

M100 CLIMATE NEUTRALITY FORUM

October 29-30, 2024 | Bucharest | Mina Museum, 2-4 George Constantinescu Street

Event Moderator: Michael Creek, Stickydot

Tuesday, October 29

09:30 - 10:00 - Guest Reception & Coffee

10:00 - 11:00 - Official Speeches

Nicolae Ciucă - President of the Senate of Romania

Alexandra Boșe - State Adviser, Department of Climate and Sustainability Presidential Administration

Mihaela Frăsineanu - Chancellery of the Prime Minister

Ovidiu Cîmpean - State Secretary, Ministry of Investments and European Projects, M100 Coordinator

Patrick Child - Deputy Director General, DG Environment, European Commission (**video**)

Borgar Thor Einarsson - Deputy Managing Director, Financial Mechanism Office EEA and Norway Grants

Ligia Deca - Minister, Ministry of Education, M100 Committee (TBC)

Bogdan-Gruia Ivan - Minister, Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digitalization, M100 Committee

Sebastian-Ioan Burduja - Minister, Ministry of Energy, M100 Committee

HE Massimo Baggi - Ambassador of the Swiss Confederation in Romania

Ciprian Ciucu - Mayor, District 6 Bucharest

László Borbély - State Counselor, Coordinator of the Department for Sustainable Development

Adrian Curaj - General Director, UEFISCDI

11:00 - 11:45 - Cities Panel: Cities in the Driver's Seat of Climate Neutrality

Laura Hetel - Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission, European Commission (TBC)

Irina Nicolescu - Representative of Suceava | **Ovidiu Cîmpean** - Representative of Cluj-Napoca

| **Radu Mihaiu** - Representative of Sector 2, Bucharest | **Øyvind S. Tanum** - Representative of

Trondheim Kommune | **Hrönn Hrafnisdóttir** - Representative of City of Reykjavik | **Eline Vigre**

- Representative of City of Stavanger

Moderated by **Bjarne Uldal** - Nordic Edge, Smart City Innovation Cluster

11:45 - 12:15 - Coffee Break

12:15 - 13:15 - M100 Jury Moment

Johanna Leissner - Scientific Representative at Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft, Coordinator, EIT Culture & Creativity | **Julio Lumbreras** - Associate Professor, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Harvard Instructor, Sustainable Cities Expert | **Maria Vassilakou** – Founder & Urban Consultant, Vienna Solutions, Board Member, EU Mission for Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities | **Oliver Weigel** – Head of Urban Policy Division, Federal Ministry of Housing, Urban Development and Building, Germany | **Thomas Osdoba** - Managing Director, NetZeroCities | **Olga Kordas** - Director, Viable Cities, Associate Professor, KTH | **Chrysses Nicolaides** - Strategy Consultant & Advisor for Cities, Board Member, EU Mission for Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities

13:15 - 14:00 - Lunch Break

14:00 - 14:30 - 3, 2, 1... Drum Roll! Announcement of the 10 cities selected under M100

14:30 - 16:00 - Selected Cities Moment

Panel 1 / Panel 2: The 10 selected cities in dialogue - plans and strategies for climate neutrality

Moderated by **Marius Cristea**, Urban Development Consultant

16:00 - 16:30 - Wrap Up - Adrian Curaj – General Director, UEFISCDI

16:30 - 18:00 - Networking, Dinner & Drinks

Wednesday, October 30

09:00 - 09:45 - Guest Reception & Coffee

09:45 - 10:30 - Keynote Speech + Q&A: Carlos Moreno- “15-Minute City”

10:30 - 11:15 - National Platforms Panel

Laura Hetel - Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission, European Commission | **Olga Kordas** - Viable Cities, Sweden | **Julio Lumbreras** - CitiES, Spain | **Ovidiu Cîmpean** - M100, Romania | **Elena Simion** - CapaCITIES & M100, Romania | **Corina Murafa** - Adaptation to Climate Change Mission

Moderated by **Michael Creek**, Stickydot

11:15 - 11:45 - Keynote Speech: Joost Beunderman - Director, Dark Matter Labs

11:45 - 12:00 - Coffee Break

12:00 - 12:45 - Global Finance and International Stakeholders Panel

Venera Vlad - Associate Director, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) | **Ștefan Acsinte** - Senior Banker Public Sector, Central and South Eastern Europe, European Investment Bank | **Borgar Thor Einarsson** - Deputy Managing Director, Financial Mechanism Office EEA and Norway Grants | **Marcel Ionescu-Heroiu** - Senior Urban Development Specialist, World Bank (video) | **Giacomo Solari**, Head of Swiss Contribution Office, Embassy of Switzerland in Bucharest

Moderated by **Michael Creek** - Stickydot

12:45 - 13:15 - Participatory urban innovation: Citizen-led ideas for future cities

Winning solutions from UrbanLab for Green Cities innovation competitions held during the M100 Climate Neutrality Caravan

13:15 - 14:00 - Announcement of the M100 Coalition - Ecosystems Necessary for Achieving Climate Neutrality

Mădălina Marcu, Association for Community Relationships (ARC) | **Grațian Mihăilescu** - Founder, UrbanizeHUB | **Ștefan Bâlici** - President, The Romanian Order of Architects | Representatives of Universities and NGOs | **Marius Cristea**, Urban Development Consultant | **Marius Mitroi** - UEFISCDI

Hosted by **Ovidiu Cîmpean** - State Secretary, Ministry of Investments and European Projects, Coordinator of M100 Platform

14:00 - 14:15 - Closing Session - Adrian Curaj – General Director of UEFISCDI & Ovidiu Cîmpean - State Secretary, Ministry of Investments and European Projects, Coordinator of M100 Platform

14:15 - 15:00 - Lunch

15:00 - 17:00 - Workshops

- 2 parallel sessions on policy-related topics (mobility and built environment), supported by **Dark Matter Labs**
- financing models for public private partnerships, supported by **NetZeroCities**
- a workshop dedicated to students and young professionals, supported by **The Order of Architects Romania (OAR)**