

## Press Release

New Horizon 2020 project

### RESPONSE - integRatEd Solutions for POSitive eNergy and reSilient CitiEs

Funded by the European Commission's Horizon 2020 Framework Programme, RESPONSE is a 60-month project that addresses the [H2020-LC-SC3-2020-EC-ES-SCC](#) call. It aims to establish a strategic vision for Smart Cities Energy Transition: Climate-neutral cities by 2050. RESPONSE aims to turn energy sustainability into a do-able vision by solving the energy trilemma (security, equity/affordability, environmental sustainability) at building, block and district levels in smart cities. The project builds upon intelligent integrated and interconnected energy systems coupled with demand-oriented city infrastructures, governance models and services that foster energy sustainability.

RESPONSE supports the lighthouse cities of Dijon (FR) and Turku (FI) and their Fellow cities Brussels (BE), Zaragoza (ES), Botosani (RO), Ptolemaida (GR), Gabrovo (BU) and Severodonetsk (UA) to facilitate them deliver positive energy blocks and districts. It attracts the interest of various stakeholders by generating innovative business models enabling the upscale and replication of the solutions forming a validated roadmap for sustainable cities across Europe and beyond. The overall focus of the project is to create resilient and safe cities whilst increasing the quality of life and lowering the impacts of climate change.

The consortium of RESPONSE is led by [European Institute for Energy Research \(EIFER\) Germany](#), being technically supported by [Centre for Research and Technology Hellas, CERTH](#), Greece and comprises of a total of 53 partners. The project commenced on October 1, 2020 and the official kick-off meeting is scheduled to take place on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

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