

EBRD Green Cities Mayors' Meeting 2026
London, 22-23 June
Investing in tomorrow:
Building green and resilient cities for all

This year, EBRD Green Cities marks a decade of impact.

Our cities are changing. Over the past 10 years, the EBRD's Green Cities have cut emissions, improved air quality and raised living standards for millions. This conference celebrates that progress and maps the road ahead.

Join us for engaging, high-level discussions on what it truly takes to build green, resilient cities. We will explore how cities can electrify transport, heating and housing through cleaner, more affordable energy; deliver low-carbon, future-proofed housing that reduces long-term costs; modernise wastewater systems to support climate adaptation, circular resource use and flood resilience; and strengthen heat resilience in the face of rising temperatures. We will also examine the emerging role of AI in responding to climate shocks.

We will be welcoming mayors from our Green Cities, private-sector leaders, city initiatives, sector experts, academics and youth organisations – bringing together the people who are building the cities of tomorrow, today.

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Indicative Agenda

Day 1 – Monday 22 June 2026, EBRD HQ

- 09.00 Registration and networking
- 09.00 Mayors' breakfast (*Closed session - invite only*)
- 09.00 Green City Officers network gathering (*Closed session - invite only*)
- 09.45 Opening remarks and keynote speech
- 10.00 Plenary panel: *Decade of Impact – celebrating EBRD's Green Cities*
- 11.00 Youth perspectives
- 11.15 Group photo and Coffee and networking
- 11.45 Electrifying cities
- 12.45 Networking lunch
- 14.00 High-level Fireside chat with Deputy Mayor of Kaohsiung
- 14.15 High level sessions:
1. *Heat resilience in cities: from planning to scaled delivery*
 2. *From systems thinking to investment: the case for water*
 3. *Built to last: Financing low-carbon and resilient buildings*
 4. *Green City Officers meeting*
- 15.15 Coffee and networking
- 15.45 Motivational speech/ Engagement session
- 16.15 Summing-up of day 1
- 16.30 Close of day 1
- 19.00 Gala Dinner (*Closed event - invite only*)

Day 2 – Tuesday 23 June 2026 (*Closed sessions - invite only*)

- 09.00 Registration
- 09.10 Depart for Site Visit
- 12.00 Lunch
- 14.00 End of Conference

Session Concepts

Decade of Impact – celebrating EBRD's Green Cities

This year marks the 10th anniversary of EBRD Green Cities. Over the last decade, more than fifty cities across three continents have joined the programme, achieving remarkable results. In this session, we celebrate their success and hear directly from mayors across the region about their green initiatives - how they are implementing and financing them, the difference they are making to citizens' lives, and their vision for the future.

Youth Perspective

This is the turning point of the conference, as we look forward and ask what needs to happen to build green and resilient futures. We will hear a youth perspective about what young people expect from cities in the future and how they are contributing to building green and resilient cities.

Electrifying cities

As electrification accelerates across sectors worldwide, cities are leading the charge. From transport to housing and district heating, the shift to electric is delivering efficiency gains, cost savings, reduced emissions and healthier lives for citizens. In this session, sector experts will highlight the latest trends in electrification and mayors from across the EBRD's regions will share real-world initiatives - what drives cities to act, the challenges they face, and the impacts they have achieved.

High-level Fireside chat

This fireside chat with the Deputy Mayor of Kaohsiung will share the city's experience of using AI, through their Sovereign AI Light House Project, to improve municipal services with a focus on creating accurate and resilient disaster prevention and response, traffic mobility and management, large-event safety and industrial safety and infrastructure monitoring.

High level sessions

Heat resilience in cities: from planning to scaled delivery

Heat stress is one of the most pressing challenges facing cities globally, with rising temperatures threatening public health, straining infrastructure, reducing economic productivity and affecting citizens' wellbeing. In this session, sector experts and mayors will explore how long-term urban planning, resilient infrastructure and nature-based solutions can help cities adapt to increasing heat. Mayors will share first-hand experience of implementing practical solutions - how they were financed, and the role cross-sector coordination has played in making them work.

From systems thinking to investment: the case for water

This session explores how wastewater management, often invisible and undervalued, is a critical piece of systems thinking in building resilient, well-integrated urban water systems. Beyond meeting effluent requirements, effective wastewater treatment delivers climate mitigation and adaptation benefits, supports circular resource use, and strengthens cities' responses to flooding and stormwater challenges.

Built to last: Financing low-carbon and resilient buildings

Cities need faster, smarter ways to finance buildings that cut emissions and withstand climate shocks while at the same time lowering operational and maintenance costs. This session brings together mayors to share what's working on the ground – from scaling retrofits of public and private buildings, to unlocking finance for delivery of affordable housing. The discussion will focus on practical pathways to align incentives across stakeholders, and deliver measurable impact at city scale, showcasing direct insights, replicable models, and the partnerships needed to finance the resilient, low-carbon buildings our cities urgently require.

Green City Officers Session

The Green Cities Officers' network comprises of municipal counterparts tasked with managing Green City Action Plans (GCAP) and their implementation. Launched in December 2020, the network meets regularly, providing officers with an opportunity to engage, exchange and learn from one another.