearing and cleaning up: Any equipment or material used for the activities must be removed by the contractor as soon as the activity finishes.
5. The contractor will comply with the following cancellation charges:

After agreement Energy Cities will only reimburse:

- Between 70 and 40 days before the forum: 60% of the sum paid
- Between 40 and 30 days before the conference: 50% of the sum paid
- Between 30 and 10 days before the conference: 20% of the sum paid
- 9 days before the conference: 5% of the sum paid
- 6 days or less before the conference – no reimbursement

If Energy Cities Annual Forum 2026 is cancelled in its entirety due to any unforeseen circumstances, we will reimburse 60% of the sum paid.

Energy Cities reserves the right to accept or reject a sponsor candidature.

To formalise the contract, the sponsor must send the following documents duly filled and signed: application form and sponsorship contract. Please note that the sponsorship contract will be sent once the sponsorship form has been verified.

7. CONTACT

Would you like to sponsor our event and join us in Guimarães?

Contact alicia.funes-moro@energy-cities.eu.

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APPLICATION FORM

Sponsor information

Organisation:

Street and number:

Postal code, city, country:

Contact person:

E-mail address:

Phone:

Mobile phone:

VAT number:

Names of persons attending the conference:.....
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We would like to take part in the Energy Cities Annual Forum 2026 as:

- Gold Sponsor – 6,000 EUR
- Journey Sponsor – 3,000 EUR

Signature and date

When signing this form you:

- agree that Energy Cities store and process your data in accordance with their privacy policy and contact you for updates related to the Annual Forum.
- agree with the terms and conditions specified in the sponsorship brochure.