**Title of the event:** MOVING FASTER ON THE DECARBONISATION OF BUILDINGS AND ENERGY SYSTEMS

**Date & location:** 21st April 2022, Brussels

**Organiser(s):** Energy Cities

**Summary**
With the urgency to reduce dependence on fossil fuel imports, the questions of refurbishment and deep renovation have come first as EU answers to the energy crisis. The local level is called to play a bigger role, and this can be done through multiple solutions: decarbonising heating systems and buildings, especially public buildings, deploying renovation schemes for citizens’ homes, identifying real sufficiency potentials... But they will need a proper EU framework and support; which was intended to be presented and debated in this event; organised within the framework of Energy Cities’ Annual Forum.

**Objective & main programme point**
The aim of this session was to explore different initiatives by Energy Cities’ Mayors and Deputy Mayors (Dijon, Ghent) to decarbonise the built environment and the heat sector, and to debate between mayors and EU leaders the best EU policies to be deployed. The session was organised at the Energy Cities’ Annual Forum, within the framework of the Energy Efficiency Watch project.

**Conclusions**
The event gathered a good number of active local council members and practitioners involved with municipal sustainable energy policies and their implementation. High level participation from the IPCC, the EU Commission and local authorities allowed good info sharing on trends, EU policies and local initiatives and timely questions of municipalities were discussed. Interactivity was

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AGENDA

13:10 Welcome

13:10 Food for thought
- Kamran Safavi, Lead author, WG III, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, lecturer at Sciences Po (Paris) and IPCC AR 6 Lead Author of the Building Chapter

13:30 Dive deep: A conversation with
- Tito Alyea, Deputy Mayor, Ghent
- Jean-Pierre Masson, Deputy Mayor, Dijon

13:30 Dive deep: EU perspective meets local perspectives to fight the crisis
- Katarina Grotte, Cabinet member for Energy Commissioner Simson

14:20 Conclusions & Final remarks

*More information about Energy Cities Annual Forum are available [here].