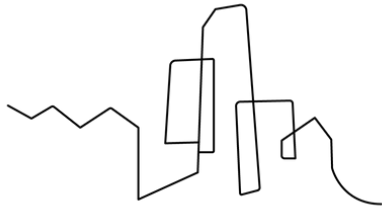


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HEALTHY HEAT  
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The way we heat today, by burning fossil fuels, is detrimental to our environment, our health, and our society. Fossil-fuelled heating, representing 72% of buildings' heating in Europe today, contributes to climate change, energy insecurity and deteriorated air quality.

### Detox your city's heat for:

#### Cleaner air

To improve air quality and health in cities, especially dense urban areas, protecting your city's environment and citizens' wellbeing.

#### A stronger economy

To support a more energy-efficient, modern, and circular economy, creating jobs in a new industry.

#### More resilient communities

To ensure energy sovereignty and a just transition that combats energy poverty and mitigates climate change's long-term effects on local communities.

**Join the movement of European cities detoxifying their heat, opting for a secure and healthy future for all.**

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## 3 Steps to your city's heat detox



### 1. Know your Heat

The first step to any detox is to have a clear understanding of your system: your city's heat sources, heat demand and potential alternatives, as well as possible expansion or implementation of collective district heating networks.

### 2. Full-City Detox

To reduce heating-related toxins on a large scale, consider a full-city approach by expanding, developing, and renewing collective district heating. In dense urban areas, this is the most impactful and cost-effective way of achieving large-scale use of low-carbon energy and improve air quality, while ensuring energy security.

### 3. Cleanse your Heat

Rejuvenate your city's heating system by feeding your district heating networks with clean, healthy heat sources that are most adapted to your territory. Geothermal, solar heat, waste heat from industry, and renewably powered large-scale heat pumps are great sources to rejuvenate your city's heating system.

You've started on one of these three steps?

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# What cities need to detox their heat

## 1. Access to data

Access to a database of existing building stock for municipalities' heat planning and zoning.

## 3. Legal Framework

- Legal possibilities to enforce energy zoning and heat planning, like an obligation to connect to district heating.
- Restriction or bans on fossil fuel boilers, supportive legislation to reduce gas demand.
- Removal of obligations to connect buildings to gas networks.
- Removal of legal barriers to exploit local heat potentials.

## 2. Municipal Resources

Local capacity and staff and long-term financial support to carry out heat planning, training new professionals and developing new infrastructures, energy advice to citizens, law enforcement, etc.

## 4. Clarity on Technology

Clarity about heating systems, timelines and differentiation in subsidies, to establish investment security for business owners, utilities, etc.

## 5. Incentives & Subsidies

- Economic incentives: prices, taxes and subsidies to cushion investment costs.
- Incentives and financial support for exploitation of local heat potential.
- Encouraging heating system exchange in combination with renovation.

## 6. Cooperative Local Ecosystem

- Incentives and clear benefits for citizens to connect to district heating where available and participate in the heat transition
- Leveraging Energy Service companies, from developing advisory desks to engaging with energy city-owned companies.



What does your city need?  
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