



## Invitation to the Annual event of Energy Cities

Dear Scalable Cities Community,

We look forward to meeting you at our **Annual event “Grafting cities: Cultivating our common future”** hosted by the city of Modena from the 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October, you will find the draft programme and more [information here](#).

With **Grafting Cities**, we delve into tangible examples of the transformation we need, exploring how to achieve our climate goals in a constantly evolving local landscape.

Municipal representatives from across Europe will come together for high-level plenaries, interactive workshops, informal open space formats, and networking opportunities. To create a stimulating and welcoming context we have joined forces with our longstanding partner Climate Alliance and AEES – Energy and Sustainable Development Agency.

### What's waiting for you?

You will embark on an amazing journey with us, acquiring actionable knowledge on new strategies and tools, creating inspiring synergies, and fostering reliable partnerships with other cities and organisations.

**On October 18<sup>th</sup> we invite you to the Energy Cities “inspirational day”** where we will metaphorically “travel” to a selection of **“invisible cities”** - created by Italo Calvino, a renowned Italian writer - to discover unthought-of and untapped potential in our respective contexts and gain inspiration for designing new pathways in local transitions. Each Calvino’s invisible cities is linked to a specific Energy Cities Hub, forming the foundation for a series of parallel workshops focusing on: local governance, fossil-free districts and buildings, community energy, sustainable food systems, and resource-wise & socially just local economies.

**On October 19<sup>th</sup>**, in the morning, the plenary session **“Grafting cities : Cultivating our common future”** will take place with a rich program of inspirational talks about our common future and the challenges ahead, opening up to a series of policy debates with our cities elected representatives is waiting for you. The first plenary debate will reveal the transformations in action. We want to make them visible to gain the strengths to amplify them. The second plenary debate will reveal the social forces on which we can build to move the society forward.

We hope you will have the opportunity, during the whole event, to break free from the constraints of your daily work and acquire practical knowledge on innovative strategies and tools from other contexts.

Should you wish to share part of the journey with us, **we can meet altogether at Milan Central Station** on 17<sup>th</sup> October, where Energy Cities has booked a train and planned engaging “onboarding activities”.

**Do not forget to register [here](#) and get in touch with us in case of any question!**

Looking forward to hearing from you and see you soon in Modena.

Best regards,

Energy Cities