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WHAT IS THE SPANISH NETWORK OF CITIES FOR CLIMATE?

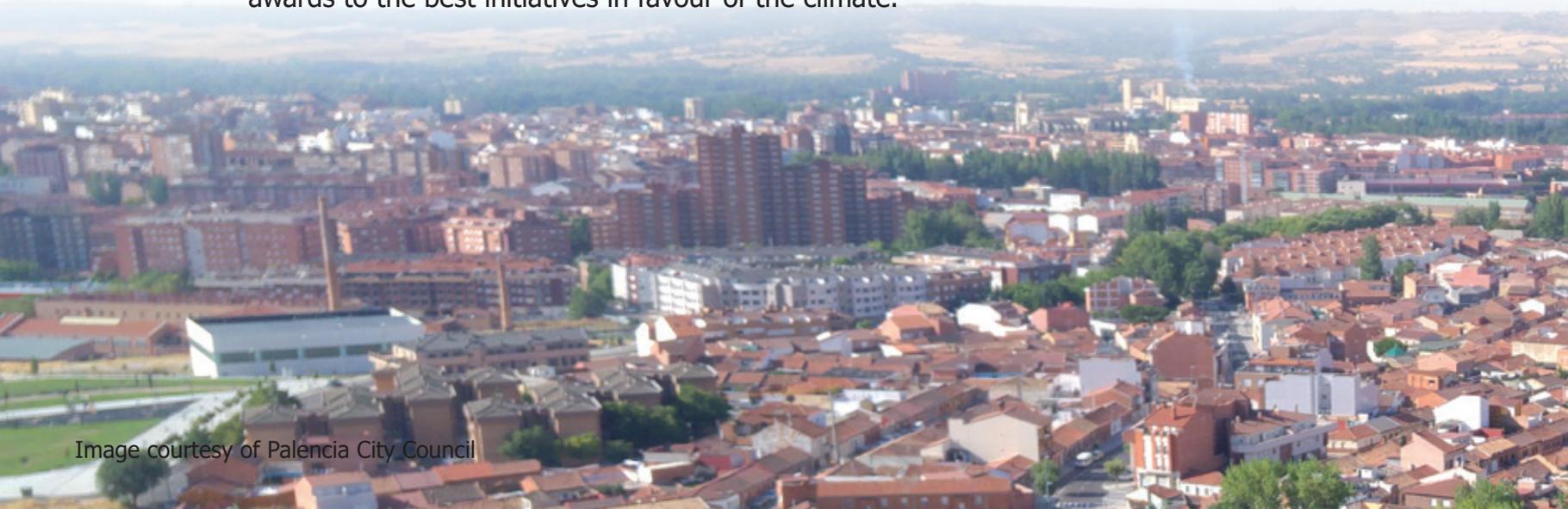
It is the support instrument that the FEMP offers to Local Governments to face climate change and the tool to transfer to the local scale the objectives of the national policy in this field.

The Spanish Network of Cities for Climate was created in 2005 to achieve improved results in the fight against climate change, sharing experiences and jointly developing new actions.

To this end, the Network has developed projects, technical documents and manuals to encourage the implementation of more effective actions in the fields of energy, mobility, waste management and urban building and planning.

Over these years it has also organized conferences, seminars, workshops and courses to publicise advances in the knowledge of the causes and effects of climate change, as well as the mitigation and adaptation measures that can be applied in cities.

Since its creation, the Network has had a special impact on the dissemination, promotion and recognition of good practices carried out by the governments that are part of the Network, giving awards to the best initiatives in favour of the climate.



WHO ARE WE?

Currently, the Spanish Network of Cities for Climate is made up of **315 Local Entities** (Town Councils, Provincial Councils, Regional Councils and Island Councils) with a total population of **29,197,417 inhabitants**, according to the 2018 municipal registry.

This means that 60% of the Spanish population resides in a municipality committed to the objective of guaranteeing the quality of life of citizens through the application of environmentally friendly policies that promote a healthier environment.



WHAT DO WE DO IN THE NETWORK?

AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

One of the main objectives of the Network is to develop **tools** for helping local governments raise public awareness about climate change.

School Climate Change Campaign

Two children dressed as "superheroes" tell school children between 6 and 12 years of age about climate change and what they can do about it.

The Campaign includes explanatory videos, games for different ages, calendars, stickers and school supplies.





“Taking a breath”

This Campaign has provided the members of the Network with materials to raise public awareness about **air pollution** and its consequences for health.

"Taking a breath" includes recommendations for both the general public and particularly sensitive populations for avoiding exposure to pollutants and advises on behaviours and measures that individuals can adopt to improve air quality.

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Green homes

This is an educational program led by the Ministry for Ecological Transition aimed at families concerned about the environmental and social impact of their decisions and **everyday actions**.

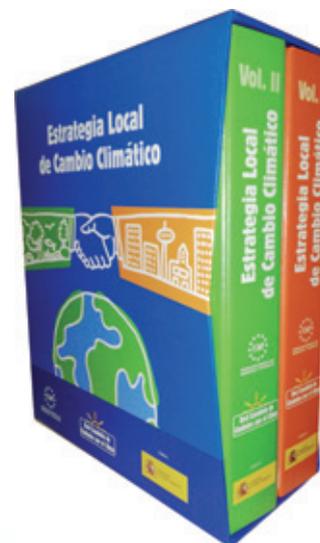
This initiative promotes individual monitoring of water and energy consumption in the home by adopting responsible measures and actions and through more ethical and ecological purchases. "Green Homes" has been widely promoted by the Network among its municipalities, with more than 150 Local Governments joining the Network.



TECHNICAL PROJECTS

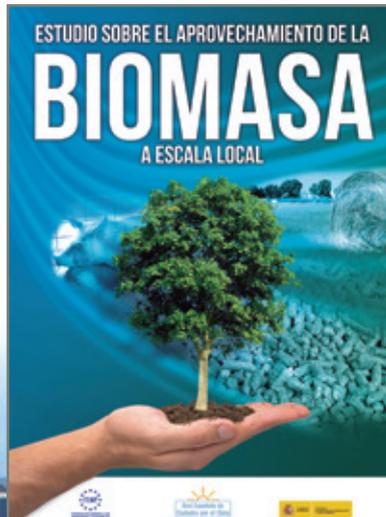
From the beginning, projects, reports and strategies have been developed for municipalities to promote initiatives for combating climate change. The Network also has various guides for municipalities to safely address regulatory, technical and informational aspects in relation to climate change, air quality, waste management and urban mobility.

With this aim in mind, the Network has developed the **Local Climate Change Strategy** together with municipal experts. It aims to provide Local Governments with a document for reference and consultation so they can develop specific plans for sustainable mobility, energy management, urban construction and planning and waste management that they can use to promote measures for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.



Energy

Project on energy address the shift from the current energy model to a more sustainable model based on the low carbon economy.



Mobility

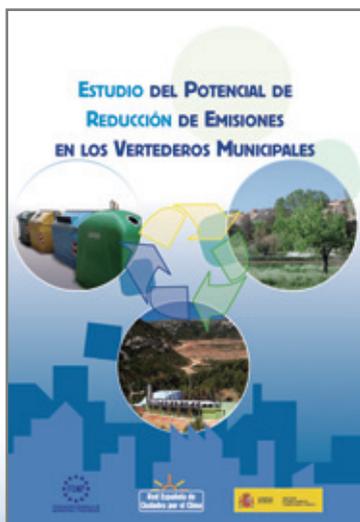
Mobility has a huge impact on greenhouse gas emissions, so several detailed reports have been produced promoting non-polluting modes of transport.



Waste

Waste management is a municipal responsibility, so a number of support documents have been prepared for municipal managers.

