Subtopic 1b:
Governance challenges for long-term transition planning

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Sustainable mobility transitions:
The challenge for European cities

- EU Green Deal, 90% reduction in transport emissions by 2050
- Over 70% of European citizens live in cities, 23% of all transport GHG emissions.
- Achieve carbon neutrality by 2030 (100 cities) and for all, by 2050.

What does it mean for cities ?

- to accelerate and intensify the shift,
- to transform existing infrastructures and networks,
- to work across sectors,
- to engage with every segment of society

- … over 30 years … and facing adaptation limits.

=> **Beyond technological fixes, governance and public policies play a critical role in reconciling diverging interests, setting a common vision and steering transformative change over time.**

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Learning objectives

- Understand how do cities adapt to this rapidly changing environment ?

  Accommodate the disruptive impact and increased complexity resulting from new challenges, services, technologies and stakeholders.

- What governance arrangements do they rely upon and what changes are being made?

  Assess existing gaps between ambitious mobility policy objectives and the way they are made material through specific policies, measures and partnerships.

- What lessons to be drawn from a highly diverse set of European cities (different sizes, institutional settings, economic background, etc.)?

  Examine governance arrangements in relation to capacity building in order to achieve transformative change over time.

Content

1. **Lesson & associated assignment 1:**

   - Lesson 1: Governance capacity building to support the creation of cities' 'transition pathways'
   - Assignment 1: Self-assessment of triggers and drivers that motivate cities to shift to sustainable urban mobility planning

2. **Lesson & associated assignment 2:**

   - Lesson 2: A look into the requirements related to the governing of long-term policy processes
   - Assignment 2: A self-assessment of a city's level of governance autonomy

3. **Available resources:**

   - Governance tool (weblink) & user's guidelines (pdf)