



## Breakfast and Mayors Session: Thursday, May 23, 7.30-10.30

### Details

**Breakfast: 7.30 – 8.45** (Prinz Carl, Spiegelsaal EG, Kornmarkt 1)

**Mayors Session: 9.00 – 10.30** (Solar Boat, in front of the conference centre, river Neckar, Position 7)

### Objective

The energy transition is underway but not rapid enough. Scientists, experts from the civil society, as well as policymakers agree that we need to act quickly if we want to meet the Paris Agreement. 210 European Mayors demand EU Emissions Peak by 2020, halve by 2030 and Reach Net-Zero by 2050. A respective joint letter, asking for higher ambition, calling for immediate action and policies aligned with the Paris objectives, is being sent to European leaders ahead of the 'Future of Europe' meeting in Sibiu, Romania on May 9th. This session will build momentum towards the Sustainable Development Goals meeting at the UN in New York this September, 2019. And reply to the question: **“What do Mayors need to make their cities carbon neutral and to improve quality of life?”** Therefore, it aims at identifying financial, legal and policy frameworks that are necessary to implement the Paris Agreement at local level and defining new indicators of wealth to shift responsibilities and choose for the right priorities.

### Participants Set up

Local elected representatives participating at ICCA.  
Room for 100 participants, round tables for 8 mayors each.

### WELCOME

**Prof. Dr. Eckart Würzner**, Mayor of Heidelberg, chair of the session

### SETTING THE SCENE

**Mr. Ion Cîmpeanu**, Secretary of State, Minister of the Environment, Romania: Providing the national perspective on multi-level governance for energy and climate:

- **15min** What is needed for better collaboration with the local level?

### MAYORS' REACTION

Mayors from different city size and different continents reacting. How can cities lead the energy transition and decarbonisation of their cities? Floor will be opened to audience for a debate.

- **40min**

### PLENARY

**Mr. Raffaele Mauro Petriccione**, Directorate- General for Climate Action/ DG Clima, reacting to Mayors' demands from a European/ supranational perspective. Laying out the European Commission's ambition and initiatives to support all cities.

- **15min**

### CLOSING

**Ms. Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter**, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety on Germany, reacting to the debate and closing the session.

- **15min**

Should you have any queries or logistical questions, please do not hesitate to contact energy cities at [tatjana.veith@energy-cities.eu](mailto:tatjana.veith@energy-cities.eu).