

Work Package 2: International collaboration and knowledge creation

- ***Case studies per project city***

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Abstract	<i>Case studies per project city reflecting on the individual process, the applied support methodology and the monitoring of outcomes. These [...] 5 case studies will be set up in a modular way, starting with content on the selected local climate actions and the social equity assessments as available. The case studies will be expanded with additional sections in parallel to the work in the cities.</i>
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Case study: Bonn

1. Climate measure

In March 2023, Bonn's 'Climate Plan 2035' was approved by the city council. Structured around seven fields of action, it emphasises the need for a collective effort, encompassing not only municipal emissions reduction but also active contributions from individuals and businesses to achieve climate neutrality by 2035. Among the many individual measures listed in the climate plan's work program, Bonn seeks to pilot four so-called climate neighbourhoods (*working title*) across the city. These seek to inspire and facilitate climate-friendly lifestyle changes among residents by offering opportunities for innovation, networking, consultation, and education. Each of the four climate neighbourhoods is expected to have a physical space serving as a central point of contact in the neighbourhood. However, the idea as such is not to limit engagement to these physical spaces but to connect with and leverage existing structures and collaborate with civil society initiatives within the entire chosen neighbourhood.

In mid-/late 2024, a so-called "future forum" is planned in each of the climate neighbourhoods and a city-wide "future forum" at the end of 2024. In March 2024, the administration had already submitted [concrete implementation plans](#) for the first two climate neighbourhoods - Beuel-Mitte and Godesberg-Nord. In Beuel-Mitte, the aim is to cooperate with a civil society consortium around the Brotfabrik cultural centre. In Godesberg-Nord, synergies are to be exploited with the recently adopted impulse district management. The detailed concepts for climate neighbourhoods three and four are currently being developed, likely for the districts of Hardtberg and Bonn. In early June 2024, the Committee for Environment, Climate, and Local Agenda approved the establishment of the four climate neighbourhoods.

To further steer and conceptualise the climate action, a dedicated working group will be set up in mid-2024, composed of a wide variety of different actors and stakeholders. Their engagement is deemed critical for the success of the overall climate action and the transfer of lessons learned between climate neighbourhoods.

2. Support measures

In collaboration with the INCLU:DE project, the city of Bonn has identified a set of tentative supportive measures. The goal is to ensure that the design of the climate neighbourhoods is evaluated for social equity to guarantee accessibility and benefits for diverse population groups.



The individual support measures include:

1. Through applying a **“Social Equity” lens**, ICLEI will provide input on each of the four comprehensive concepts of the climate neighborhoods and will support the concept development. Feedback will be given in a written form, during regular check-in calls and might be supplemented by a specific virtual Q&A meeting for the core team and interested local stakeholders (e.g. district-related management, energy agency and providers of advisory services). Specific feedback could be provided regarding the areas of participation, construction measures, best practices from other cities and training on balcony solar modules.
2. A **workshop** on the topic of **participation & social equity** aimed at the coordinating competence network (and optionally at local stakeholders and multipliers) of the four climate neighborhoods. Representatives of local politics will be involved only to a limited extent to avoid role conflicts. The workshop is scheduled for October 2024 and will be organized and moderated by ICLEI, with potential support from external partners. Ideally, these partners will have in-depth knowledge of the local context or expertise in intersectional perspectives. Meta-organizations and civil society organizations (CSOs) may also be invited as experts.

3. Interim project learnings

The INCLU:DE project is still ongoing at the time of writing. An overview of *interim* learnings for the project as a whole can be [found here](#).

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Cities' climate initiatives and ambitions need to be socially just and consider vulnerable populations, to ensure that no-one is left behind.

Through the INCLU:DE project, the Mercator Foundation is supporting ICLEI to undertake a two-year project that seeks to support local inclusive transformations and foster dialogue exchanges to generate positive equity outcomes for all citizens involved.



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