

**Letter of Intent on Deepening Cooperation in Climate Neutral and Smart City development
between**

The City of Ioannina, Greece

And

The City of Valladolid, Spain

By signing this Letter of Intent (LoI), both parties express their **joint willingness for cooperation** for the development of a general relationship of exchange of information and know-how working together to best leverage the strength and resources of both sides to identify and initiate international projects related to Climate Neutral and Smart City development and solutions.

It is believed that collaboration strengthens institutional capacities in both organizations and enhances the efficiency and effectiveness of the use of their respective resources on the basis of equality and mutual benefits in the field of Sustainable Smart City development, especially with regard to the **European Mission "100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030"**.

Based on an in-depth exchange of views, both parties are committed to strengthen the Climate Neutral and Smart City cooperation in a comprehensive manner, and to actively encourage their professionals and partners to share their experience and develop new cooperation projects. Specifically, cooperation will focus on the following axes: **Sustainable Urban Mobility, Energy-efficient buildings, Circular Economy and Smart City Applications.**

Both cities are willing to work together to address common challenges and create economies of scale in order to serve as **Innovation Hubs** for other European cities that will be inspired by, learn from and replicate the ideas and solutions emerging from the mutual cooperation within the Mission Framework. Both parties will try their best to provide the favorable conditions for the fruitful exchange and cooperation in the coming years, regardless of their selection for participating in the Mission.

Both parties will, on the basis of shared public administration values and practice, promote pragmatic collaboration, including exchange of information, expertise and good practices so that the parties can work together for the submission of the proposal in the Mission as well as cooperation development on issues of **joint effort to become climate neutral by 2030** successfully taking part in the Mission.

Based on this cooperation as innovation hubs and national, European and global forerunners, both cities are committed to **inspire** additional urban areas, and eventually the whole of Europe, to accelerate their policies for climate action and transition bringing great added value to a **climate neutral Europe.**

Agreed and signed

Valladolid, 26th of January 2022



Oscar Puente
Mayor of the City of Valladolid

Ioannina, 26th of January 2022



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Mayor of the City of Ioannina