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Dear Mayor,

Congratulations on having successfully engaged in the design of Trondheim's Climate City Contract (CCC)! With this, you have completed a fundamental step in your city's participation in the Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission and, more importantly, you have described how you are moving faster and further towards a fair green and digital transition, leading the way for many other cities to follow.

The CCC has undergone a thorough completeness check carried out by the Mission Platform and was then officially submitted to the European Commission for review<sup>1</sup>.

Based on the analysis of Trondheim's CCC, and after consultation of the Mission Board and of the Commission's Mission Owners Group, I am very pleased **to endorse the CCC and to award the Mission Label to Trondheim.**

As explained in the description of the CCC Review process, the Mission Label is first and foremost an acknowledgement of the successful completion of the CCC process. As such, it should help facilitate access to EU, national and regional funding as well as to private investment, by boosting confidence in the soundness of your city's plans. Please note that the endorsement of the CCC does not constitute an endorsement of the European Commission of specific projects or measures included in the CCC and does not prejudge future decisions on support to projects included in the CCC from the EU budget.

Please find attached Trondheim's **certificate** (also sent to you by post), as well as a **media toolkit** to help our teams coordinate the communication of the good news. The date of the public Mission Label Award ceremony is set for 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025, and we would kindly ask you not to communicate publicly about the Mission Label before that date.

It is my honour to invite you to the Mission Label Award ceremony that will take place at the occasion of the annual Cities Mission Conference, on 7 May, from 10.00 to 10.30, in Vilnius. The Cities Mission secretariat will be in touch with your team as regards the details of the ceremony, during which you will be able to receive the Mission Label in its physical form (**a plaque for display**). If you are not able to attend the ceremony or to be represented there, we will find another suitable occasion to present you with the plaque.

I also attach a short summary of the main **results of the review** of Trondheim's CCC, highlighting some **areas in which we would like to support you further** to achieve effective

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<sup>1</sup> A description of the CCC Review process is available in the [Climate-neutral and Smart Cities Mission Work Programme 2023-2024](#)

implementation of your climate neutrality plans. **I warmly encourage you to benefit from the Mission Platform's support to address these aspects in particular.**

The Mission Platform and in particular your City Advisor will share with your team a more detailed description of the findings of the review and will discuss these findings with them, to agree on your city's specific support needs and next steps, including monitoring arrangements.

The Mission Secretariat ([RTD-HORIZON-EUROPE-MISSION-CITIES@ec.europa.eu](mailto:RTD-HORIZON-EUROPE-MISSION-CITIES@ec.europa.eu)) will also be available for providing additional feedback.

Congratulations once again!

Yours sincerely,



Patrick CHILD

## Results of the review of Trondheim's Climate City Contract

### Main results

Trondheim aims to reduce emissions by 80% by 2030, compared to 2009 levels, with comprehensive coverage across all emission sectors. The city benefits from solid and extensive stakeholder engagement, encompassing universities, transport and energy providers, the port, business communities, and local initiatives, and is supported by national and county-level coordination. Climate adaptation is addressed and co-benefits such as public health and green competitiveness are also identified.

Trondheim's action plan is distinguished by its promotion of the circular economy, emphasizing increased reuse of waste and recycling of buildings and materials. The city harnesses digital tools and AI for effective action implementation. The plan adopts a comprehensive approach to energy planning and showcases strong support for young people and small businesses, aiding their transition to a low-carbon future. Additionally, Trondheim's robust monitoring framework employs a comprehensive set of indicators, ensuring meticulous tracking of climate and sustainability progress.

Trondheim presents a clearly written and informative investment plan that effectively illustrates its climate ambition. The city's capital investment needs are estimated at around EUR 2.8bn. Among the most important cost categories are EUR 1.27bn for green personal transport, EUR 260m for Carbon Capture and Storage in the waste-to-energy district heating system, EUR 250m for upgrades to the hydropower plants and electricity grid, and EUR 87m for post-sorting of residual waste.

### Recommended areas for further work with the support of the Cities Mission Platform

We invite you to work with the Cities Mission Platform to further refine and advance your plans and to ensure their effective implementation.

We encourage you to clarify the ambiguities concerning multiple diverging baseline emission inventories and ensure consistency with emission gap calculations. Developing more detailed descriptions for all the planned actions would enhance clarity and enable better implementation. The plan would also benefit from a more detailed air quality monitoring description and could expand on digital interventions, while also incorporating specific actions and reduction targets for the Industrial Processes and Product Use (IPPU).

Trondheim should continue to further detail the investment costing (operational expenditure, emission reductions and cost-effectiveness categories) for all actions that contribute to the 2030 emission reduction target and integrate all of them into the costing calculations. The city should also link individual investments with concrete funding sources (i.e. selected EU grant programmes, private capital providers etc.) and align the investment planning horizon by referring to the same period when costing the investments and defining their sources of funding. Further, Trondheim should link the data on past investments (public and private) with information on achieved emission reductions and cost-effectiveness. This will facilitate the review of climate funding allocations and inform future financing decisions. Finally, the city should advance its work on developing policies in support of capital formation and deployment, strengthen the existing risk management framework, and build capacity while engaging stakeholders in investment planning.

As Trondheim carries on with the implementation of the CCC, we recommend further delineating the specific actions that the CCC co-signatories will develop, but also, and most importantly, continuing to bring on board additional diverse stakeholders. We also recommend that you explore synergies with other programmes.