

CORK CITY COUNCIL JOINS EU ZERO CARBON INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

The new Zero Carbon Infrastructure project has set an ambitious goal to support eight cities and regions across Europe in their efforts to develop green transport and zero-carbon infrastructure for their territories. Cork City Council is part of this EU consortium in this four-year project in a bid to reach the carbon neutral targets by 2030.

The European Environmental Agency (EEA) estimates that road traffic constitutes the highest proportion of overall transport emissions. Through the European Green Deal, the EU has now set ambitious targets to decarbonise transport.

In 2019, the transport sector emitted 72% of all domestic and international transport Green House Gases (GHGs), with 23% of the EU’s transport GHG emissions coming from urban areas. In Cork City, petrol and diesel vehicles are responsible for 29% of GHG emissions.

The Zero Carbon Infrastructure (ZCI) project has been rolled out in a bid to help reach the targets for reducing these emissions. Financed by the Interreg Europe programme, this project has set an ambitious goal to support eight cities and regions in Ireland, Sweden, Finland, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Spain Belgium and Italy in their efforts to develop green transport and zero-carbon infrastructure for their territories.

PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS

To achieve that goal, the consortium will co-operate, identify and test practical solutions to overcome the challenges they face. Led by the County Administrative Board of Kronoberg (Sweden) and with support from the Erasmus Centre for Urban, Port and Transport Economics in the Netherlands, Cork City Council and its partners will explore solutions for:

- Private electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
- Sustainable urban logistics.
- The business model of sustainable urban mobility – incentives that build customer demand for decarbonised transport solutions.
- Transition to zero-carbon mobility – public acceptance and communication.

The ZCI project has a total budget of €2,085,629, with €1,650,049 provided by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).



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THE CONSORTIUM CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING PARTNERS:

1. County Administrative Board of Kronoberg, Sweden (lead partner)
2. Kainuu Regional Council, Finland
3. Business Support Centre Ltd, Kranj, Slovenia
4. Burgas Municipality, Bulgaria
5. Navarra Government – General Directorate on Industry, Energy and Strategic Projects, Spain
6. Cork City Council, Ireland
7. City of Mechelen, Belgium
8. City of Parma, Italy



Through the European Green Deal, the EU has set ambitious targets to decarbonise transport. For further information visit www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/green-deal/




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