

CAPACITIES

Advancing national support
for climate neutral cities

More than 100 entities

15 core countries –partners
and associated partners
RO, AT, SE, IT, CZ, EL, HU,
NL, SK, ES, PT, TR, PL, FR,
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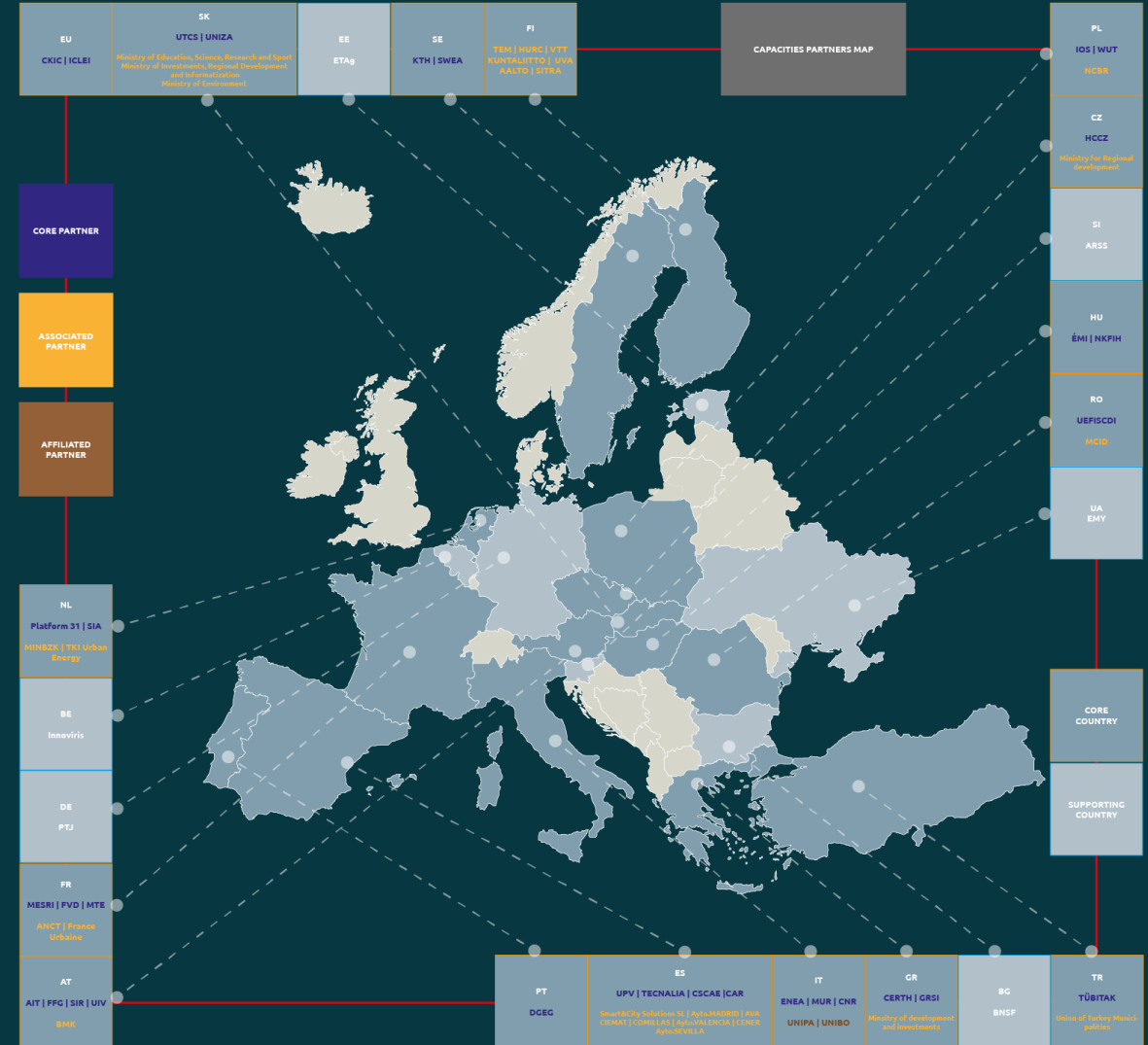
Supporting countries
BE, BG, EE, DE, SI, UA

Synergies with other EU
stakeholder platforms and
initiatives to support the
Cities Mission

CapaCITIES Partners Map

15 Core Countries representing a country team, including ministries, policy agencies, R&I funding agencies, national networks and research organisations.

