



# Capacity Building Program

## Smart Cities

A program by Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin, Kyiv School of Energy Policy,  
and the Florence School of Regulation



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# Fueling Tomorrow's Energy Leaders

In order to **empower** the next generation of **local energy advisors** in Ukraine, the Green Deal Ukraïna project is offering a pragmatic and **dynamic course** for city energy and climate advisors.



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Explore Energy and Climate Policies, from big picture to the local **community** level, covering topics such as energy efficiency, energy transition, and digitalisation.

Learn **implementable** skills on how to change energy policy in your local community.

Be introduced to **funding** opportunities.

Work on a **concrete** project immediately useful to your local community, and earn a Green Deal Ukraïna **certificate**.



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# At a Glance

## **Program Structure:**

- Schedule: 15 July – 8 August 2024
- Format: Online/Offline
- Time commitment: 4-8 hours/week, with 4-5 hours of Energy English courses, deep dive sessions into Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, and mentorship
- Language: English (with translation option to Ukrainian)

## **The program consists of:**

- 35% In-person summer school in Ivano-Frankivsk, with live modules and expert panels by EU and Ukrainian experts, including intensive individual and peer learning sessions on Energy and Climate Policies, Renewable Policies in the EU and Ukraine, and Data for Local Communities.
- 20% Online live modules and expert panels, consisting of four modules on the Energy Transition, Digitalization and New Technologies, Distribution Networks and Renewable Energy, and Energy Efficiency, Buildings and District Heating, offered by the Florence School of Regulation.
- 45% Online group project with tailored Ukrainian mentorship and coaching from energy experts from the Kyiv School of Energy Policy.
- 100% Energy Speaking Clubs in English will be held throughout the program. These sessions will cover the main topics of the course, focusing on the terminology needed to understand EU climate and energy policies.

## **Expected Impact:**

- Leave with a concrete deliverable, such as a resilient energy plan or a grant proposal, to implement in your local community
- Earn a Green Deal Ukraine certificate, jointly delivered by the Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin (HZB), Kyiv School of Energy Policy (KSEP), and the Florence School of Regulation (FSR)
- Gain a robust network of energy experts through an active alumni network and in-person events, like the Green Deal Ukraine annual high-level policy event held in Kyiv.

**Application open until 30 April 2024**

**More details on the website: [Pro Green Deal for Smart Cities](#)**

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# Our Unique Value Proposition

The Green Deal Ukraine Capacity Building Program will teach implementable information that is directly tailored to the needs of the participants, through expert lecturers from both Ukraine and the EU.

Courses from the Florence School of Regulation and Energy-specific English lessons from the Kyiv School of Energy Policy provide a practical foundation.

Structured support from Ukrainian energy experts supplement the sessions held in English.

Deep dive sessions on Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, and Governance are led by Green Deal Ukraine project experts.

In-person networking opportunities promote synergy between participants, encouraging collaboration across sectors to work towards EU Green Deal integration.

The program is available online, acknowledging war-induced population displacement, with a few hybrid events for flexibility.



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# Our Story

The European Green Deal aims to make the EU a climate-neutral economy by 2050. A crucial aspect is empowering local communities to lead the transition to clean energy. The urgency to empower Ukrainian municipalities has heightened since the European Council's decision to initiate accession negotiations. While EU accession negotiations will take time, prioritising the energy and climate agenda is essential for Ukraine's immediate reconstruction.

This necessitates building the capacity of local energy experts, equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and resources to drive change at the community level.

Towards this goal, the Green Deal Ukraine project (part of Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin) has partnered with the Kyiv School of Energy Policy and the Florence School of Regulation to create just such a program.

The Green Deal Ukraine is a 4-year project funded by the BMBF that aims to set up a Kyiv-based think tank to support Ukrainian governmental institutions, policymakers, experts and society in making future-proof energy and climate policy decisions ahead of full EU membership.

KSEP, an independent advanced training centre in the field of energy, enhances the expertise of energy professionals, serving as a bridge between Ukraine's energy sector and the EU. Offering advanced programs and courses, KSEP provides high-quality training for specialists involved in or preparing for roles in the reform and development of Ukraine's energy sector ([Website](#)).

The Florence School of Regulation (EUI-FSR) at the European University Institute serves as a centre for independent debate and knowledge exchange on energy, climate, transport, water, and waste regulation. Dedicated to enhancing European regulation and policy quality, it conducts applied research, provides innovative training, and engages in policy dialogue to tackle the challenges of the energy transition ([Website](#)).



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# Eligibility and Application Process

## Eligibility:

- The ideal applicant is a current (or future) regional energy, climate, and environment advisor in mayor's offices from medium-sized Ukrainian cities, ranging from 200,000 to 700,000 inhabitants.
- We are looking for groups of energy advisors from the regions of Ivano-Frankivsk, Zhytomyr, Chernihiv, Chernivtsi, Lviv.
- We are looking for someone who has a clear vision of why they wish to participate in the program and what they plan to get out of it.

## Application:

- To participate in the program, please fill out the [registration form](#).
- Applicants must submit a short CV (max. 2 pages) with their registration form.
- Application documents must be submitted through the google form. Any application material sent over email will not be considered.

## The selection process will consist of two steps:

1. The selection committee will review applications to identify eligible candidates.
2. Shortlisted candidates will be informed in the first week of May and undergo interviews from the 7th - 9th of May. For this reason, we ask that all applicants be prepared to have a 30-minute interview during those days.

*Following the interviews, participants will be selected and notified via email by mid-May*

**Scholarship:** up to 25 selected applicants will win a scholarship

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If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at [greendealukraina@gmail.com](mailto:greendealukraina@gmail.com)