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Municipal carbon footprints

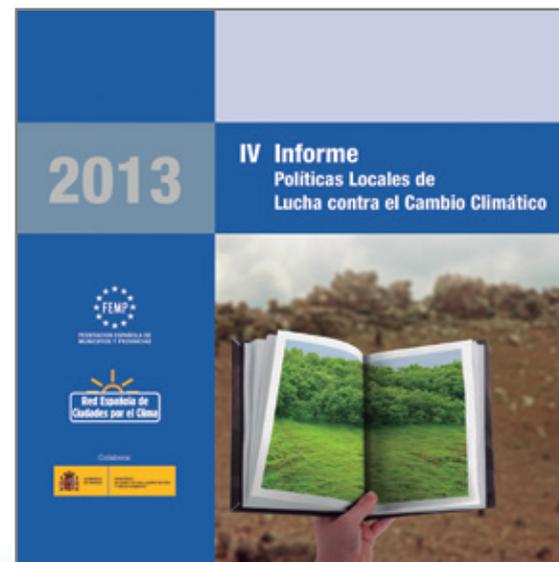
Calculation and recording of municipal carbon footprints enables Local Governments to determine their total and per capita greenhouse gas emissions and so act to reduce their contribution to climate change.



Report on local policies to fight climate change

Since 2007, five editions of the “Report on local policies to fight climate change” have been produced, which summarise the achievements of municipalities that are part of the Network in delivering the commitments they had undertaken.

These reports disseminate the most effective and successful strategies and measures so that they can be replicated in other municipalities.



