



PACTO DO PORTO PARA O CLIMA

# PORTO CLIMATE PACT



**Towards a carbon  
neutral, resilient,  
competitive, fair,  
and inclusive city.**

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**Porto.**

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## **Acknowledging that:**

- The current and projected climate changes in the short- and medium-term demand high public and private investments in adaptation measures for the future, both for territories and infrastructures as well as economic activities.
- The stability of the global climate system remains at risk because of global warming caused by the continued emissions of Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) from human activities.
- To avoid a breakdown of the planetary climate system, with unpredictable consequences for ecosystems and social and economic activities, there is an urgent need for a rapid relief of GHGs in the global atmosphere.
- We face a global challenge that demands disruptive and visionary, transformative and ambitious actions, that drastically decrease GHG emissions, ensuring the path towards carbon neutrality in societies.
- Carbon neutrality can only be successfully addressed through cross-cutting and multi-level interventions, from the personal, organisational, local, regional, national to global levels, highlighting the current socio-environmental responsibility of many organisations and the growing environmental awareness of the citizens.
- The European Union has taken the lead in this issue, with Member States setting a target of 55% decarbonisation by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2050.
- At a national level, the Climate Framework Law (Lei de Bases do Clima), approved by the Parliament in November 2021, establishes a reduction of emissions of at least 55% by 2030, 65% to 75% by 2040 and at least 90% by 2050 (with possible anticipation to 2045).
- As central spaces for human activity, cities are key levers to ensure the achievement of decarbonisation goals, so local authorities, as the level of governance closer to citizens, are the main drivers of articulation of local actors for decarbonisation.
- The city of Porto has maintained, since 2008, a detailed monitoring of GHG emissions in the city and their respective origin, and has followed and exceeded the national and European decarbonisation goals, having established the commitment to reduce GHG by 60% by 2030.
- The estimated reduction of GHG in the city of Porto has reached 52,2% in 2020 (compared to the 2004 base year), partly because national measures to decarbonise electricity production, which puts the city close to reaching the target set for 2030.
- The role of the Municipality of Porto in the decarbonisation of the city has been systematic but limited, as municipal buildings/ assets are only responsible for 6% of total GHG emissions.
- The majority of GHG emissions in the city come from the buildings, residential and services sector (approximately 50%) and transport (approximately 40%), and these are the areas that will require the most intense decarbonisation effort.

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- Carbon neutrality is an opportunity for a fair and equitable transition, while mitigating energetic poverty and universal access to clean and sustainable transport systems.
- Porto was selected by the European Commission to participate in the EU Mission Climate Neutral and Smart Cities until 2030, which along with one hundred other cities will lead the energy transition and climate action in Europe.

## **And trusting that:**

- The National Roadmap for Carbon Neutrality (Roteiro Nacional Para a Neutralidade Carbónica) 2050 includes a set of measures to be implemented that allow the municipality of Porto, given its specificity, to achieve carbon neutrality in the next decade.
- Carbon neutrality, while posing a major challenge to the traditional status quo and potentially requiring high investment, brings countless benefits – increased security and resilience, new economic opportunities, and new jobs – contributing to more prosperous, fairer societies that live within the physical limits of the planet.
- Carbon neutrality in Porto can only be achieved with specific actions carried out by all parties involved regardless of their dimension, previous action towards environmental sustainability or type of legal entity: all organisations and citizens have a role to play.
- A common vision and goal for decarbonisation can help everyone move in the same direction towards a common purpose.

## **We share the vision of Porto as:**

- A city that wants to anticipate carbon neutrality by 2030, taking national leadership in this area, through a collective and widely participated effort, with the involvement of citizens and organizations, as well as the National Government and the European Commission, supported by initiatives that make this ambition possible.
- A more resilient city that relies on efficient energy use, renewable energy production and energy storage to cope with unexpected situations.
- A city where circularity and decarbonisation processes play an important role in the economic activity and job creation.
- A fair city, where decarbonisation contributes to supporting the people and entities most affected by this energy transition, reducing energy poverty.
- A healthier city, with high air quality that enhances citizens' health and quality of life.
- An inclusive city, where all organisations and citizens are an active part of the decarbonisation process.

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## **We also note the opportunity that this pact provides for:**

- Demonstrate our leadership in terms of initiatives to promote the decarbonisation of our activity, contributing to local and national targets.
- Reinforce our commitment to action in favor of the economic and social development of the city.
- Qualitatively and quantitatively assess the results of the proposed decarbonisation measures.
- Cooperating regularly with a network of ambitious players, with common goals, sharing experiences and establishing partnerships to take better advantage of opportunities, namely by promoting the co-creation of innovative solutions and business models.
- Gain local, national and international recognition in the area of sustainability and climate action, especially by reducing GHG emissions.

## **By signing this Pact we commit to using all our means to:**

- Establish and share targets and specific measures, already developed or to be developed, tending to a reduction of GHG emission aiming at carbon neutrality.
- Involve our network of players in the process of reducing GHG emissions in Porto.
- Cooperate with local and national government to set an enabling environment for decarbonisation.
- Monitor and report the progress and impact of implemented actions in reducing GHG emissions.
- Announce the progress achieved in meeting the targets and actions developed, contributing to increased public awareness.

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