

# Cities Leading

the way towards **Climate Neutrality**



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Organization



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## 9h30 - 9h40 **Welcome**

**Manuela Álvares** | City Councilor of Matosinhos

## 9h40 - 9h55 **Opening Session**

**Ricardo Rio** | Mayor of Braga // President of the General Assembly of Cities for Climate

## 9h55 - 10h10 **Setting the Context**

The role of Cities in Climate Neutrality

**Paulo Ferrão** | President of IN+ Center for Innovation, Technology and Policy Research //Acting Chair of the Mission Board of Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities

## 10h10 - 11h10 **National Cities Platforms – Upscaling the 100 Climate Neutral Cities Mission**

**Maria João Rodrigues** | Cities for Climate (Portugal)

**Olga Kordas** | Viable Cities (Sweden)

**Julio Lumbreras** | CitiES2030 (Spain)

Moderator: **Francisco Gonçalves** | NetZeroCities

## 11h10 - 11h30 **Coffee-break**

## 11h30 - 12h45 **Climate Neutrality in Mission Cities**

**Filipe Araújo** | Vice-Mayor of Porto\*

**Sofia Ferreira** | Deputy Mayor for Environment and Climate Action of Guimarães

**Mar Jiménez Carreté** | Commissioner for European Affairs, Municipality of Barcelona

**Alejandro G. Pellitero** | Vice-Mayor Valladolid

Moderator: **Sofia Cordeiro** | ADENE

## 12h45 - 13h15 **The Role of Industry on Cities Decarbonisation**

**Rui Ferreira** | CEO of Super Bock Group  
**Miguel Mata** | CEO da Sonae Capital Industrials

## 13h15- 14h15 **Lunch**

## 14h15 - 15h15 **Climate Finance Instruments for Cities**

**João Fonseca Santos** | European Investment Bank

**Giorgia Grambelli** | Urban Transitions Mission

**Maurício Rodas** | Global Commission on Urban SDG Finance Mission

Moderator: **Ana Fontoura Gouveia** | Bank of Portugal

## 15h15- 16h15 **The Role of Innovation and Entrepreneurship on Cities Decarbonisation**

**Gil Azevedo** | Unicorn Factory Lisboa

**Inês Gonçalves** | Just a Change

**Jorge Portugal** | COTEC Portugal

Moderator: **Joana Mendonça** | IST

## 16h15 - 16h45 **Closing Session**

**Maria da Graça Carvalho** | Ministry for Environment and Energy

**Luísa Salgueiro** | Mayor of Matosinhos//President of the Coordinating Council of Cities for Climate

## 18h00 **OPENING CEREMONY OF VERDE PERTO EXHIBITION**

**Luísa Salgueiro** | Mayor of Matosinhos//President of the Coordinating Council of Cities for Climate

**Joana Maia Dias** | Exhibition Curator

**Maria da Graça Carvalho** | Ministry for Environment and Energy

\*Speakers under confirmation