

Ready4Heat Newsletter

Ready4Heat at a glance

The project *Ready4Heat* is funded by the EU under the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE program. The *Ready4Heat* association comprises nine partners, including five technical partner dealing with environmental, social, governance and health issues, and 4 key demonstrations cities (pilots). For 36 month of activities, from March 2023 to February 2026, the project *Ready4Heat* aims to set up Heat and Health Actions Plans (HHAPs). The action plans carry out various pilot actions: Development of cooling green “urban islands” (Hajdúböszörmény), shading of a playground through the use of a green pergola (Maribor), the environmentally friendly cooling of rooms in a retirement home (Weiz), and the involvement of stakeholders within an urban area to build an active network (Worms). Furthermore, the partners set up local networks of concerned groups to support each other and tackle the heat problem. The project also makes proven and tested measures such as heat warning systems accessible to the cities and helps them to adopt these quickly.

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1. Cities adopt heat-health action plans

The Ready4Heat pilot cities Weiz (Austria), Hajdúböszörmény (Hungary), and Maribor (Slovenia) have adopted their heat and health action plans (HHAPs) that have been developed as part of the Ready4Heat project. The plans include heat warning systems, emergency measures and urban greening initiatives, as well as



infrastructure adaptations to create cooler, more livable cities. Each plan is built upon extensive stakeholder participation, data-driven climate analysis, and lessons learned from the city of Worms, Germany.

[Learn more](#) about the action plans



Picture: Christian Walker via Unsplash



2. Cities Refresh - Covenant of Mayors campaign with Ready4Heat cities as pioneers

The Covenant of Mayors Europe invited Worms, Weiz and Maribor to be a Pioneer City in their new "Cities Refresh" Campaign launched on 31st of March at the Climate Chance Europe Africa 2025 Summit in Marseille, France. Themed "Adaptation: taking action", the new campaign aims to inspire cities to take bold action against extreme heat. This invitation followed the collaboration for the kick-off webinar with all Ready4Heat municipalities involved and the publication of the Heat Action Plans. Maribor, Weiz and Worms will be displayed in the Campaign Map after the cities submit their Case Studies.



Picture: Covenant of Mayors Europe

[Learn more](#) about the [Campaign](#) and the [Webinar](#)



3. Pilot actions' update

All Ready4Heat cities are on track with their pilot action implementation. All measures are ready to be tested in the upcoming summer. The city of Weiz is busy installing a solar-assisted cooling solution at a nursing home. The city of Worms is in the process of setting up a network that will ensure local heat protection in the long run. Already last year, the city of Hajdúböszörmény finished installing 47 green islands, and the city of Maribor completed setting up two pergolas in separate kindergartens to provide shade.

[Learn more](#) about Pilot actions



Picture: City of Hajdúböszörmény



4. Other project highlights

Video campaign and trainings in Hajdúböszörmény



The city of Hajdúböszörmény has launched a **communication campaign** on "How can we protect our health during heatwaves?". Eight videos were recorded, each covering a specific topic. The campaign aims to build further awareness on heat-related risks.



Picture: City of Hajdúböszörmény

Furthermore, the city of Hajdúböszörmény hosted eight **trainings** to enable professionals working with vulnerable groups to prepare themselves for heat waves. The events were attended by persons working with young children and pregnant women, elderly, chronically ill and people with disabilities, as well as representatives of outdoor workers.

Tree recommendations for Maribor



Picture: City of Maribor

In the framework of the Maribor heat and health action plan, recommendations for the selection of tree species and planting guidelines have been prepared. These recommendations include urban tree species for Maribor that can thrive well in different urban locations. The suggested trees are adapted to local climatic conditions and have a high cooling capacity.

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Ready4Heat at COOL CITIES meeting



Picture: Louise Krause via Unsplash

Climate Alliance participated in the COOL CITIES project meeting in Gothenburg, a sister project of Ready4Heat. It contributed with a presentation on how to develop an effective heat and health action plan, drawing from the experiences of the Ready4Heat pilot cities.

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5. Upcoming events



Picture: EU Covenant of Mayors

EU Covenant of Mayors & Climate Alliance Webinar on Local Actions to Address Extreme Heat

6 May 2025 10:00 am | Online

This interactive webinar will showcase the innovative approaches taken by four highly diverse municipalities across Europe to address the ever growing challenge of extreme heat. Through their participation in the Ready4Heat project, Maribor (SI), Weiz (AT), Worms (DE) and Hajdúböszörmény (HU) will share their journeys of heat action plans development and measure implementation.

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Picture: Hitzeaktionstag 2025

German Heat Action Day and Webinar

4 June 2025 | Germany

On 4 June, a heat action day will take place in Germany to draw attention to the health risks of heat. As part of this, Climate Alliance is organising a webinar on the challenges and best practices of heat protection in municipalities. On the same day, the Ready4Heat city of Worms will be organising a major networking event as part of its pilot action welcoming the colleagues of Weiz

as well on site.

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Picture: ECCA2025

European Climate Change Adaptation Conference 16-18 June 2025 | Rimini (Italy)

The 7th biennial European Climate Change Adaptation Conference (ECCA2025) will take place in June in Rimini. The conference will serve as a platform for showcasing cutting-edge research and innovative solutions, sharing knowledge and best practices and fostering collaboration towards a climate-resilient society.

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Picture: Climate Alliance

Ready4Heat at the Adaptation Workshop of Climate Alliance International Conference 9-11 July 2025 | Cologne (Germany)

On the basis of best practice examples as well as failures and lessons they provide, the 2025 Climate Alliance International Conference (CAIC25) will showcase municipalities and regions that are taking climate matters into their own hands. One workshop will be dedicated to climate adaptation featuring Weiz' and Worms' results in Ready4Heat. Partners will also showcase project experiences during the Learn & Share space.

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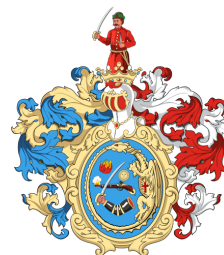
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