

Citizen-centric solutions and co-creation along the governance chain

SOLUTION PACKAGE 5

ASCEND engages citizens at every stage of urban energy governance, both through online platforms and in-person forums to build awareness, promote frugal energy habits, and secure “active citizenship” commitments that drive collective savings.



MUNICH



Munich is putting citizens at the centre of its climate strategy through the **Klimarat** (Climate Council), a participatory body that guides the city's decisions on climate protection.



The Climate Council consists of **16 members** from various stakeholder groups and provides structured input and feedback on key climate-related decisions



The Council creates value by **pooling expertise** across sectors and enhancing the legitimacy of climate actions.



A website and direct email channels help maintain **transparency** and **openness** with the public.



LYON



Lyon invited residents and local stakeholders to hold a **public consultation** to **co-design** the redevelopment of public spaces and shape their future urban environment.



The objective was to improve everyday **comfort**, enhance **climate adaptation**, and ensure that public spaces support **healthy, energy-positive living**.

After the consultation workshop:



+20% green area (sqm)



+100% increase in trees



+50% increase in shrubs



+60% increase in plants



+27% increase in street furniture



- 15 decrease in parking spots



CHARLEROI



Charleroi has fully completed the planning phase for its **District CleanTech initiative**.



Over **50 local organisations** are being involved in the initiative, including investors, universities, startups, and major companies.



The initiative organises **regular exchanges** to give its members the opportunity to discover visionary projects, talk to their founders and strengthen innovation within the Cleantech ecosystem.



Integration of innovative projects is in the planning for the **refurbishment** of “La Centrale” and “Les Vestiaires” buildings.



BUDAPEST



Budapest launched a community-centred **engagement strategy** in District IV to build awareness and activate citizen participation in climate and energy initiatives.



Budapest has initiated contacts with the **Solidarity Economy Center**, an NGO already working with citizen groups interested in energy communities.



The city plans to relaunch a **sustainability consultancy service** offering one-stop access to legal and technical services.



The consultancy service will act as a **connector** between citizens and expert support on climate transition measures.



ALBA IULIA



Alba Iulia, being part of the Intelligent Cities Challenge has been working with local and international experts to develop a set of **Local Green Deals (LGD)**.



LGDs are developed in three main domains: **mobility, energy and tourism**.



The city is preparing next **Climathon** - a hackathon designed to generate fresh ideas on energy efficiency and climate resilience with students, mentors, and city representatives.



Activities follow a **collaborative governance** instead of a commercial one. The Climathon is supported through in-kind contributions from the municipality and local university partners.



STOCKHOLM



As part of the EU NZC Pilot Cities Programme, Stockholm launched **Scale Stockholm**, an initiative focused on empowering stakeholders to take an active role in the climate transition.



At the heart of the initiative are **Local Transition Arenas**, participatory spaces serving as testbeds for solutions that can later be scaled across the city.



In collaboration with **Digidem Lab**, Stockholm has hosted workshops with over **100 participants** from civil society and the business community.



To address a long-standing bottleneck on how to scale successful pilots, Stockholm co-developed a **National Upscaling Guide**, embedding scale-thinking into a project design.