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Executive Summary

This deliverable reports on the interaction of Re-Value with NetZeroCities, framing the basis for collaboration and summarising first conclusions from the dialogues that were held during the first 18 months of the project (January 2023 to June 2024).

The regular exchange of knowledge with the NetZeroCities Platform happens mainly during the cluster meetings initiated by CINEA, with DG RTD, NetZeroCities, Re-Value and its two sister projects UP2030 and CLIMABOROUGH funded under the same call. NTNU is the main partner for dialogues between projects and platforms, as Project Coordinator. Linked to these cluster meetings, confidential inception reports prepared by the projects describe progress in terms of achieving our Key Performance Indicators and status updates of the Living Labs in each city. The first cluster meeting was held in Brussels in February 2023, where Re-Value presented its plans. In June 2024, during the annual NetZeroCities event in Valencia, Re-Value also shared the design and implementation of the Impact Model and Innovation Cycles.

The project is also present with a private group on the NetZeroCities Portal and aims to contribute to the Portal's Knowledge Repository with key results further in the project. Re-Value additionally supports its cities to participate in national networks and platforms under development to support the Cities Mission and with other cities who share similar climate action ambitions. Only İzmir was selected as a Mission City (and has since received a Mission Label for their Climate City Contract). However Re-Value cities Ålesund, Cascais, and Constanța have been involved in or plan to apply to participate in their respective Mission-supportive national platforms and networks.

Re-Value and NetZeroCities further had monthly meetings to align Re-Value's Impact Model with NetZeroCities' Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Framework. VITO is the main representative of the project in these meetings, during which the overall approaches, Key Performance Indicators, as well as identification and documentation of co-benefits, impact pathways, and use cases are discussed and compared. Both projects share similar strategic approaches, considering systemic changes beyond greenhouse gas emissions, emphasising alignment with cities' current indicators and enabling strategic learning, sensemaking processes and learning loops for cities. Furthermore, they are aligned and complementary in terms of impact assessment and indicators.

Feedback from these dialogues is used by the Re-Value Cities and Work Packages to fine-tune our activities and share outcomes further through outreach, communication and dissemination towards the EU Cities Mission, the NetZeroCities Mission Platform and the New European Bauhaus (WP8, led by ICLEI) .

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1. Framing the Re-Value - NetZeroCities cooperation

In the Re-Value project, nine European waterfront cities demonstrate how climate neutrality and urban quality can be aligned, by re-valuing their connection to the waterfront, strengthening co-benefits and mitigating potential adverse impacts—in short, making their urban transition irresistible for local residents, professionals, and other stakeholders. All nine cities will work with long-term Territorial Transformation Plans combined with area-based Waterfront Pilots. Four Leading Cities (Ålesund, Bruges, Burgas, and Rimini) demonstrate full-scale how integrated urban planning and design can be optimally deployed to achieve climate neutrality and significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. Five Replication Cities (Cascais, Constanța, İzmir, Písek, and Rijeka) learn, replicate and develop their own participatory story-building, data-driven scenarios and financial and partnership models on integrated urban planning and design to accelerate their journeys to climate neutrality.

At regular intervals, Re-Value is sharing knowledge with the NetZeroCities Platform of the European Mission on Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities (hereafter, EU Cities Mission); this cooperation started on a semi-informal basis and was intended to be supported by a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). For this, first a detailed memo was drafted, then the MoU was developed and will be signed shortly. The exchange happens mainly during the cluster meetings initiated by the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA), with DG RTD, NetZeroCities, Re-Value and its two sister projects [UP2030](#) and [CLIMABOROUGH](#) funded under the same call (HORIZON-MISS-2021-CIT-02-01: Urban planning and design for just, sustainable, resilient and climate-neutral cities by 2030). Re-Value knowledge is gathered as part of WP7 Monitoring & Documenting Impact (led by VITO), including dedicated meetings on the Re-Value Impact Model¹ between VITO/NTNU and Climate-KIC/NetZeroCities. NTNU is the main partner for dialogues between projects and platforms, as Project Coordinator (WP9 Project Management, Anchoring & Advocacy). This includes Re-Value's participation in the annual events organised by NetZeroCities, with a booth and sessions in which we share our project experiences and learnings with Mission Cities, other projects funded by Horizon Europe under the Cities Mission, and other relevant stakeholders. Public authorities from Re-Value and Mission City İzmir also participate in these events. Feedback from these dialogues is used by the Re-Value Cities and Work Packages to fine-tune our activities. Furthermore, these learnings are shared with WP8 Outreach, Communication & Dissemination, Exploitation (led by ICLEI) on broader outreach towards the EU Cities Mission, the NetZeroCities Mission Platform and the New European Bauhaus. Cooperation with NetZeroCities is further strengthened by ICLEI's role as a key partner in NetZeroCities, and lead of Re-Value's Community of Practice² (WP6). In cooperation with the EU Cities Mission, NetZeroCities and other cities in regional/national clusters, we collectively address innovative practices that accelerate pathways to climate neutrality, so they can be mainstreamed and more-easily replicated within the relevant planning/cultural frameworks.

