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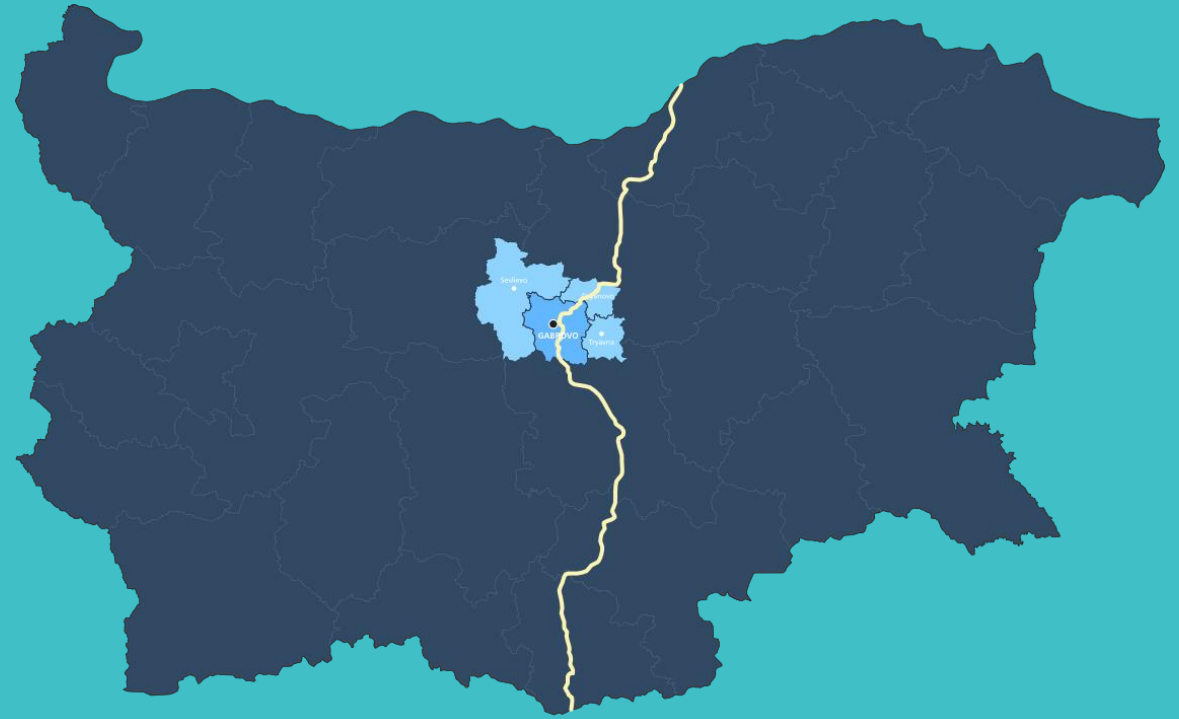
GREEN AND RESILIENT TRANSFORMATION

GABROVO

LOCATED IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL HEART OF BULGARIA WITH 51 881
INHABITANTS

PART OF EUROPEAN CORRIDOR #9 FROM HELSINKI TO ISTANBUL

REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE, EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND
TOURIST CENTER