6 supporting countries following and learning from the activities of CapaCITIES.

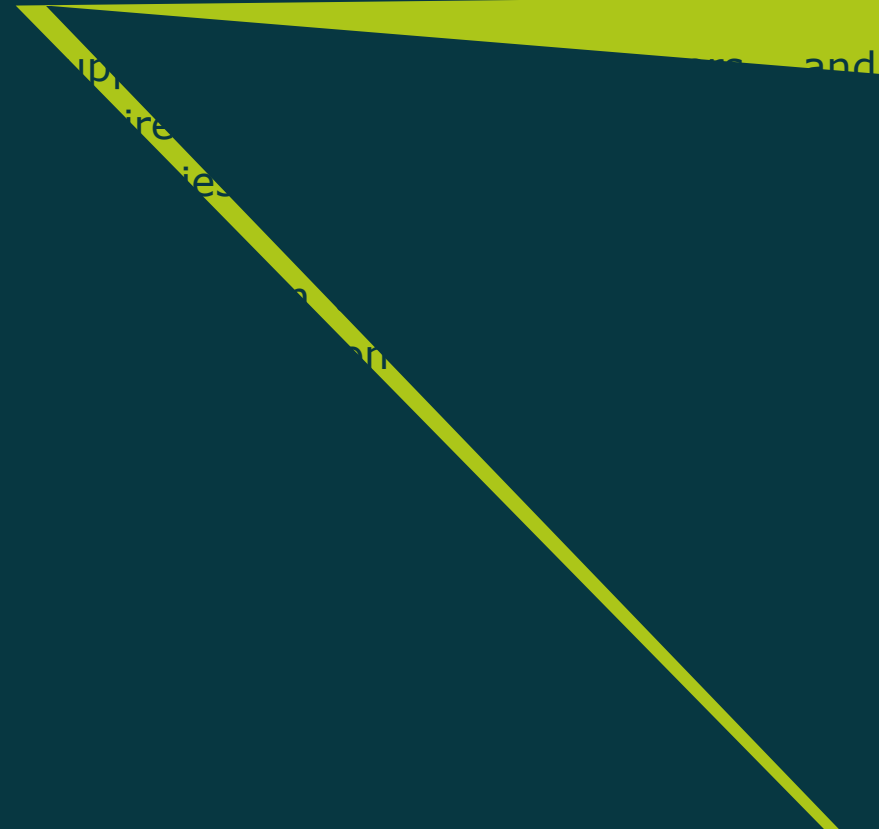


CapaCITIES' Vision

CapaCITIES will shape a European environment conducive to urban climate neutrality transitions for national, regional and local authorities.

It will initiate and strengthen national change processes to establish national networks and governance structures and provide dedicated support for public authorities to put enabling conditions and measures for cities in place to achieve the mission.

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CapaCITIES Activities

To support the countries in their journey

A **Transnational Alliance** to showcase good practices so that they can be shared and learned from on a larger scale