The cooperation will, amongst others, result in the Re-Value Urban Planning in Transition(s) Forum in 2025, if possible aligned with sister projects and the EU Cities Mission and NetZeroCities Platform, to share, qualify and gain feedback on preliminary results, experiences and learnings. In addition, we aim to host the

¹ Re-Value Deliverable D1.1: Re-Value Impact Model (initial version)
<https://re-value-cities.eu/documents/re-value-impact-model-initial-version>

² Re-Value Deliverable D6.2: Re-Value Capacity Development and Exchange Programme, Version 2
<https://re-value-cities.eu/documents/re-value-capacity-development-and-exchange-programme-version-2>

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Final Re-Value Conference in 2026, in cooperation with the same projects and platforms, to showcase Re-Value achievements, and hand over key deliverables to national and European policy makers.

In this Deliverable, you can read about the dialogues and cooperation we have had with NetZeroCities between January 2023 (M1) and June 2024 (M18). This is a collaborative effort between the relevant work on the Community of Practice; the Outreach with the EU Cities Mission, Mission Platform and New European Bauhaus; and the Strategic anchoring and advocacy of the project. Some of the text of this Deliverable is replicated from the project's Description of Action.

2. The basis for the Re-Value - NetZeroCities Memorandum of Understanding

2.1 Scope

This chapter captures the results of two initial discussions about collaboration potential between Re-Value and its sister projects UP2030 and CLIMABOROUGH on the one hand, and the NetZeroCities Platform of the Cities Mission on the other hand. It identifies “points of entry” for the Cities Mission portfolio of Innovative Action projects—and specifically the cities engaged in those projects—to collaborate with NetZeroCities, and serve as a basis for co-creating a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the individual projects and NetZeroCities. A memo for the development of the MoU is shared in the Annex of D6.1: Re-Value Capacity Development and Exchange Programme 1³.

2.2 The NetZeroCities Portal

Re-Value cities and other partners have access to several capacity building modules within the NetZeroCities Portal, i.e. the online component of the Mission Platform. The Portal is a space where cities can find resources and tools that are useful in their journey towards climate neutrality by 2030, including a Financial Guidance Tool. In addition, it is an online space for cities to interact and learn together, engaging in peer-to-peer collaboration. Re-Value has created a private group in the Portal called “Re-Value Cities”, giving group members a space to share, collaborate, and host events in the Portal environment. In addition, Re-Value partners who have a NZC Portal account can contribute to the Knowledge Repository (including Fact Sheets, Case Studies and Methods), and have access to the Social Media Feed and Events. There is a future potential opportunity for Re-Value and NetZeroCities to report in each other’s respective newsletters and to cross-promote on each other’s social media. Details on this use in the project are given in D6.1: Re-Value Capacity Building and Exchange Programme 1³, and in D6.2: Re-Value Capacity Building and Exchange Programme 2⁴.

Representatives from Re-Value (VITO, sometimes with NTNU) and NetZeroCities (Climate-KIC) regularly meet to discuss the Impact Model and Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Framework. This is discussed in the next chapter.

2.3 İzmir as Re-Value and Mission City

İzmir had its Climate City Contract approved and received the Mission Label in March 2024. A NetZeroCities City Advisor supports İzmir (as Re-Value and Mission City) in building knowledge and skills in innovation, governance, social change, finance, and policy, as well as collaborative learning and knowledge-sharing among cities. The formal endorsement by the European Commission was confirmed during the Re-Value Consortium Meeting in Ålesund in March 2024, and was acknowledged at the end of the Artistic Mission by Re-Value partner Teatret Vårt (see picture below).

³ <https://re-value-cities.eu/documents/re-value-capacity-development-and-exchange-programme-version-1>

⁴ <https://re-value-cities.eu/documents/re-value-capacity-development-and-exchange-programme-version-2>



Picture: İzmir accepts congratulations gift for receiving the Mission Label during the Re-Value Consortium Meeting in Ålesund in March 2024.

The Climate City Contract is integrated in the Waterfront Pilot Roadmap that İzmir is building as part of Re-Value (to be submitted in Spring 2025). During the upcoming Impact Model workshop in November 2024, and Consortium Meeting and Study Visit in April 2025, both in İzmir, we will meet the team responsible for the Climate City Contract, gain first-hand insights in the first steps of its implementation, and share these with the other Re-Value cities and Re-Value partners to support capacity building across the project.

2.4 Development of National Networks and Platforms

NetZeroCities is supporting the development of national networks and platforms that help cities collaborate with national ministries and other institutions to overcome policy and legislative barriers to achieving climate neutrality. The goal is to include not only the selected Mission Cities but also other cities with climate neutrality ambition in these collaborations.