THE AWARDS AND MEMBERSHIP OF GABROVO



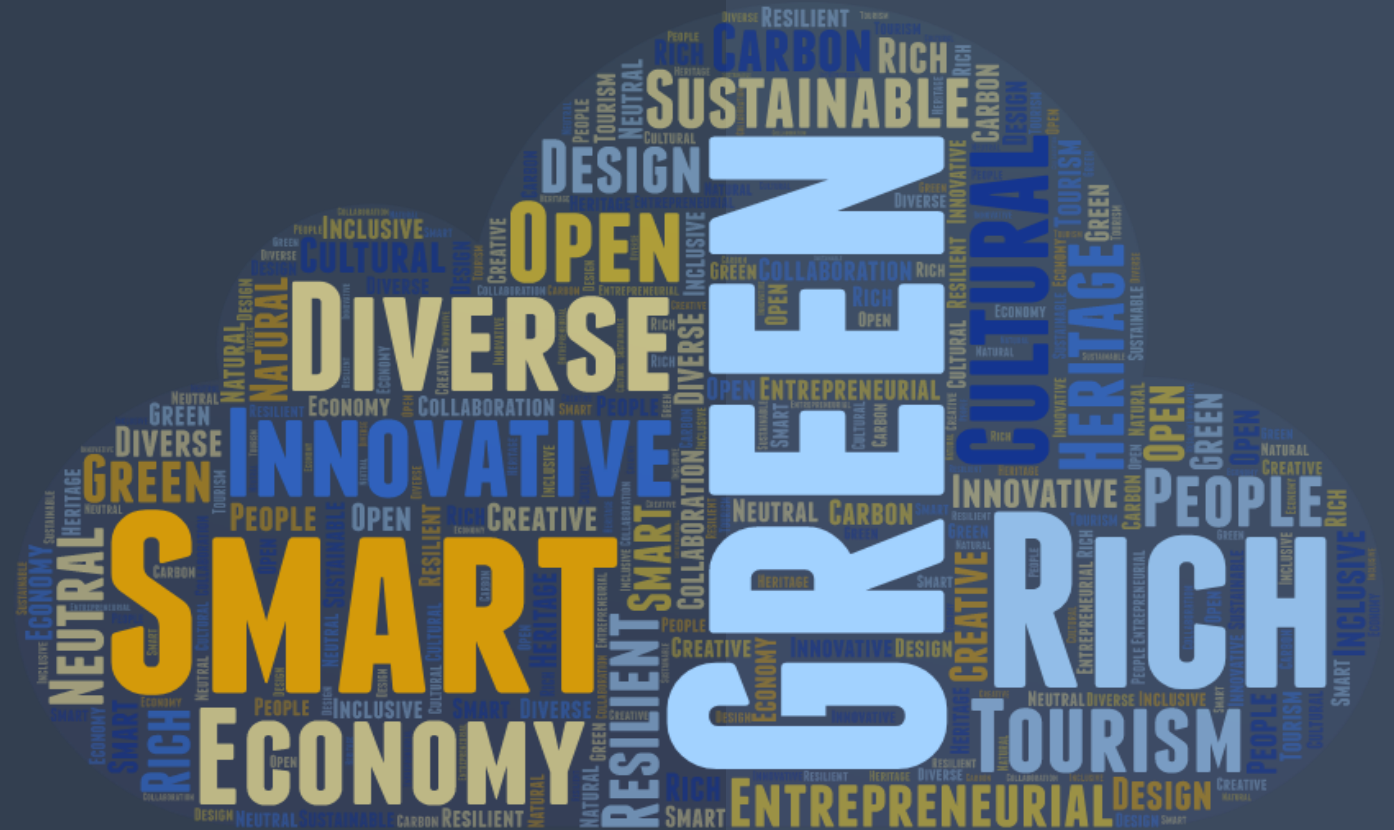
**100 Climate-Neutral
and Smart Cities
by 2030**



