

The carbon footprint of European cities

Challenge or opportunity on the way towards sustainability?

Stakeholder Workshop

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12 noon – 2pm

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The climate change imperative has put the spotlight on Europe's cities, which are home to 74% of Europeans and consume a disproportionate share of natural resources relative to their surface area.

While the European Union does not have direct competence in urban affairs, EU sectoral policies in the areas of transport and environment can have a significant impact on the continent's cities and their carbon footprint.

- How do current EU policies and programmes help urban areas improve their environmental records? Is subsidiarity an asset or is more coordination needed?
- How can efficient and modern public transport serve cities and reduce emissions? Can urban transport become sustainable?
- Can Europe show the way in efficiently powering cities? What could be the role of technologies such as waste-to-energy or co-generation?
- What will be the role of energy efficient buildings in reducing the environmental footprint of cities?
- What changes will be required in citizens' behaviour to reach sustainability? And what advantages will this bring to them?

Fondation EurActiv and *Veolia Environnement* are glad to invite you to a round table debate to explore answers to these questions.

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Moderator: Frédéric Simon, Editor, EurActiv

Programme:

12.00 – 12.30: Lunch and Networking

**12.30 – 13.45: Impulse statements
and open debate**

13.45 – 14.00: Conclusions

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