



Malmö Commitment on Inclusive & Equitable Communities

- **What is the Malmö Commitment?**

The Malmö Commitment positions local and regional governments at the center of the global response to today's challenges, by encouraging sustainable approaches, innovation, adaptability, participation, and inclusiveness in policy-making to tackle the current climate emergency and by embedding social equity at the core of their local sustainable development. It gathers local and regional governments that commit to this urban transformation following a four-step process: identify the challenges; monitor social equity indicators; report the progress and enhance the effort taken through neighbouring communities.

- **How does the Malmö Commitment address the global challenges faced by our cities, towns and regions?**

The Malmö Commitment addresses the fact that the climate and nature crises have deeply intertwined social components, and without actively acknowledging and addressing these social components in climate and nature action planning, sustainability solutions can inadvertently further exacerbate existing social inequities in communities.





The Malmö commitment ensures that cities, towns and regions are acknowledging these social dimensions by incorporating intersectional perspectives in our sustainability policies.

- **Who can support the Malmö Commitment?**

All local and regional governments can support the Malmö Commitment, as well as other partners working together with local and regional governments in local sustainable development.

- **Why should my local/regional government join the Malmö Commitment?**

- ❖ You will have the opportunity to showcase your local government's commitment to developing safe, inclusive, resilient communities for all.
- ❖ You will become part of a community of like-minded local and regional governments working on equity policies within the sustainability sphere.
- ❖ You will gain access to tools, resources and good practice which support equitable local sustainable development planning and implementation
- ❖ You will share your own knowledge and collaborate with other committed local and regional governments addressing similar challenges and dedicated to promoting equity in their cities, towns and regions.

- **I am a local/regional government. How do I adopt the Malmö Commitment?**

The endorsement of the Malmö Commitment consists in a two-step process:





1. The first step is to become a **supporter**. Supporters will have the opportunity to showcase their commitment to developing safe, inclusive, resilient communities for all. They will become part of a community of like-minded local and regional governments working on equity policies within the sustainability sphere; gain access to further tools, resources and good practice which support equitable local sustainable development planning and implementation; and have the opportunity to share knowledge and collaborate with other committed local and regional governments addressing similar challenges and dedicated to promoting equity in their cities, towns and regions. To become a supporter of the Malmö Commitment does not require any monetary cost and just minimal staff capacity.
2. Local and regional governments taking the lead in embedding social equity at the core of their local sustainable development will be eligible to become **pioneers** of the Malmö Commitment. Pioneers will need to make additional commitments (see below). To become a pioneer does not require any monetary cost, but it will require some additional municipal staff capacity (see below). Supporters will have the opportunity to express their interest in becoming pioneers; after the first phase of piloting, evaluations will take place periodically to **engage supporters as new pioneers**.

To learn more about the endorsement process, please refer to [this document](#).

All local and regional governments are encouraged to support the Malmö Commitment through the [interest form](#) on the website or contacting the Malmö Commitment Secretariat at malmo.commitment@iclei.org.





- **What will pioneers of the Malmö Commitment commit to?**

- ❖ Collaborate with community stakeholders to **identify the key sustainability challenges** that must be prioritized within the community, and the social dimensions against which each challenge must be addressed;
- ❖ **Design smart social equity indicators** to measure and monitor their progress in addressing key sustainability challenges facing our communities;
- ❖ **Report their progress** and share our successes and lessons learned with other committed local governments to develop a pool of knowledge for further advancing equitable sustainable local development around the world;
- ❖ **Encourage** the local governments of **neighbouring communities**, and those with which we work and partner, to commit to the Malmö Commitment and further enhance our collective efforts.

- **Who is authorized to endorse the Malmö Commitment?**

Because the Malmö Commitment requires invested municipal staff capacity from the endorsing local and regional governments, the Malmö Commitment needs to be endorsed by a legal representative of the local government, such as the Mayor, Chief Executive or the City Board.

