

Lahti European Green Capital:

The Sustainability Legacy

Making Transcendent Innovation Happen

21st WALCC forum in Lahti, Finland
November 23–24, 2021

Save the date!

Together with the City of Lahti and the Sustainable Lahti Foundation, responsible for Lahti's year as the 2021 European Green Capital, the World Alliance for Low-Carbon Cities will host its annual Autumn Forum at Lahti Hall on November 23–24.

This offers us an extraordinary opportunity for participants from both networks to share experiences and agree upon common efforts for the future to combat climate change and engage in transformational collaboration.

We are now in the process of finalizing the speakers for the event and expect to announce, in August, a very interesting and versatile roster of experts who will share their experiences from working towards a lower-carbon society. From the public sector, we expect high-level officials from ministries and innovation authorities, where the emphasis will be on how the present legislative and policy-making efforts combine decarbonization and digitalization to speed up change.

Private sector initiatives will be needed for the systemic transformations. We have already engaged speakers

from ABB, Borealis, Fortum, Neste, Synocus, and Valmet Automotive, and expect to add more companies over the coming weeks. Particular emphasis will be placed on how companies and cities can work together more effectively in the future.

The cities will undoubtedly play a significant role when new types of collaboration emerge. As progressive cities have set their own decarbonization goals they will also become vanguards for how the transformation will unfold. We will have an opportunity to hear the experiences of pioneering Finnish cities such as Lahti, Turku, Tampere, Espoo, and Porvoo, and we expect to be able to compare their agendas with those of internationally leading cities. This will be supported by input from leading researchers from Aalto University, Tampere University, and the University of Turku.



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Transformative Collaboration

This year's Autumn Forum focuses on transformational collaboration, and we expect the Forum to be a significant catalyst accelerating concrete projects through which public and private interests are aligned to enable a better future for our planet. For this purpose, we will, during the Forum's two days, organize four mini-workshops addressing concrete action programs for change. The themes of these workshops are: Urban Planning, Urban Transport, Green Building, and Renewable Resources.

We invite proposals for inputs to these workshops and aim to engage our community into the preparation of the workshops throughout the autumn. This communal effort ensures that the interactions during the workshops maximize their impact in driving forward the efforts identified as critical for each theme.

For those who are interested in contributing to the workshops please contact Jussi Hulkkonen (firstname.lastname(at)walcc.org).

Preliminary agenda

Tuesday, 23rd November 2021		Wednesday, 24th November 2021	
		9:00 Welcome,	
		City-Company Collaboration panel discussion	
		Parallel stream City Planning	Parallel stream Urban Mobility
11:30 Lunch		Lunch	
Welcome and opening words		Partners present results of parallel streams	
Keynote presentation		Driving regional transformation panel discussion,	
The role of digitalization in urban transformation panel discussion		Coffee break	
Coffee break		Electrifying urban transport panel discussion	
Parallel stream Renewable Resources	Parallel stream Green Building	Conclusions of the Forum	
		16:00 Reception	
-17:00 What we have learnt in ten years of WALCC			
Dinner			

Tickets and registration

Please follow our website for details on registration and accommodation!
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