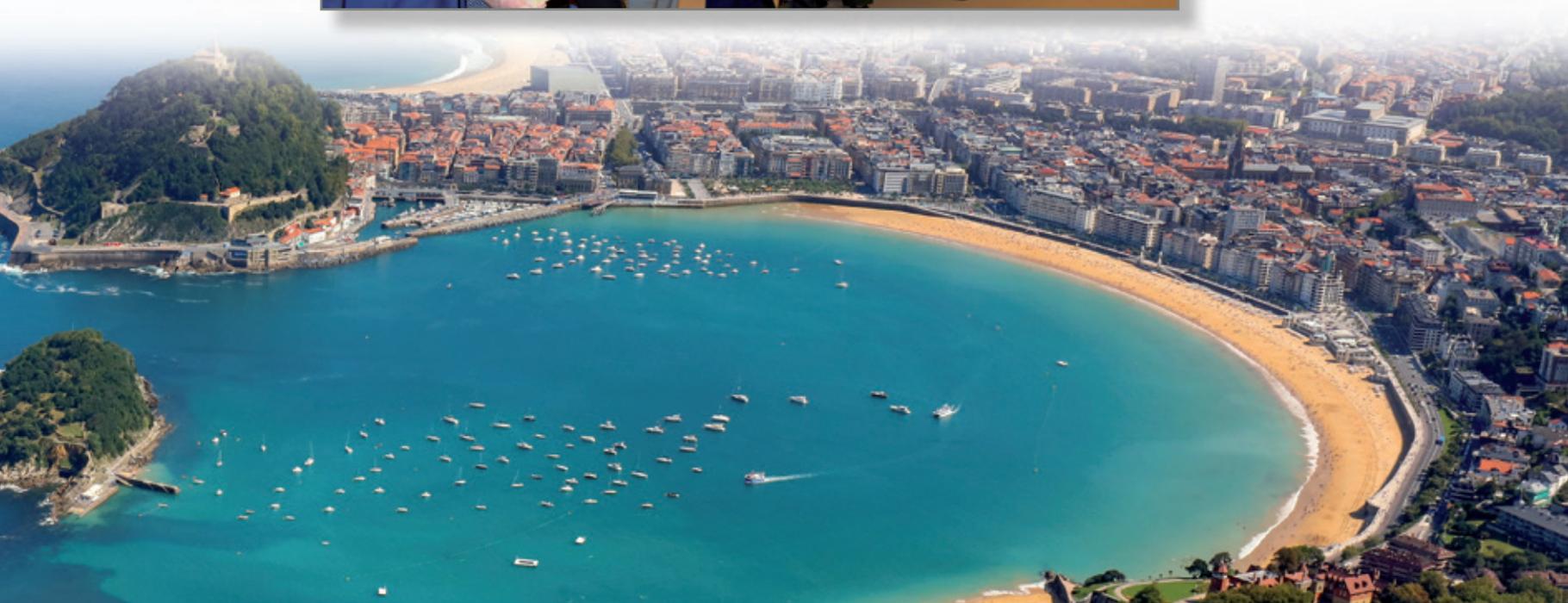
AWARDS FOR BEST PRACTICES

The Award for Good Local Practices for the Climate was conceived with the aim of collecting the results of **the most innovative initiatives** carried out by the members of the Network for the mitigation of climate change and promoting the best measures to reduce its effects, as well as recognising the efforts of Local Spanish Governments in the fight against climate change.

The first edition of the Award for Good Local Practices for the Climate was held in the year 2006. Since then, successive editions have been held every two years. All the events were very successful among Local Governments participating in the Network, enabling them to widely disseminate their actions in the fight against climate change and the protection of the environment.

The Award is directed at Town Councils, Provincial Councils, Regional Councils and Island Councils that are part of the Network and there are currently six categories:

- Mobility
- Circular economy
- Energy efficiency, town planning and building
- Public sensitivity and awareness
- Adaptation to climate change
- Promotion of public participation



ORGANIZATION AND PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS

Organising events has served to build forums in which knowledge and resources are shared with the representatives of the Local Governments that are members of the Network, as well as encouraging professional relationships and contacts among attendees. Conferences, workshops, meetings, seminars, congresses and assemblies have been the most common formats.

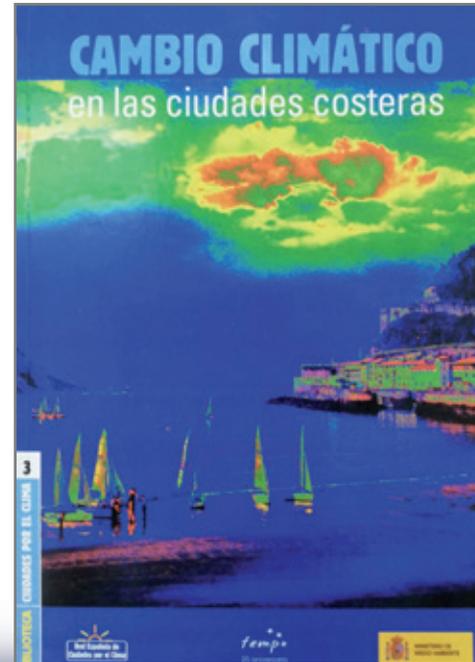
For example, under the title "Climate Change Opportunities for Local Governments", the Network has held several technical conferences in a number of Spanish cities, where successful experiences encouraging climate protection and ways of financing actions, such as the "Climate Projects" were presented.

Beyond its own events, the Network has also participated in other events of special importance in the field of the fight against climate change. Thus, the Network has always attended the National Congress of the Environment (CONAMA) since 2006, where it has been heavily involved in organising conferences, seminars and meetings related to climate change and sustainability.



The Spanish Network of Cities for Climate has also been actively participating in international events on this subject. Of particular importance are its collaboration with the Covenant of Mayors, its participation in various COPs (**United Nations Conference of the Parties on Climate Change**) and in the Habitat III World Conference of regional and local governments.





HOW DO WE OPERATE?

