

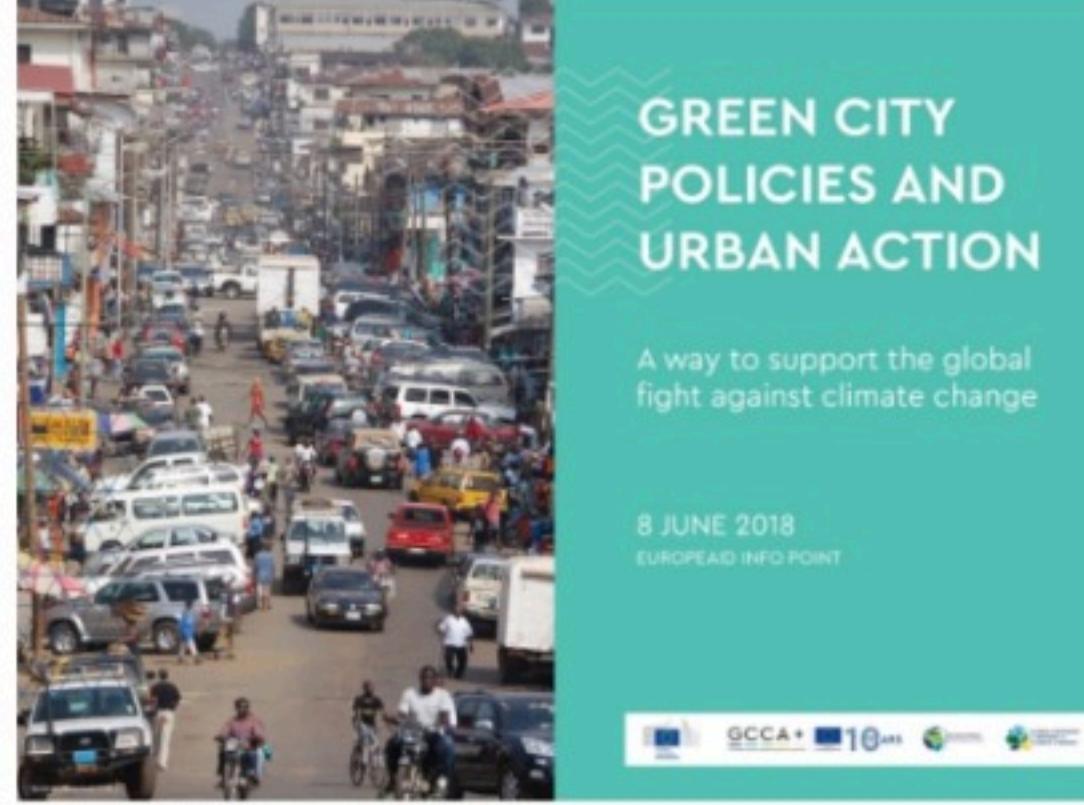
## Green city policies and urban actions

8 June 2018

An information session dedicated to "Green city policies and urban actions - A way to support the global fight against climate change" was opened for all at the EuropeAid INFOPOINT in Brussels on 8 June 2018.

Cities are the major contributors to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and, although they cover less than 2 per cent of the earth's surface, they consume 78 per cent of the world's energy and produce more than 60% of all carbon dioxide and significant amounts of other greenhouse gas emissions.

Under the framework of the EU GCCA+ flagship initiative, a dedicated information session organized by DG DEVCO with the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy and the Covenant of Mayor of Sub-Saharan Africa, covered these topical issues through the testimony of the Mayor of Paynesville (Liberia) and of Cities Alliance's Urban Specialist.



The "City" has to be regarded as a "micro cosmo" where, due to its dimension, all climate change features and phenomena can happen, and where climate resilient results-oriented actions can be tested, low carbon solutions can be worked out and best practices can be applied.

Cities and urban areas are heavily vulnerable to climate change. Hundreds of millions of people in urban areas across the world will be affected by rising sea levels, increased precipitation, inland floods, more frequent and stronger cyclones and storms, and periods of more extreme heat and cold.

Cities must play a key role in fostering the green growth agenda as they are policy laboratories for action on climate change and resilience. Cities can stimulate green jobs and livelihoods by raising consumer awareness, raising the eco-efficiency of local business, facilitating clean technology start-ups and supporting related training programmes.

The ten year EU initiative Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA+) is working on low carbon development and is supporting climate friendly and sustainable urban development solutions for greener cities more resilient to the effects of climate change. As the GCCA+ targets mainly the group of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS), and most of these countries' capital cities are already members of the Cities Alliance and of the Global Covenant of Majors, the creation of synergies among these platforms and their respective activities is pivotal. In fact, these initiatives already achieved results and levels of impact can be further capitalized and enhanced through more focused CO<sub>2</sub> emissions mitigating actions, especially in the area of urban planning, infrastructures and waste and water management.

The INFOPOINT session focused on these issues through the example of a resource and capacity deprived city such as Monrovia (Liberia) and its role and contribution to the above mentioned initiatives and platforms.

### Info:

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