# The Reference Framework on Sustainable Cities

an initiative developped with and for cities



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#### What is CEMR

The Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) is the oldest and broadest European association of local and regional government.

- Founded in 1951
- 41 countries
- 57 associations
- 150.000 municipalities and regions





#### What CEMR does

#### Our work is organised around **two main pillars**:

- 1. Influencing European policy and legislation in all areas having an impact on municipalities and regions
- Providing a forum for debate and cooperation between European local and regional authorities via their national representative associations

#### CEMR's work focuses on five thematic areas:

- Democracy, citizenship and enlargement
- Resource efficiency and environment
- Partnership, cooperation and world affairs
- Economic, social and territorial cohesion
- Local and regional governments as employers and service providers





# A reference framework for sustainable cities To foster sustainable urban development

2015 Convention between French ministry and CEMR for the development of RFSC v3, a more user-friendly tool with more flexibility to adapt to the local level Dissemination, Communication and improvement RFSC v2 Consortium of the EC ( Plateform 31, ICCLEI, CCRE) until december 2014 Integration of the RFSC in Urbact III program foreseen in 2014, but not implemented 2013 Development of the website and testing phase RFSC v1 FPEU - Declaration of Marseille A reference framework to facilitate the Leipzig Charter 2008 implementation An inter-governmental project led by **France**, and supported by



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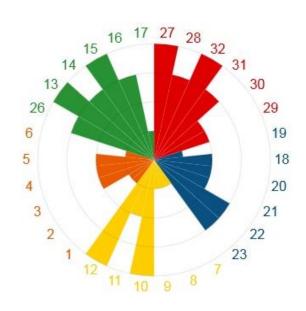
RFSC is European self assessment tool that was developped with and for local authorities

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#### What is RFSC about?

- An EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK to facilitate a common understanding and a dialogue of what integrated sustainable urban development is about;
- A WEB TOOL which enable the self-assessment of an urban strategic project/programme against a set of sustainability criteria;
- A BEST PRACTICES PORTAL to provide benchlearning facilities between EU cities;
- A MONITORING TOOL which provide a set of indicators and a monitoring tool for the project/programme, linked to relevant EU references (key documents, key EU targets).







|      | Spatial dimension  |  |  |  |
|------|--|--|--|--|
| 32   | Develop alternative mobility   |  |  |  |
| 31   | Promote high quality and functionality of public spaces and living environment |  |  |  |
| 30   | Preserve and promote architectural, landscape and urban heritage               |  |  |  |
| 29   | Encourage territorie's resilience  |  |  |  |
| 28   | Ensure sptatial equity   |  |  |  |
| 27   | Limit land ressources consumption  |  |  |  |
|      | Governance dimension   |  |  |  |
| 19   | Ensure integrated territorial strategy   |  |  |  |
| 18   | Foster sustainable administration and financial city management                |  |  |  |
| 20   | Implement a process for assessment and continual improvement                   |  |  |  |
| 21   | Increase citizen participation   |  |  |  |
| 22   | Strengthen widening governance   |  |  |  |
| 23   | Facilitate capacity building and networking                                    |  |  |  |
|      | Social and cultural dimension  |  |  |  |
| 7    | Ensure social inclusion  |  |  |  |
| (8)  | Ensure social and intergenerational equity                                     |  |  |  |
| 9    | Build up a supply of housing for everyone                                      |  |  |  |
| 10   | Protect and promote health and well-being                                      |  |  |  |
| (11) | Improve education and training   |  |  |  |
| 12   | Promote culture and leisures opportunities                                     |  |  |  |
|      | Economic dimension   |  |  |  |
| 1    | Stimulate green growth and circular economy                                    |  |  |  |
| 2    | Promote innovation and smart cities  |  |  |  |
| 3    | Ensure connectivity  |  |  |  |
| 4    | Develop employment and local economy   |  |  |  |
| 5    | Encourage sustainable production and consumption                               |  |  |  |
| 6    | Foster cooperation and innovative partnerships                                 |  |  |  |
|      | Environmental dimension  |  |  |  |
| 26   | Protect, preserve and manage water resources                                   |  |  |  |
| 13   | Consider Climate change and energy issues                                      |  |  |  |
| 14   | Protect , restore and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems                      |  |  |  |
| 15   | Reduce pollution   |  |  |  |
| 16   | Prevent and manage natural and technological risk                              |  |  |  |
| 17   | Protect and preserve natural resources management and reduce waste             |  |  |  |

# RFSC Framework 5 PILLARS 30 Objectives



## 10. Protect and promote health and well being

Prevention of health problems thanks to an active and healthy environment as well as about access for all to quality health infrastructures, through:

- > promoting and enabling healthy lifestyles
- > access for all to healthy food, especially in public canteens
- > prevention campaigns and centers for the local most common causes of health problems thanks to innovative partnerships with health authorities as well as with work and education environments;

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# 5. Encourage sustainable production and consumption

Resource efficiency, prevention and reduction of waste and more generally modes of production that are not harmful for the environment.