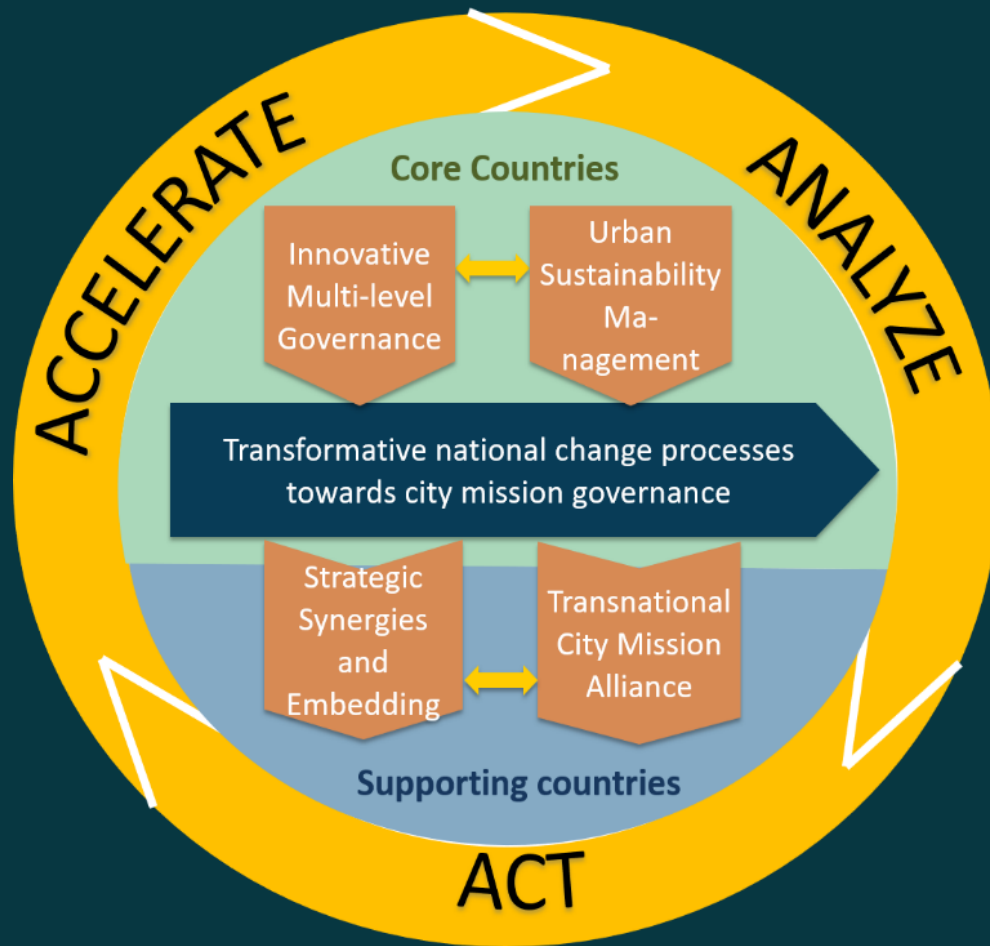
Capacity building sessions based on the Core Countries' specific issues addressed in the self-assessment provided by ICLEI's expertise

Learning materials to deepen the understanding of the design and process behind national support structures, barriers and levers to implementation, good practices for engaging relevant stakeholders and supporting smaller cities and non-mission cities

Webinars and one-on-one workshops with the Core Countries to assist in the set-up of a countries' **Transition Lab** to advance the national change processes

Communication efforts such as a website, a Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation Plan (C&D&E), a newsletter, and ambassadors in each country to disseminate and leverage results.

CapaCITIES' Framework



National change processes at the core of the project

Support measures provided to advance national systems and support measures

Flexible approach to find common ground and support all countries on their different paths

CapaCITIES Embedded in the European Landscape



establish interface with the mission platform and its services to serve both cities and national level aligned

utilising the DUT network of national and regional R&I funding authorities and policy makers

Objective 2 of Core Countries

Develop support
framework for Mission
Cities' activities

Develop connection between national Mission cities and international community.

Develop strategy for comparing national experiences to ones of other Mission cities.

Development of appropriate citizen engagement and co-creation strategies and tools, in order to enhance public engagement and demand on these issues and change the current public behavior (e.g., from vehicle ownership towards vehicle use; as well as to accept much more goods/services sharing across all sector domains).

Organise events.

Gather and disseminate information, materials, resources and operational tools to cities and municipalities.

Transnational Alliance

The Transnational Alliance builds the opportunity for the national partners in CapaCITIES Core Countries to promote and share their ongoing activities in a wider forum. The Alliance is open to all national, regional, and local authorities and city representatives to provide a space for learning and sharing with other authorities facing similar challenges. Unlike the other formats, partners Core Countries are asked not only to participate, but to help shape the program and promote the event. The first webinar is taking place on March 20th online. The scope of the interactive webinars is to provide a platform for interaction, alliance and cooperation among national public authorities and policymakers to develop skills and share expertise on:

- good practices on national governance structures,
- capacity building measures,
- transition labs,
- methodologies and instruments e.g. climate city contracts, national innovation programmes,
- action plans.

Communication,
Dissemination and
Exploitation Plan

References, Guidelines,
etc.

