



How can municipalities, financial institutions, policymakers and businesses work together to accelerate climate investment at the local level?

This is the central question driving the 2nd International Conference of Cidades pelo Clima.

Under the theme Delivering Climate Neutrality – Business, Finance & Collective Action, the conference will bring together around 200 leaders from academia, finance, business, civil society and public policy at the Beato Innovation District in Lisbon on the 2nd of July, for a day of high-level debate and action-oriented dialogue.

The programme combines keynote addresses with thematic panels on the defining challenges of urban climate transition, from unlocking municipal investment and blended finance mechanisms, to advancing local climate pacts and mobilising private capital for the urban transition.

The conference is organised by [IN+ – Centre for Innovation, Technology and Policy Research](#) at Instituto Superior Técnico, and [DGEG – Directorate-General for Energy and Geology](#), within the scope of the EU project [CapaCITIES 2.0](#), and by [Católica-Lisbon School of Business and Economics](#), within the 2nd [Lisbon Sustainability Week](#).



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PROGRAMME

10h00-10h05

WELCOME

Maria João Rodrigues | Cidades pelo Clima

10h05-10h30

OPENING SESSION

Manuela Álvares | Councillor for Public Works and Environment of the Municipality of Matosinhos // in representation of the President of the General Assembly of Cidades pelo Clima

Rui Frazão* | Directorate-General of Energy and Geology

10h30-11h10

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Ricardo Rio

Global Enabling Sustainability Initiative

Giulia Lombardi

Philea, Philanthropy Europe Association

11h10-11h30

Coffee-break

11h30-12h30

PANEL #1 | UNLOCKING MUNICIPAL CLIMATE INVESTMENT

Moderator

Julio Lumbreras | CitiES2030

Speakers

Elena Simion | UEFISCDI and M100

Miguel Almeida | Fundo Apoio Municipal

Olga Kordas | Viable Cities

12h30-14h00

Lunch & Networking



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14h00-15h00

PANEL #2 | BLENDED FINANCE FOR URBAN CLIMATE TRANSITION

Moderator

Ângela Lucas | Systemic Sphere and Center for Responsible Business and Leadership at Católica-Lisbon SBE.

Speakers

António Bento | University of Southern California

Matiss Paegle | BaltCap

Natália Alencar | Banco Português de Fomento

15h00-16h00

CORPORATE INNOVATION IN URBAN CLIMATE TRANSITIONS – CASE STUDIES

Moderator

Dina Rato | Católica-Lisbon SBE

Speakers

Rui Lopo | CARRIS

Rui Pimenta | ENNO

João Crispim | Grupo Casais

Diogo Talone | VEOLIA

16h00-17h00

PANEL #3 | ADVANCING LOCAL CLIMATE PACTS: CLIMATE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Moderator

Bob D’Haeseleer | ICLEI

Speakers

Ana Rita Barros | Porto Ambiente

Manuel de Brito | Sport Lisboa e Benfica

Luís Pliteiro | Laboratório da Paisagem



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17h00-17h40

CLOSING SESSION CIDADES PELO CLIMA

Paulo Ferrão | Chair of the EU Cities Mission Board

Vasco Anjos | Councillor for Environment, Energy and Sustainability of the Municipality of Lisboa

17h40-18h00

CLOSING REMARKS LISBON SUSTAINABILITY WEEK

António Baldaque da Silva | Executive Director of the Center for Sustainable Finance, Católica-Lisbon SBE

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