- **What is the timeframe of the Malmö Commitment?**

- ❖ Year 0 – Join the Malmö Commitment and create profile on Malmö Commitment platform.
- ❖ Year 1 – Identify challenges, design smart social equity indicators and set targets.
- ❖ Year 2 – Start Reporting Progress.





- ❖ Year 2-3 – Develop Equitable Development Action Plan.
- ❖ Year 3 – Implementation of new socially equitable sustainability policies and initiatives.
- ❖ Year 3 – Become a Malmö Commitment Ambassador.
- ❖ Year 4+ - Continue implementation and accelerate process.

- **My local/regional government is already working with social equity indicators: do we need to design new ones?**

No, if your local/regional government is already working with smart social equity indicators in any other commitment or project those same indicators, or a version of those, can be used to report to the Malmö Commitment if appropriate. New indicators can be also used or designed if preferred.

- **How much municipal staff capacity is required by endorsing the Malmö Commitment?**

- ❖ From Year 0, the city will need to designate one person to be the liaison with the Malmö Commitment team and in charge of the activity reporting on the Platform.
- ❖ During the first year, the city would need to “run a diagnosis” on its sustainability policies and the challenges, both social and environmental, that it currently faces.
The city will then research and design social equity indicators for each challenge, collect data and set its baseline and its targets for 2025 and 2030.
- ❖ From year two the city will need to have a screening body to review on-going and new projects according to the set targets, assess on-going





projects against equitable development principles and identify potential gaps. The city will be responsible to select a financial model and secure funding, to develop an Equitable Development Action Plan, to implement socially equitable policies and initiatives accordingly and monitor and report to the Malmö Commitment Platform.

- ❖ Additionally the city will need to designate a person to do advocacy work, to participate in focus groups, share lessons learned, participate in events and encourage others to become part of the Malmö Commitment.

- **How will my local/regional government be showcased until 2030?**

- ❖ The equity work of the first pioneers of the Malmö Commitment was showcased at the Launch of the Malmö Commitment in the High-Level session “*Putting people at the heart of local sustainable development: The Malmö Commitment*” of the ICLEI World Congress 2021-2022: The Malmö Summit on May 12th, 2022.
- ❖ There will be numerous opportunities for your local government and its work towards equity and sustainability to be showcased:
 - On the Malmö Commitment website: a map of all the committed local governments will figure on the website as well as articles, news, stories featuring the innovative work that is being done by MC local governments.
 - On the Malmö Commitment Platform: Committed local governments will have access to an online reporting platform to monitor their progress, policies and goals. This data and the work they are doing will be available to other LGs who are part of the





Malmö Commitment process for peer-learning and knowledge-sharing.

- In international events: The Malmö Commitment and the work of the local governments that are committed to it will be presented in numerous international events and conferences.
- During ICLEI Global Events such as Daring Cities event series and subsequent ICLEI World Congresses.

• Who is behind the Malmö Commitment?

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability: ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability is a global network of more than 2500 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development. Active in 125+ countries, we influence sustainability policy and drive local action for low emission, nature-based, equitable, resilient and circular development. Our Members and team of experts work together through peer exchange, partnerships and capacity building to create systemic change for urban sustainability.

The City of Malmö, Sweden: The City of Malmö is the commercial center of southern Sweden and truly an international city with about 350,000 inhabitants representing over 180 different nationalities. An ICLEI Member since 1996, Malmö is working actively for sustainability initiatives and is the first city in Sweden that has publicly announced the commitment to implement the UN SDGs. Malmö strives to be a socially, environmentally and economically sustainable city and an attractive place to live and work.

The Malmö Commitment was launched during the ICLEI World Congress 2021-2022: The Malmö Summit which took place in Malmö, Sweden, in May 2022.





- **Will there be a continuation of the Malmö Commitment after 2030?**

Yes, we have the intention that the Malmö Commitment will continue after 2030. We will evaluate how the state of local sustainable development has evolved over the course of the decade and see to what extent a revision of the Malmö Commitment is necessary to keep it fully relevant to the 2030 context.

