

Local authorities taking action on climate

A summary of municipal climate actions and networks



Local authorities as active climate actors and networkers



Local authorities have a key role in implementing national and international climate and environmental agreements. Nationally agreed emission reduction targets are translated into action at the local level.

- More than one in two Finns lives in a municipality that has set itself a climate target.
- Local authorities are not on their own, but have united their efforts worldwide.
- There are numerous climate networks and commitments, which are used to advance climate targets in municipal functions and decision-making.
- Municipal climate networks aim at improving regional wellbeing and stimulating business development.
- Local authorities work together with the neighbouring municipalities, businesses, NGOs and local residents.



Environmental and climate networks of municipalities

Regional

- Energy agencies (7 regional agencies)
- Climate work of municipalities surrounding the Helsinki Metropolitan Area (10 municipalities)

National

- Energy efficiency agreements 2017–2025
- FISU network (8 cities)
- HINKU Forum (34 municipalities)
- Mayors' Climate Network (6 cities)
- Society's commitment to sustainable development (81 municipalities, 1 region)
- Municipal Climate Protection Campaign of the Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities (56 municipalities and 2 joint municipal authorities)
- Motiva sustainable public procurement network (18 municipalities)
- Smart & Clean (Helsinki capital region – large cities)

International

- Climate-KIC
- Energy Cities (2 cities)
- Covenant of Mayors commitment (10 large cities and 1 region)
- EUROCITIES – Environment Forum (6 cities)
- ICLEI (14 cities)
- UBC (12 cities)



Local authorities take climate action in many sectors

- Energy
- Waste management
- Land use planning
- Upbringing and advice
- Sustainable public procurement
- Cooperation between local residents and businesses
- Transport and mobility
- Food
- Digital services and smart technology
- Preparedness



Examples of different municipalities and climate actions

Joensuu: Climate Market Place



The project coordinated by the city of Joensuu encourages local businesses, communities and residents to take pro-environmental everyday actions.

Helsinki: Smart Kalasatama



Image: Laura Oja

A model district for smart energy systems co-created by the city of Helsinki, its energy company, and technology firms.

Pello: Electric car quick charging point



A quick charging point installed in cooperation between Pello municipality and an energy company ensures smooth travel for electric car drivers along the important Northern routes.



Kiuruvesi: Local and organic food



Image: Heidi Huhtilainen

Local and organic food has been included as part of the strategy of Kiuruvesi town with the aim of increasing its use in the municipal food services.

Kuopio: SaVE project



Image: Lentokuva Vallas Oy

A project implemented as part of Kuopio city planning project explored the solar energy and geenergy potential and use of smart building automation in the district of Savilahti.

Pudasjärvi: Timber building



The strategy of the town of Pudasjärvi outlines that public buildings must be primarily built from timber.

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