**European Committee
of the Regions**

GABROVO THE VISION

GABROVO IS COMMITTED TO DEVELOP AS GREEN, SMART, INCLUSIVE AND INNOVATIVE CITY

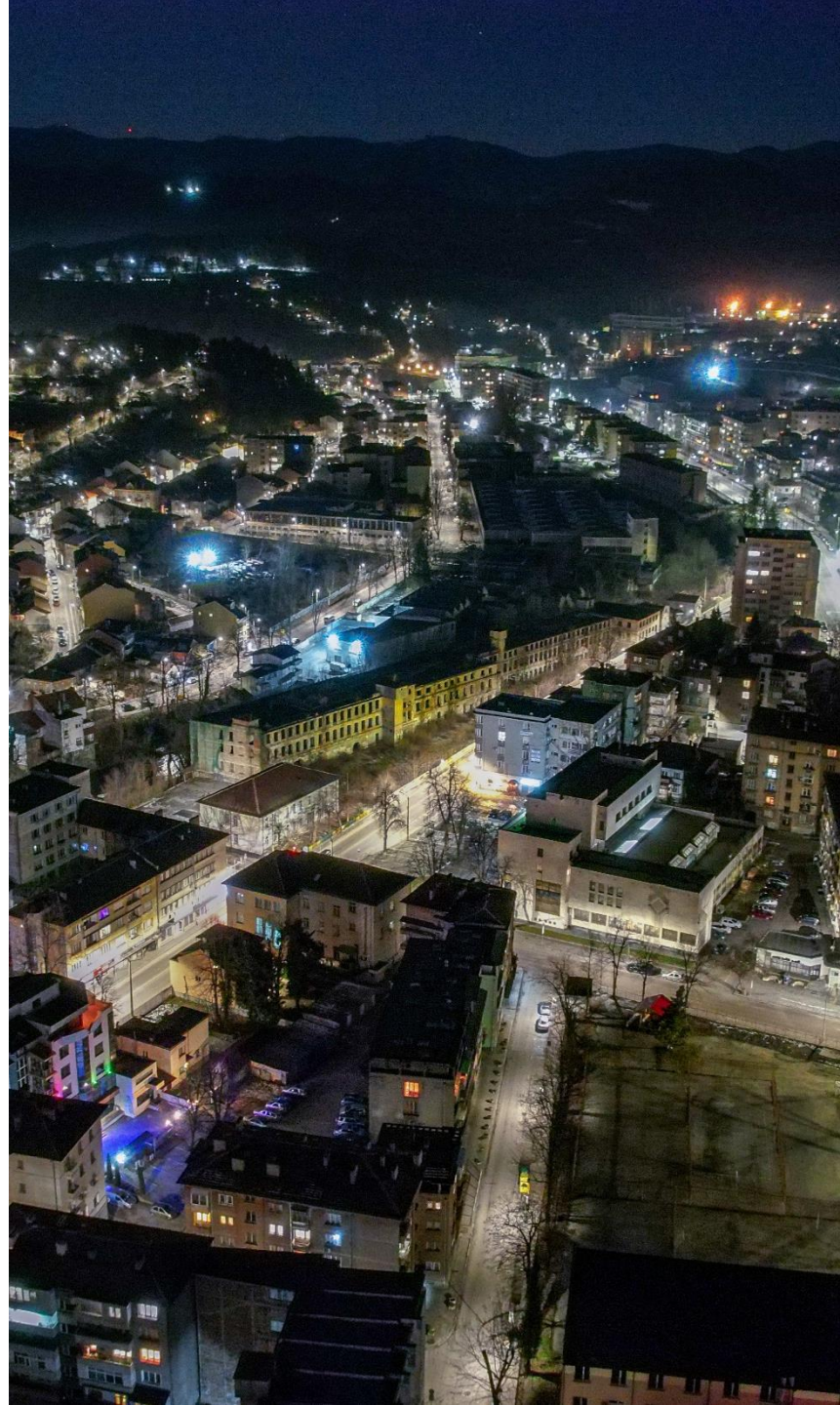


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COMMITTED TO DEVELOP ACTIVE
SUSTAINABLE ENERGY POLICIES

A PIONEER IN DEVELOPING ENERGY
EFFICIENCY PROJECTS AND INTELLIGENT
ENERGY

CO-FOUNDER OF THE BULGARIAN ENERGY
ASSOCIATION IN 1997



**MEMBER OF THE COVENANT OF MAYORS
SINCE 2013**



WORKING SYSTEMATICALLY TO
TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES
AND TO TRANSFORM CHALLENGES
INTO OPPORTUNITIES AND GOOD
PRACTICES



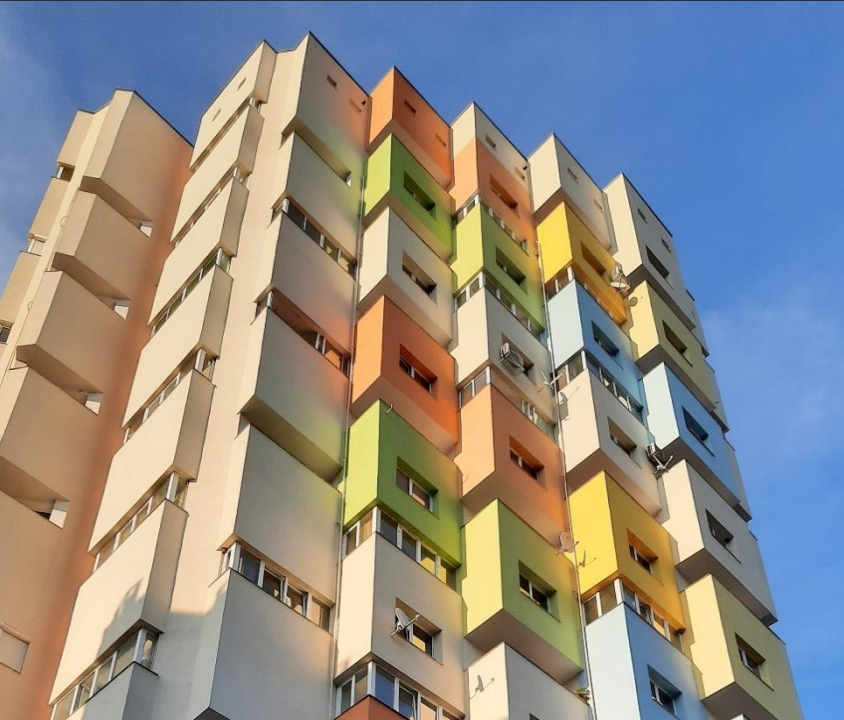
AIMING TO ACHIEVE LIVING IN
DECARBONIZED AND RESILIENT
CITIES WITH ACCESS TO
AFFORDABLE, SECURE AND
SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BY 2050

