

# Vilawatt-UTM FINAL EVENT

'Changing the energy model in small & medium cities for climate neutrality'



Online  
19 October 2022

From 9.10 to 13.50 h

**Vilawatt UTM** is hosting its Final Event to present to an open audience of EU city practitioners and experts the main outputs and results achieved during the guided process of transferring Viladecans' **Vilawatt UIA**, to three European cities: Nagykanizsa, in Hungary, Seraing in Belgium, and Trikala, in Greece.

Vilawatt UIA project started in 2016 within the framework of the European Initiative of Urban Innovative Actions (UIA) as a pioneering proposal to foster energy transition in the municipality, and it has become the main driver of the implementation of the new renewable energy model in the city of Viladecans.

After almost two years of sharing learnings and experiences among the partner cities within the framework of the Vilawatt UTM, next October 19th we will present the results and conclusions. We will reflect on the challenges and opportunities that small and medium-sized cities face when boosting a change in the energy model in order to achieve climate neutrality by 2030-2050.

Join us to know about key project findings and challenges faced by the cities during the transfer process. You will hear the voices of their political authorities who are leading energy transition strategies in their cities and the support they require to carry out the implementation of their Energy Efficiency Plans.

A panel of experts in the field will contribute with their views on some key trends in energy transition strategies relevant for cities and some support tools to consider for funding and implementation.

**For registrations (online session):** <https://www.viladecans.cat/en/inscriptionvilawattutm>

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## **ONLINE PROGRAMME**

<b>9.10 – 9.25</b>	<b>Welcome words</b> Carles Ruiz, Mayor of Viladecans
<b>9.25 – 9.45</b>	<b>Keynote speech.</b> Mr. Francisco Doblas, Earth Sciences Department Director, Barcelona Supercomputing Centre.
<b>9.45 – 9.55</b>	<b>Presentation of URBACT Programme</b> Mr. Kristijan Radojic, URBACT Secretariat, & Mr. Eddy Adams, URBACT Expert
<b>9.55 – 10.20</b>	<b>Presentation of Vilawatt UTM Network outputs</b> By Ms. Mireia Sanabria and Mr. Donal O'Herlihy, URBACT Experts
<b>10.20 – 11.00</b>	<b>Presentations of locals plans by Vilawatt UTM partner cities</b> Arnau Alarcón, Viladecans Springboard Plan Coordinator Vangelis Sanchez, Seraing Investment Plan Coordinator Konstantinos Karamarkos, Trikala Investment Plan Coordinator Kristóf Boda, , MVM Optimum Hungary, Nagykanizsa Investment Plan Coordinator

11.00 – 11.10	<b>Questions &amp; Answers</b>
11.10 – 11.40	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11.40 – 12.30	<p><b>Medium and smaller-size cities conducting Energy Transition strategies</b></p> <p>Round table of project partners' local authorities to understand the difficulties and support required when leading energy efficiency and climate plans.</p> <p>Mr. Jordi Mazón – Viladecans Deputy Mayor  Mr. Benoit Giot – Climate Plan Manager Seraing  Ms. Vasilena Mitsiadi – Trikala City Councillor  Mr. Csaba Fodor – Nagykanizsa City Councillor  Moderated by Ms. Mireia Sanabria &amp; Mr. Donal O’Herlihy</p>
12.30 –13.40	<p><b>Panels of experts on energy transition:</b></p> <p><b>Just Transitions: Ensuring just transitions in our territories</b>  Ms. Laura Martín Murillo, Director of the Institute of the Just Transition, Spanish Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge. (ONLINE)</p> <p><b>Support to Local Strategies for Energy Transition</b>  Ms. Marta Morera, Director of the Catalan Institute of Energy (ICAEN), Generalitat de Catalunya</p> <p><b>Citizen Participation: How to engage citizens in the Energy Transition strategies?</b>  Ms. Alba del Campo, Journalist, communicator and advisor on energy transition processes at the local level</p> <p><b>Models of energy governances in the city: Energy Communities</b>  Mr. Donal O’Herlihy, URBACT Expert</p> <p><b>Financing opportunities for local governments to support energy transition strategies–</b> Mr. Assen Gasharov, Senior Expert Energy Efficiency &amp; Energy Advisory, European Investment Bank (ONLINE)</p>
13.40 – 13.50	<b>Closure</b>