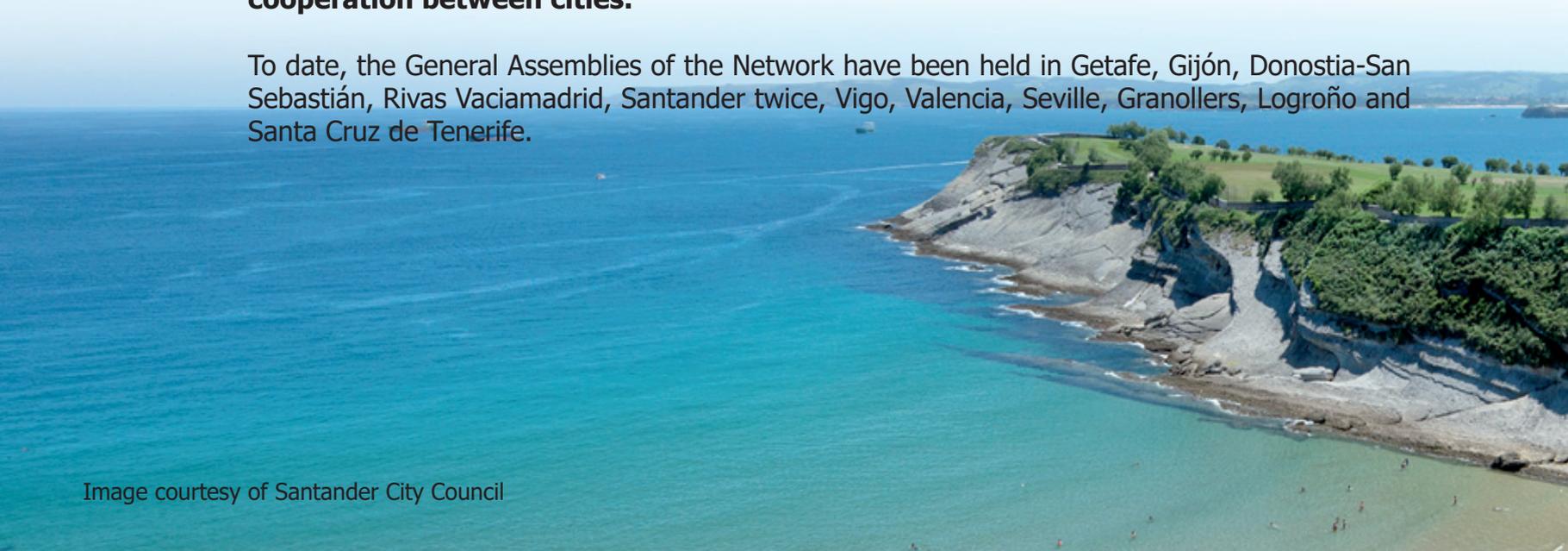
ASSEMBLIES

The General Assembly is the highest governing body of the Spanish Network of Cities for Climate and is made up of the political representatives of all Local Governments belonging to the Network.

The Assemblies of the Network have been held from 2005, the year in which the Constituent Assembly took place. Since then, twelve Assemblies have been organized, with the assistance of political and technical representatives of the Network, and of the members of the **Governing Council**, the representative, governing and administration body of the Network between Assemblies.

During the Assemblies working parties are organized in which experiences are shared, progress made is presented and the objectives, lines of action and future projects of the Network are discussed. Often, the Assembly also includes technical conferences or workshops on various topics related to climate change and sustainability, which increases the interest of attendees. **The participation of the political and technical representatives of the Local Bodies of the Network has made the Assemblies an important space for rapprochement and cooperation between cities.**

To date, the General Assemblies of the Network have been held in Getafe, Gijón, Donostia-San Sebastián, Rivas Vaciamadrid, Santander twice, Vigo, Valencia, Seville, Granollers, Logroño and Santa Cruz de Tenerife.





WORKING GROUPS AND PILOT PROJECTS

During its early years, the Network focused on the development of tools to help municipal officers achieve their objectives of combating climate change. However, from 2016, the priority has been the dissemination of successful projects that can be replicated in other municipalities.

At the Assembly held in Granollers in 2016, the formation of several Working Groups led by members of the Network was approved with successful initiatives in the two main fields of action of the Network: mitigation policies and climate change adaptation policies. The objective of these Groups is to identify and disseminate projects that can be applied in other municipalities.