Learning and exchange

Capacity building session

The Capacity Building sessions provide an opportunity for the stakeholders developing the national support structures for climate neutral cities Core Countries to learn and build their thematic capacity on the key drivers and enabling factors at the national level for climate neutral cities. For this reason, a self-assessment template was sent out to the 15 countries participating in the CapaCITIES project. It will help identify concrete needs and interests and will inform the series of capacity building sessions. The suggested topics include financing (e.g. innovative funding instruments or private financing), good practices in integrated planning as well as impact measurement and climate reporting.

The first capacity building session will be held at the end of March in early April and will provide a continuation of the discussion with NetZeroCities City Advisors. It will focus on the role that the national support structures can play in developing Climate City Contracts, including Action and Investment Plans.

The identified need for action at the national level will inform a discussion on how best to establish a process to support the Mission Cities as a Core Country. Core countries National partners in CapaCITIES may be encouraged to extend the invitation to other individuals and organizations they deem relevant

Capacity mapping

Capacity building

Co-creating concrete solutions

Transition Lab Webinar

The Transition Lab webinar provides an opportunity to learn more about the Viable Cities' format and how it can be implemented in the Core Countries' own different countries contexts.

The Transition Lab is a method that brings the necessary people to the table and into dialogue. This method should help the coordinators of national support structures in different countries Core Countries to empower the relevant actors and to create the appropriate structures to implement the Cities Mission. Viable Cities' offer is to provide core countries with a guidance and sessions to advise them on how to implement a Transition Lab in their different national contexts.

Multi-level
stakeholder
governance

Set up transition
labs

Support across
European and
national levels

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CapaCITIES e le PIATTAFORME NAZIONALI

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8 maggio 2024, ENEA, Roma

Spazio collaborativo multistakeholder

Given the great challenge of urban transformation and the cross-cutting integration of climate action in municipal policies, there is the need for systemic transformation, collaborative work and cross-learning.

National Collaboration Platform for Climate Neutrality / Spazio collaborativo multistakeholder

- The main objective of the National Collaboration Platform is to facilitate, align and coordinate the efforts at national level.**
- This approach represents a different way of thinking, acting, investing, decision making, connecting and combining solutions to bring about the change needed to address the climate crisis. It requires innovative ways of thinking and collaborating that engage all stakeholders, including citizens, and reshapes financial structures.**

Climate Neutrality initiatives

Mission Owners' Group

Steering group of 12 Directorates-General of the European Commission

Mission Board

for Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities

Independent expert group that provides advice on the implementation of the missions

Task-based collaborations

With the EC Joint Research Centre, the European Investment Bank, others

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NECPlatform



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URBAN
TRANSITIONS
MISSION

The Urban Transitions Mission Centre



CrA**Ft**

Creating
Actionable
Futures



Driving Urban
Transitions

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**Institutionalized
National
Collaboration
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SPAIN



AUSTRIA

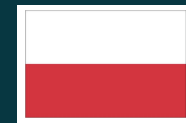


SWEDEN



ROMANIA

**NON
Institutionalized
National
Collaboration
Platform for
Climate
Neutrality**



POLAND



ITALY?

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AIM



Establish a network of national ambassadors to strengthen awareness of the urgency and potentials of urban transitions towards climate neutrality in core countries and help mobilising urban stakeholders and keeping momentum beyond the CapaCITIES project

