

## ELEMENTS FOR THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

### AS OUTLINED IN THE DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Expression of Interest (EoI) is likely to include the following elements that will be assessed in the selection of cities for the Cities Mission.

**City's key motivations** – fitness for purpose of organisation interested in leading the preparation for entering the Cities Mission;

**City's strengths and assets** but equally **barriers to achieve the climate neutrality** target by 2030 (qualitative analysis to be matched with the JRC action) – demonstrated added value in unleashing city potential and capacity in anticipating potential risks, including initial indications in relation to funding and financing;

**City ecosystem** (citizens, local stakeholders...) – level of support for the city to engage in the Cities Mission within the local network of stakeholders and especially with citizens;

**City partnerships** with private funders and businesses – existing or planned collaborations and level of engagement to work together with the city;

**Local policy landscape** and **available resources** (past and ongoing climate initiatives/projects such as participation in CoM – to demonstrate the coherence with the target of achieving climate neutrality but also as an indicator of preparedness) as well as evidence of added value to the Cities Mission with regard to the existing policy framework;

**Local political ambition** – e.g. Mayor's letter of intent or city council resolution, etc. to demonstrate climate neutrality commitment as well as for example, goal towards zero pollution such as air quality objectives;

**Proposed team** – allocation of sufficient resources;

**Inter-city collaboration** – capacity to identify actions to be implemented through a collaborative approach at the EoI stage;

**Expected results and impact** – to assess the innovative nature of expected impact described;

**Annexes** – e.g. letters of intent from Mayors or city council resolution, etc., stakeholders and other endorsements, indications of intent, etc. to support the application.