



ViableCitiesTM
Smart, sustainable and attractive.

European Viable Cities Day 2018

Research and innovation for carbon neutral cities

Time: December 11th, 13 – 15.30 (mingle 15.30 – 16.00)
Place: Europahuset, Regeringsgatan 65, Stockholm
Registration: [Please register at this link](#) (before Nov 30th)

Viable Cities and the European Commission are proud to invite you to our first European Viable Cities Day December 11th 2018 in connection to the Nobel Day. Our focus is on research and innovation for carbon neutral cities in Europe.

We are honored to have the participation of Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, European Commission.

The European Commission proposal for Horizon Europe presented in June 2018 includes an important novelty called MISSIONS. The aim is to enable the research and innovation agenda to reconnect with citizens and involving them in shaping a better future for Europe. Missions are defined as “ambitious, bold goals to tackle issues that affect our daily lives”. Important aspects are to strengthen the innovation impact of projects and include civil society organisations and citizens.

Viable Cities, Sweden’s new long term research and innovation programme for smart and sustainable cities – with funding from Vinnova, the Swedish Energy Agency and Formas – is inspired by the Horizon Europe and the IPCC report 2018. Cities are central to climate work, and in many cases the urban climate targets are far more ambitious than national targets.

Viable Cities has just opened a new call for proposals – Carbon neutral cities 2030. The aim is to mobilize cities/regions, researchers, industry and civil society and accelerate achieving carbon neutrality in Swedish cities by 2030. Key enablers are digitalisation and citizen engagement.

The aim of the conference is to learn about Horizon Europe and the role of cities in achieving important societal missions. We will explore how Swedish cities and citizen can take the lead in these new challenging developments and how Viable Cities can support research and innovation to that end.

Join us for this European Viable Cities Day!

Katarina Areskoug Mascarenhas
*Head of the European Commission
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Olga Kordas
*Programme Director
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Programme

Moderators: Katarina Areskoug Mascarenhas, Head of the European Commission Representation in Sweden and Åsa Minoz, Head of Communications, Viable Cities

- 13.00 **Welcome and introduction**
Allan Larsson, Chairperson of Viable Cities and Katarina Areskoug Mascarenhas, Head of the European Commission Representation in Sweden
- 13.05 **Horizon Europe and the role of cities**
Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, European Commission
- 13.20 **Viable Cities' mission: Carbon neutral cities by 2030**
Olga Kordas, Programme Director, Viable Cities
- 13.25 **Panel: How can international cooperation within Horizon Europe best contribute to smart and sustainable cities?**
- Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, European Commission
- Olga Kordas, Programme Director, Viable Cities
- Darja Isaksson, Director General, Vinnova – the Swedish Innovation Agency
- Lars Guldbrand, Senior Adviser, Ministry of the Environment and Energy
- 14.00 Coffee break
- 14.15 **Carbon neutral Swedish Cities in 2030 – Visions and European collaboration – Perspectives from four cities**
- City of Stockholm - **Gustav Landahl**, Head of Department, Environment and Health admin
- City of Göteborg - **Eva Pavic**, Johanneberg Science Park
- City of Malmö - **Jonas Kamleh**, Deputy Head of Urban Development and Climate
- City of Umeå - **Albert Edman**, Strategic Development Officer
- 14.55 **Panel: How can Viable Cities leverage European cooperation for carbon neutral cities in 2030?**
City of Stockholm, City of Göteborg, City of Malmö, City of Umeå
- 15.25 **Concluding reflections**
Allan Larsson, Chairperson Viable Cities
and Katarina Areskoug Mascarenhas Head of the European Commission Representation in Sweden
- 15.30 - 16.00 **Mingle, end of programme**