- > strong green and fair procurement policies
- > promoting sustainable lifestyles
- > specific actions on food that also benefit local agricultural and food sectors: promotion of the production and consumption of local, seasonnal and sustainably produced food, through organisation of farmers' markets or others shorter producer consumer circuits;

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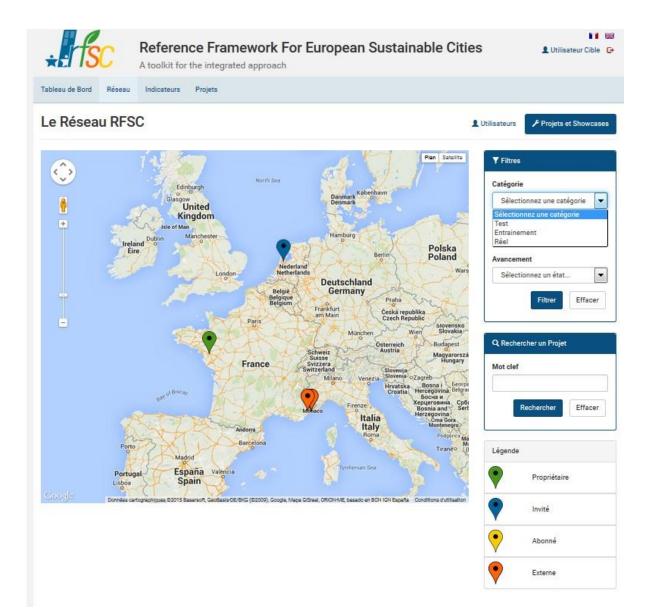
#### **EU Cities**

Total

| • | Small                             | 50,000 – 100,000      | 410 |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| • | Medium                            | 100,000 – 200,000     | 261 |
| • | Large                             | 250,000 – 500,000     | 71  |
| • | XLarge                            | 500,000 - 1,000,000   | 38  |
| • | XXLarge                           | 1,000,000 - 2,000,000 | 24  |
| • | • Global City more than 5,000,000 |                       |     |

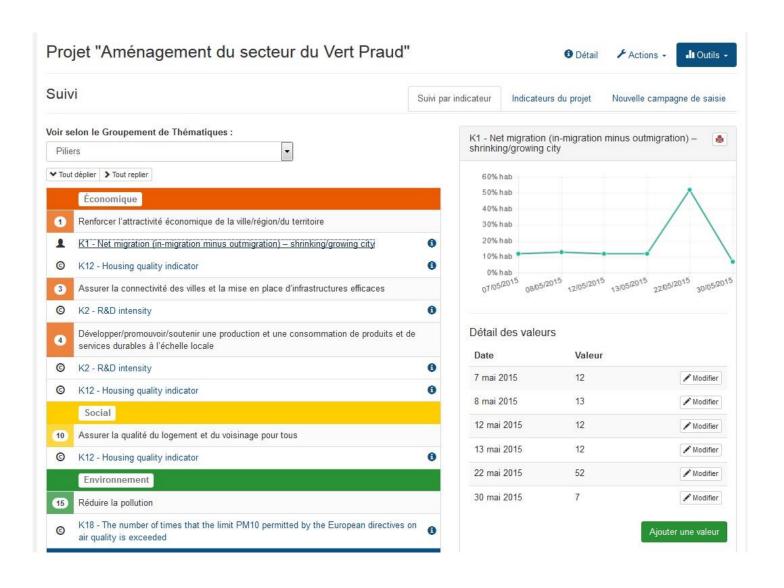


## **RFSC** good pratices transfer





## **RFSC** monitoring function

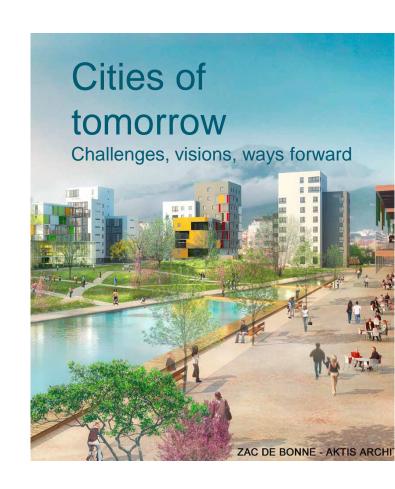




### **RFSC** works on complementarity

# Complementarity with policy, tools and initiatives will be included in the tool:

- EU urban agenda and DG ENV work on European green capitals/green leaf
- Agenda 21 (Aalborg+10 commitments)
- Charters and Covenants (e.g. Covenant of Mayors 2030)
- International standards
- Habitat III and sustainable development goals
- International Urban Food Network





Thank you
RFSC v3 available on the web
In April 2016 at CEMR Congress
Watch this space: www.rfsc.eu

