



REFERENCE FRAMEWORK FOR EUROPEAN SUSTAINABLE CITIES
A toolkit for the integrated approach



WHAT IS THE RFSC?

The Reference Framework for European Sustainable Cities (RFSC) is an online toolkit designed to help cities promote and enhance their work on integrated sustainable urban development. It is available free of charge to all European local authorities and offers practical support in integrating sustainability principles into local policies and actions. The RFSC is a joint initiative of the Member States (led by France), the European Commission and European organizations of local governments.



ECONOMY



SOCIAL



ENVIRONMENT



GOVERNANCE

WHAT IS THE RFSC COMMUNITY?

for **RESPECT**

RFSC values the diversity of European cities, respecting differences in local priorities and institutions. There is no one-size-fits-all solution for integrated urban development, no universal recipe for success. It's the shared vision that matters, the timeframes, targets and themes should be decided locally.

for **FLEXIBILITY**

Development of a sustainability strategy, evaluation of the integrated approach, setting up of a monitoring framework – these are just a few examples of the possibilities offered by the RFSC. The tools can easily be adapted to local challenges and processes, not the other way round. RFSC enables cities to move at their own pace and choose the scope of their involvement.

S for **SUPPORT**

RFSC is not just another online toolkit. It's a vibrant community of cities that learn from each other, share experience and discuss common challenges. By joining the RFSC community, cities get access to different forms of exchange and support, including dedicated training sessions, peer learning and coaching from urban governance experts.

C for **COOPERATION**

It's cooperation, not competition, which is at the heart of the RFSC. Developed for cities and with cities, RFSC is a meeting place that aims to bring together various actors within one city, hundreds of cities and local authorities from across Europe and finally all those at the national and European level who believe that sustainable cities are the future.



"The RFSC tool is a vital part of our effort to ensure that cities of all sizes can play their full role in the achievement of a smart, sustainable, inclusive Europe. I strongly encourage cities throughout Europe to immediately sign up and become part of the RFSC community!"

Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for Regional Policy



YES, I WANT TO BECOME A RFSC CITY!



To get full access to the tool you need to become a RFSC City. It is free of charge and will only take you a few minutes. As a RFSC City you will be able to make the most of networking, learning and promotion opportunities offered to the RFSC community members on the national and European level, such as:

- *free training sessions,*
- *peer groups and benchlearning activities,*
- *opportunity to be featured in the RFSC materials and during events.*

Ready to join the European community of active cities?

Follow the steps outlined at www.rfsc.eu

WHAT THE CITIES SAY



"RFSC helped us to improve the sustainability focus of our local policies."

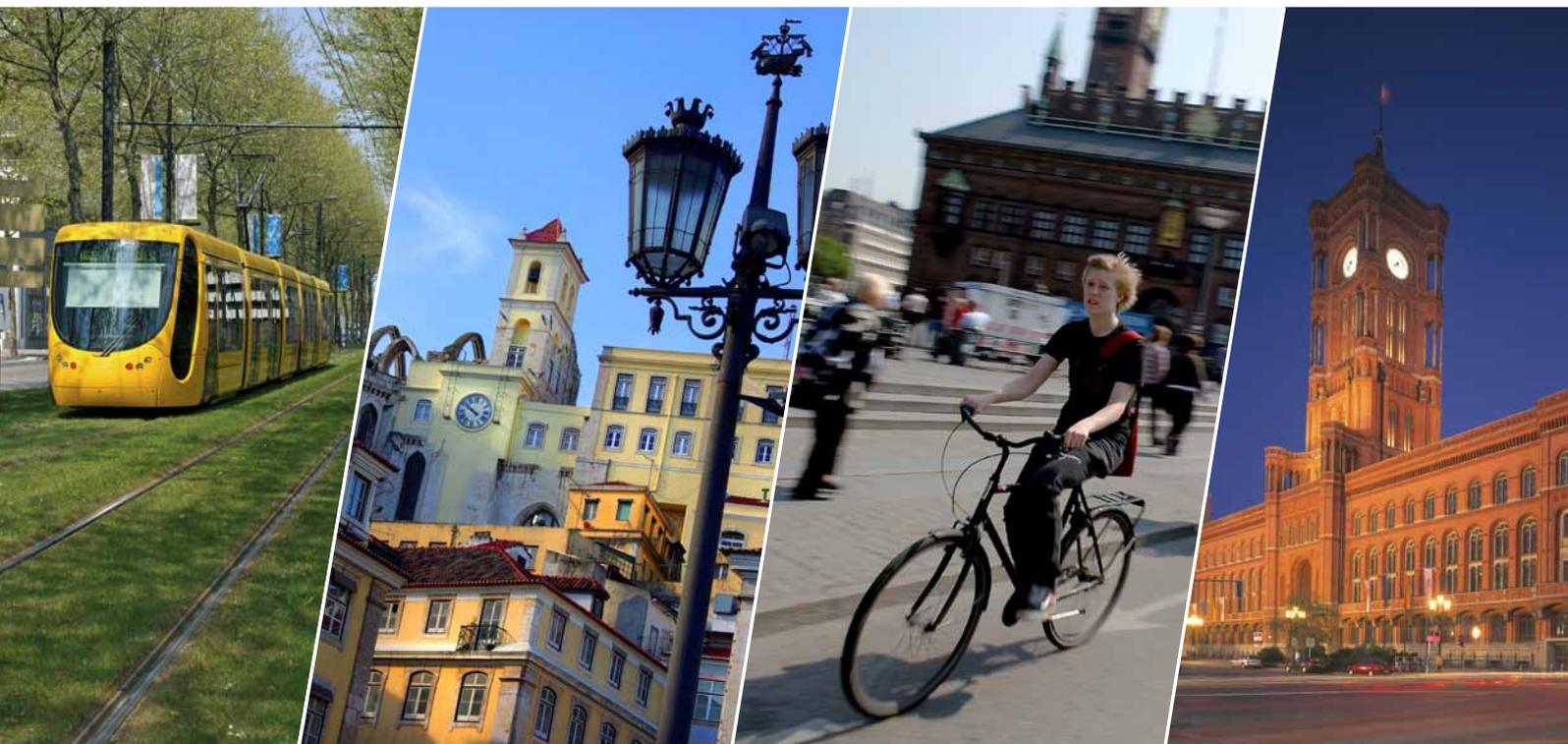
"We are committed to making our city more sustainable and signing up to RFSC is a good way to showcase this commitment."

"My department has made quite some progress in implementing sustainability but thanks to RFSC, everyone is now on board!"

"We enjoyed being part of the European community of cities, learning from others and sharing our best practices with colleagues from across Europe."



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