TOWARDS A FAIRER, CLIMATE-NEUTRAL EUROPE FOR ALL



CLIMATE – NEUTRALITY GOAL IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST IN BETTER SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FUTURE AND IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE NEXT GENERATION PROSPERITY

CITIES ARE CRUCIAL FOR IMPLEMENTING THE GREEN TRANSFORMATION ON THE GROUND IN OUR CITIES AND VILLAGES



IN THIS AMBITIOUS INITIATIVE LOCAL AUTHORITIES MUST HAVE A HOLISTIC ROLE RATHER TO BE SEEN AS ONLY MERE IMPLEMENTORS





BEING AWARDED AS A EUROPEAN GREEN LEAF CITY AND PART OF THE MISSION OF 100 CLIMATE NEUTRAL & SMART CITIES WE ARE STRONGLY COMMITTED TO WORK HARDER TO INVOLVE OUR CITIZENS, BUSINESSES AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN THE GREEN TRANSITION PROCESS, ACHIEVING CLIMATE NEUTRALITY BY 2030.

WE IMPLEMENTED SEAP 2015-2020 AND
ACHIEVED 24% CO₂ REDUCTION

WITH OUR PLAN FOR MITIGATION AND
ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE
GABROVO SET 40% GREENHOUSE GAS-
REDUCTION TARGET BY 2030



IN GABROVO, TOGETHER WITH THE ONLINE
SYSTEM OF ECOENERGY, THE METHODOLOGY
OF THE EUROPEAN ENERGY AWARDS WILL BE
TESTED IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF SECAP



WITH EU FUNDED PROJECTS WE HAVE
INTRODUCED ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES
TO ALL OUR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
AND WE MANAGED TO BUILD THE FIRST
PUBLIC PASSIVE BUILDING IN BULGARIA.
CURRENTLY WE ARE INTRODUCING BUILDING
INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS UPGRADING THE
ENERGY PERFORMANCE





BEING AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE TO PROVIDE
ADEQUATE INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL
SUPPORT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A ONE-STOP
SHOP
WE ARE COMMITTED TO TRANSFORM OUR URBAN
MOBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY
RECENTLY WE COMPLETED THE FIRST PHASE OF A
PROJECT AIMING TO INTRODUCE INTEGRATED
URBAN MOBILITY. WE PURCHASED 14 ECOLOGICAL
BUSSES WHICH ALLOWED US TO REDUCE THE
GREEN GAS EMISSIONS BY 945 T/YEAR



WE SUCCEEDED IN RETROFITTING 37
MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS
WITH THE SUPPORT OF EU CITY FACILITY
PROJECT WE RECEIVED TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE FOR TRANSFORMING ONE OF
OUR INDUSTRIAL ZONES INTO A CARBON
NEUTRAL ONE
CURRENTLY WE ARE IMPLEMENTING A
NUMBER OF PROJECTS FOR INTRODUCING
ENERGY MEASURES IN CULTURAL
INFRASTRUCTURE



WE HAVE JUST IMPLEMENTED A PROJECT
THAT MODERNIZED THE STREET LIGHTNING
WITH ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT.
ALONG WITH THE MULTITUDE OF BENEFITS IT
IS EXPECTED TO MAKE 1400 T/YEAR CO2
REDUCTION



**NEITHER OF THESE
SUCCESS STORIES
COULD HAPPEN
WITHOUT THE ACTIVE
INVOLVEMENT OF
CITIZENS**



CURRENT CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES



CHALLENGES

ENERGY CRISES; POST-COVID RECOVERY;
WAR IN UKRAINE; POLITICAL CRISES



OPPORTUNITIES

GREEN DEAL; REPOWEREU; RENOVATION
WAVE; RRF; EUCF



IN MY COUNTRY, BULGARIA, THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY IS IDENTIFIED AS A NATIONAL PRIORITY, BUT THE SUPPORT PROGRAMS ARE STILL HIGHLY CENTRALIZED AND DO NOT ALLOW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INDEPENDENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLICIES



DECENTRALIZATION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY EFFICIENCY POLICIES

LEVERAGE BETWEEN THE PUBLIC RESOURCES AND THE PRIVATE INITIATIVE IN ORDER TO SECURE REAL RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY

DEVELOPMENT OF TAILORED FINANCING TOOLS I.E. BULGARIAN DECARBONISATION FUND

CAPACITY BUILDING OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS

AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGNS WITH CITIZENS' INVOLVEMENT



WE ARE COMMITTED AND ENGAGED TO
ACT & NETWORK WITH PARTNERS AND
CITIZENS TO REDUCE GHG EMISSIONS, TO
ALLEVIATE ENERGY POVERTY AND
STRENGTHEN GABROVO RESILIENCE



**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

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