

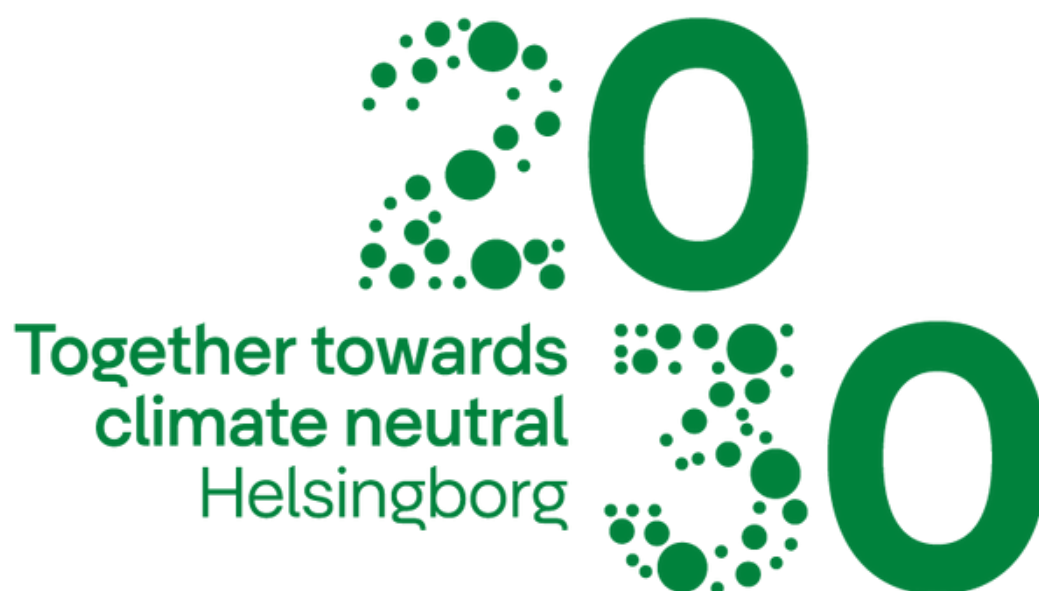


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# CoBuild NetZero

## -first year summary





# About CoBuild NetZero



Helsingborg's leadership drives CoBuild NetZero – accelerating sustainable construction and building a climate-neutral city for the future.



"CoBuild NetZero has generated commitment, participation and tangible results - and the journey continues. What we are building here, we are building for the future - together."

**Martina Oxling**, Project Manager

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CoBuild NetZero drives sustainable urban development and supports Helsingborg's goal of becoming climate neutral by 2030.

Working with IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute, LTH Faculty of Engineering Lund University, municipal companies and private actors, we use Oceanhamnen as a primary testbed for new climate solutions.

The project develops clearer climate calculations, limit values, and processes for governance, procurement and follow-up.

Knowledge sharing is key, strengthening internal competence, influence external stakeholders and inspiring other cities through collaborations in Pilot Cities, Viable Cities, and the EU's climate-neutral city initiatives.

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# What we have done so far

During the first year of CoBuild NetZero, the City of Helsingborg, together with partners from academia, the private sector and municipal companies, has taken important steps towards climate neutrality in construction and infrastructure.

We have mobilised a broad community of stakeholders and co-created the foundations for joint climate requirements, calculation guidelines and methods to reduce climate impact. Together, we have created the conditions to facilitate anchoring and implementation. Through practical tests in Oceanhamnen, we have trialled new solutions and developed a roadmap that points the way towards our targets in the Climate and Energy Plan 2025-2030.

At the same time, we have initiated a learning process, supporting our internal and external “change makers” in driving transformation. Starting from within, through ambitious initiatives and projects, to the benefit of Helsingborg and the climate.

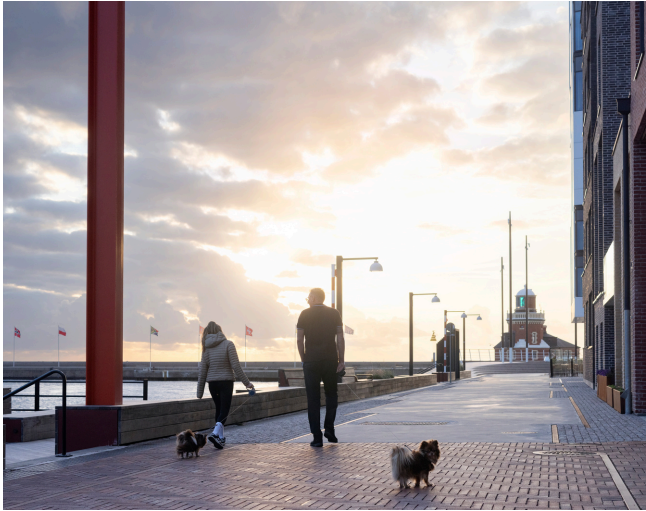


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# Key milestones

Key milestones show our shared progress towards sustainable construction and a climate-neutral Helsingborg by 2030 – and our commitment to keep moving forward.



## Tools

- CoBuild has delivered a first draft of climate limit values and calculation guidelines for new construction.
- Starting work on climate requirements for construction and area development.

## Hands on

- Establishing a portfolio of pilot projects and ongoing prioritisation of initiatives to support.
- Launching a learning programme for transformation and innovation leadership.



## Commitment

- Developing a “regulatory sandbox” to enable real-world testing of new solutions.
- We have mobilised and created the necessary conditions for establishing a reuse hub.

# Next Steps

As CoBuild NetZero moves into its next phase, our focus sharpens on developing practical tools and processes that accelerate the shift towards climate-neutral construction and planning.

These actions will strengthen Helsingborg's ability to lead sustainable urban development through real-world applications.



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## **Requirements for Reduced Climate Impact in Infrastructure and at District Level**

Define and apply climate-related requirements at both infrastructure and neighbourhood levels, supporting low-emission development across public works and urban planning projects.

## **Integrated LCA: Buildings, Infrastructure and Districts**

Advance a holistic life cycle assessment (LCA) approach that spans buildings, infrastructure and district-level planning – enabling smarter climate decisions through a systems perspective.

## **Pilot Projects and Synergy Mapping**

Compile insights from pilot projects to identify synergies, unlock greater impact and build collective capacity for large-scale transformation.

## **Learning Process: CoBuild Change Makers**

Driving a learning process centred on mindset and working methods – focusing on the whole, from individual and team behaviours to organisational approaches.



# Do you want to know more?

CoBuild NetZero is part of the Pilot Cities programme under Horizon Europe, where selected cities across Europe test new pathways towards climate neutrality.

Supported by the NetZeroCities platform, we actively contribute to shared learning, twinning exchanges and the Mission for 100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities.

In Helsingborg, CoBuild NetZero focuses on accelerating innovation in construction, governance and emissions monitoring — contributing to a European transformation.

We welcome collaboration with partners across Europe and beyond, working together to build a more sustainable urban future.

We thank all partners, contributors and supporters for their dedication to advancing climate-neutral cities through CoBuild NetZero and the European Mission.



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# About NetZero Cities

CoBuild NetZero is part of NetZero Cities, a European initiative supporting cities on their journey to climate neutrality.

NetZero Cities helps cities develop, test and implement innovative solutions to reduce emissions, build resilience and create sustainable urban environments.

The programme is part of the EU's "100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030" mission and funded through Horizon Europe.

Together, we drive systemic change and accelerate the transition towards climate-neutral communities.

Learn more at [netzerocities.eu](https://netzerocities.eu)



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