

Concept note - CITY SHOWCASE – EEF 2026 GUIMARÃES

4 November 2026 16:45-17:45

On **Wednesday 4 November** we will be organising the **Eurocities Environment Forum (EEF) City Showcase**, a recurrent session format in our agendas that highlights the best practices of cities across Europe related to our forum theme.

This year, we will focus on projects trying to bring together science, policy making and practice, demonstrating how cities are using evidence, governance and implementation to drive sustainability and urban transformation. We particularly encourage submissions that offer replicable approaches, transferable solutions and valuable lessons for other cities, showing how science, policy and practice can come together to create a more sustainable, resilient and climate-neutral future.

We look forward to hearing about your projects tackling issues such as:

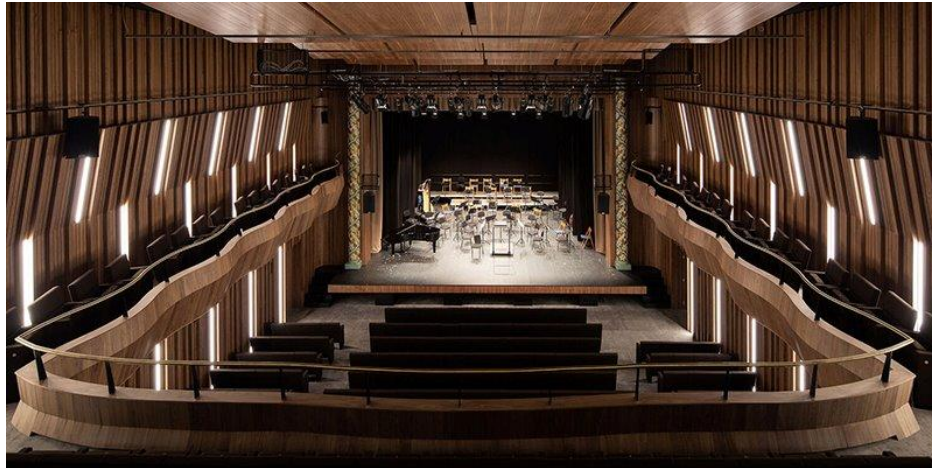
- How can cities use science, policy and practice together to accelerate the transition to climate neutrality, resilience and environmental sustainability?
- How can cities ensure that long-term, evidence-based planning remains at the heart of day-to-day decision-making and crisis response?
- What governance models, partnerships or decision-making processes help translate scientific knowledge into tangible local action?

To apply for the City Showcase, please [complete this form](#).

The **deadline to submit** applications is **5 October 2026**. The shortlisted projects will be announced during the week of 12 October 2026. **Please note that completing this form does not guarantee that your application will be shortlisted.**

Session outline:

The City Showcase will be held at Jordão Theatre and will feature **10 selected city projects** in an interactive format combining brief pitches, poster presentations, and discussions.



Jordão Theater

At the start of the session, each presenter will have **1 minute** to deliver an **elevator pitch** to the **plenary audience**, introducing their project and encouraging participants to visit their poster. Your city name and project title will be displayed on screen during the pitch.

Following the pitches, presenters will move to their assigned poster stations. Participants will choose which project they would like to learn more about. Each round will consist of **5 minutes** for the presenter to further **introduce the project** and its key achievements, followed by **10 minutes** for **questions and discussion** with participants.

The session will include **two rounds**, allowing participants to engage with two different city projects. Presenters will remain at their poster for both rounds and repeat their presentation for a new audience. A bell will signal the end of each round, followed by a short transition period for participants to move to a different poster before the next round begins.

City Showcase posters will be displayed in the exhibition area before and after the session, providing additional networking and exchange opportunities. Following the Forum, the posters will be compiled into a digital booklet together with key messages from EEF 2026 and shared with Environment Forum members and relevant external stakeholders.

Session agenda:

16:45 – 16:50	Welcome and presentation of the session concept by moderator
16:50 – 17:05	Elevator pitch of each selected project (1 min per project)
<i>Transfer from main stage to posters</i>	
17:05 – 17:20	1 st round (5 min presentation, followed by 10 min Q&A)
<i>Transfer time between posters for participants; presenters remain at their poster</i>	
17:25 – 17:40	2 nd round (5 min presentation, followed by 10 min Q&A)
17:40 - 17:45	Closing

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