Currently, the Network has three main Working Groups that, in addition to identifying the most successful projects, are developing several Pilot Projects:

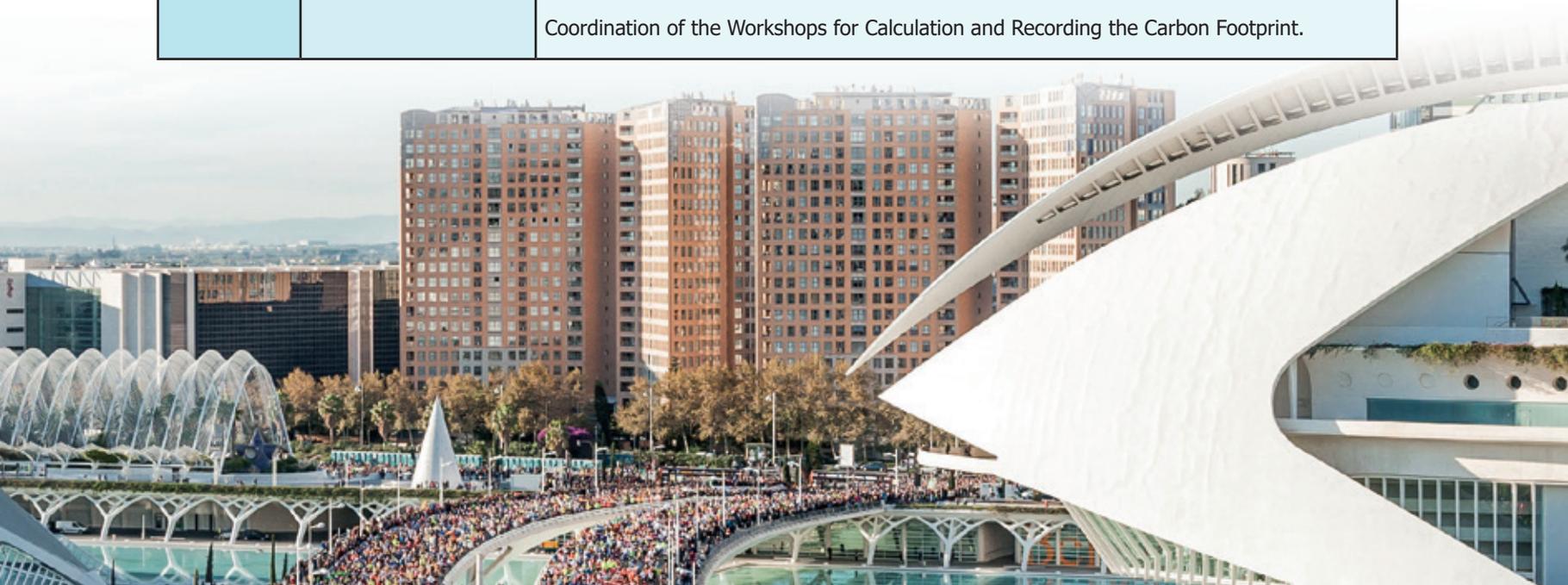


WORKING GROUP	PILOT PROJECT
FINANCING OF CLIMATE CHANGE POLICIES	Creation of an energy rehabilitation platform.
ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE	Report on best practices at the municipal level in the field of adaptation to climate change.
	Expansion of the curriculum in the fight against climate change at school.
	Coordination of the Workshops for Calculation and Recording the Carbon Footprint.



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WORKING GROUP	WORKING SUBGROUP	PILOT PROJECT
MITIGATION POLICIES	Circular economy	Implementation of an individual composting project and separate collection of bio-waste.
		Support for green public procurement by local bodies.
	Mobility	Collection, analysis and dissemination of best practices at the municipal level in the field of mobility.
		Development of work mobility plans and implementation of electric mobility.
	Rehabilitation and energy efficiency	Development of heating and cooling networks in municipal buildings.
		Support for municipal management for improving the efficiency of lighting systems by installing LED lighting and smart control.
		Expansion of the curriculum in the fight against climate change at school.
		Coordination of the Workshops for Calculation and Recording the Carbon Footprint.





JOIN THE NETWORK

An application to join the Network, which includes a commitment to act against climate change and the designation of a political and technical representative for communication with the Network Secretariat, is approved by means of a plenary agreement of the Local Government.

Membership forms can be found on the Network web site:

<http://www.redciudadesclima.es/la-red#socio>

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