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Dear Mayor,

As Mission Manager of the European Mission for Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities it is my pleasure to invite you to attend the conference “Mission in Progress: Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Conference 2023” which will be held on 26 and 27 June 2023 in Brussels (Maison de la Poste, Tour et Taxis, Rue Picard 5/7, 1000 Bruxelles).

This yearly event is co-organised by the Cities Mission Platform (NetZeroCities) and the European Commission. We are preparing a programme that, we hope, will be attractive both for you and for your climate transition teams, and we would be thrilled if as many mayors of the 112 Mission cities from EU and associated countries as possible joined us in Brussels. In addition, we also expect representatives of national and regional authorities and key stakeholders at EU, national and regional level to attend (more than 400 participants in total). A draft programme is attached to this letter.

I warmly recommend that you attend in particular the second day of the conference, 27 June 2023, when we are organising – amongst other points on the agenda – exchanges with relevant EU Commissioners, a high level networking lunch, and an Investment Roundtable with leading representatives of financial institutions, philanthropies and private investors. We will also be pleased to organise bilateral meetings or meetings in small groups in the margins of the conference.

I very much hope that you will be able to join us in Brussels and I look forward to fruitful exchanges on the state of play of the Cities Mission, its future development and its impact on cities and citizens.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your participation in more detail, please contact the Cities Mission Platform (NetZeroCities) at missioncities@netzerocities.eu.

Yours faithfully,

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