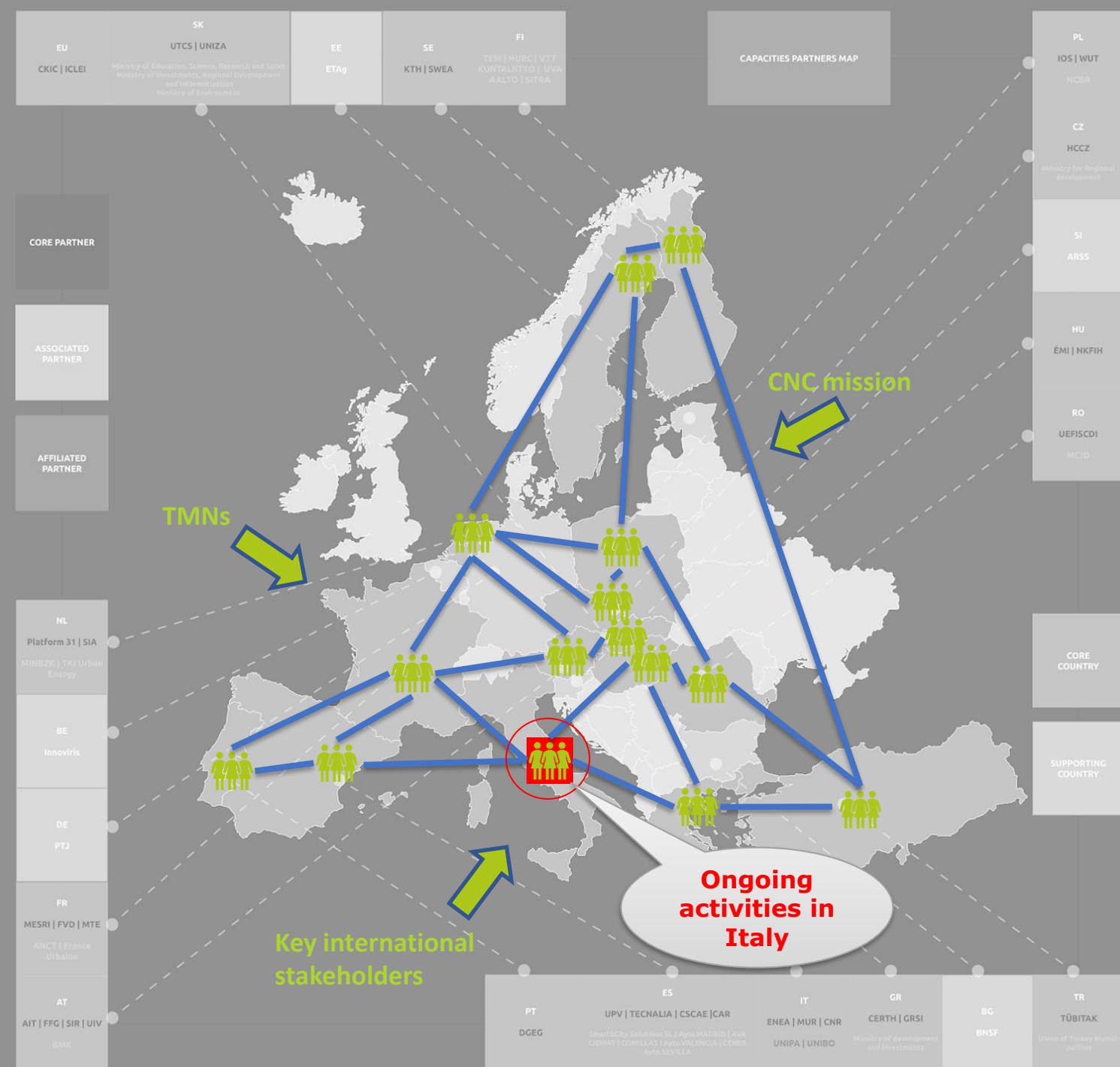


15 national teams (NATs) in the CapaCITIES core countries:

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A Transnational Ambassadors Network, to foster a broader informal exchange, taking advantage of the networks involved in the other WPs (e.g., the Acceleration Forum).



Main steps (1/2)

1



Work preparation

- Exchange of ideas and division of tasks
- Monitoring of the national framework
- Preliminary identification of possible ambassadors

Identification of Target Groups and national ambassadors

- **matchmaking matrix**

Target Groups	Public policy-makers (National / Regional / Local)	Volunteers from NGOs, Foundations and National cities alliance	National NZC members & CNC mission cities	Arts	Social medias	Associations	Innovators & Entrepreneurs
Cities	✓		✓				
Local initiatives and NGOs	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
SMEs, infrastructure providers, and companies	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
The general public	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Media	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Main steps (1/2)

2



Reaching and exchanging ideas

- Exchange of information on mutual activities, initiatives and events.
- Checking availability of possible ambassadors

3



Consolidation of the NAT-IT

- Involvement of national ambassadors
- Official recognition and appointment



Ambassadors in CapaCITIES



Serving as an Ambassador within CapaCITIES means enhancing the issues you already deal with in your daily work life.



It is a mutual alignment exercise to strengthen synergies with common goals related to pathways towards urban climate neutrality.



No additional effort and time is required compared to your current work and activities. Only a limited amount of time will be required for alignment and transnational activities.



An important result will be the national and international visibility of your activities.



Proposal for a follow-up project (deadline: Sept. 2024)



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