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#### PROJECT OUTLINE – Challenges and strategies for smaller cities in metropolitan areas

<b>Funding programme</b>	Interreg Europe
<b>Specific objective</b>	3.1. Improving low-carbon economy policies
<b>Deadline for application</b>	June 2017
<b>Duration</b>	48 months to 60 months
<b>Budget</b>	Appx €1 200,000 to €2 000,000 (depending upon the number of partners and the duration of the project)
<b>Co-ordinating partner</b>	Akershus County Council, Norway
<b>Additional partner required</b>	Metropolitan areas with edge cities (smaller cities within the metropolitan area)

#### Project rationale

The proposed project will focus on the role of smaller cities within a metropolitan area in a low-carbon economy. How can carbon emissions be reduced by development and growth in edge cities?

How do we work to include all levels of government in a metropolitan area as well as stakeholders (i.e. multilevel governance, participatory planning, polycentric development)?

The project will be structured around three topics:

1. Attractive edge cities and business development: Can we reduce carbon emissions in metropolitan areas by facilitating business development in edge cities? i.e. start-up strategies and start up hubs, mixed land use strategies and by reducing transport need.
2. Accessible edge cities and innovative mobility: Can we reduce carbon emissions in metropolitan areas by employing intelligent low carbon solutions in edge cities? i.e. first and last mile solutions, transport on demand, electric and hydrogen vehicles.
3. Sustainable edge cities and renewable energy: Can we reduce carbon emissions in metropolitan areas by employing innovative energy efficiency solutions in edge cities? i.e. circular approach, smart grid.

#### Project aim

Improve policies and their implementation to facilitate for a low-carbon development in edge cities.

#### Project objectives

Exchange experience, good practices and tools for urban planning in smaller cities within metropolitan areas

Integration of good practices into regional plans and action plans

<p><b>Activities</b></p>	<p><b>Interregional events:</b> the project will include a series of thematic workshops and study tours aimed at exchanging experience to identify good practice, peer to peer learning and the development of innovative approaches.</p> <p><b>Local events:</b> the local events will aim to disseminate the findings of the interregional events amongst partners at local level through regional stakeholder meetings</p>
<p><b>Outputs</b></p>	<p>The main outputs of the projects are expected to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Interregional workshops</li> <li>■ Regional stakeholder meetings</li> <li>■ Political meetings and conferences</li> <li>■ Action Plans indicating actions and investments</li> <li>■ In depth analyses</li> <li>■ Analyses of the situation in partner regions</li> </ul>
<p><b>Expected results</b></p>	<p><b>A strengthened regional and municipal capacity and capability for addressing the identified challenges.</b></p> <p><b>Improved policies for low carbon economy, through the generation of new projects, improved governance and/or through change in the focus of policy instruments.</b></p>
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