As of June 2024, the following Re-Value countries have established some form of national-level support facility, while not all the cities are yet members:

- Portugal - Cities for Climate Network (cities initiative)
- Norway - Norwegian Cities Mission Forum (emergent)
- Romania - Mirror Mission Cities Hub (M100)
- Italy - Expert Working Group / Italian Mission Cities network
- Türkiye - emergent Ministry-level engagement by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye

Of the Re-Value cities, **Cascais** has joined its national Cities Mission platform ([Cities for Climate Network](#)), which was created in early 2024 with the mission to accelerate the transition to climate neutrality of Portuguese Cities and Regions, in alignment with the European Mission “100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030”.

Furthermore, **Ålesund** participated in the first major multi-actor meeting for Norwegian Mission and Mission-minded cities in May 2024, at the invitation of the Norwegian Agency for Design and Architecture that manages the national network, and together with the three Norwegian Mission cities Oslo, Stavanger, and Trondheim.

Constanța aims to apply in September 2024 to become part of the national [Mission Mirror Cities Hub Romania](#) (M100). This Hub will take on ten Romanian cities as part of a national network, in addition to the three Mission Cities Bucharest District 2, Cluj-Napoca, and Suceava. The selection of those ten cities will be performed by an international expert jury, based on an open call issued at the end of June 2024 and open until September 2024. M100 is supported by the Norwegian government as part of the European Economic Area / Norway Grants. Re-Value Project Coordinator NTNU is involved as Norwegian partner in two of these Grants: one supporting the M100 capacity building, and one supporting the cooperation between Trondheim and Bucharest District 2.

2.5 Cluster meetings

Two times per year, CINEA hosts cluster meetings with Re-Value and its two sister projects [UP2030](#) and [CLIMABOROUGH](#) in the Urban Planning and Design Cluster (HORIZON-MISS-2021-CIT-02-01: Urban planning and design for just, sustainable, resilient and climate-neutral cities by 2030), as well as DG RTD (Cities Mission), NetZeroCities and other invited guests. Prior to each meeting, Re-Value and its sister projects prepare inception reports (see below) including progress in terms of achieving our Key Performance Indicators. During each of these meetings, one of the projects is asked to present a particular feature of their work as inspiration for the others.

The first cluster meeting was held in Brussels in February 2023, one week after the kick-off of the three projects. The meeting was hosted by NTNU in Brussels, and the presentation of Re-Value’s plans was presented in cooperation with ICLEI and VITO. In June 2024, during the annual NetZeroCities event in Valencia, it was Re-Value’s turn to present; NTNU shared the design and implementation of the Impact Model and Innovation Cycles.

The inception reports that are prepared and presented by the three sister projects for each meeting include a status update of the Living Labs in each city, and serve as additional insights to the regular project reporting—for the European Commission as well as the three projects. The inception reports were introduced for the cluster meeting in June 2023. The content and structure of these confidential reports was defined together with CINEA and the three projects to ensure that it is at a level that is relevant, suitable, and that information is readily available. The structure includes data about:

- Pilots and cities
- Challenges and needs
- Approaches and processes
- Solutions and measures

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- Short descriptions
- Data for geographical coverage
- Project external stakeholders
- How the transition and solutions are generated
- Barriers and drivers of the implementation
- Outputs and how these are measured

The reporting is prepared by NTNU (WP9) together with VITO (WP7) and city input from the Technical Board and other sources.

3. Re-Value - NetZeroCities Dialogues regarding the Impact Model and Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning Framework

3.1 Scope and format of the dialogues

In addition to the cluster meetings described above, Re-Value and NetZeroCities have monthly meetings to align Re-Value's Impact Model with NetZeroCities' Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Framework. During these meetings, we discuss and compare our overall approaches, Key Performance Indicators, as well as identification and documentation of co-benefits, impact pathways, and use cases.

VITO (WP7) and Climate-KIC are the main representatives at these meetings, principally held between Nikhil Chaudhary (Climate-KIC, Strategic Learning Lead with a main task in impact modelling and monitoring for the NetZeroCities Mission Platform) and Han Vandevyvere (VITO/NTNU, with a main task in developing the New European Bauhaus (NEB)-inspired Impact Model for the Horizon Europe-funded projects CrAft, Re-Value and NEB-STAR). Other people join the meetings where appropriate.

Regular exchanges started as of October 2022 in the framework of CrAft.

NetZeroCities works on impact assessment through its Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) workstream. This includes establishing a methodology for impact assessment, approving and reviewing the MEL approaches outlined in the Mission Cities' Climate City Contracts and Pilot actions, setting up learning and sensemaking events, organising peer-to-peer learning, providing indicators for monitoring and evaluation, and offering capacity building, feedback and recommendations for Mission Cities' MEL processes.

Re-Value works in a similar manner, through building a NEB-inspired Impact Model⁵ in co-creation with cities (WP1 - Impact model for value-based urban design and planning) and through Monitoring & Documenting Impact (WP7). This work operates in three innovation cycles⁶:

- Aligning climate neutrality and urban quality, using participatory story-building to identify co-benefits;
- Co-creating data-driven transition scenarios, empowering cities to use better data / data better;
- De-risking investments, through value-based financial and partnership models

The NEB-inspired Impact Model is in fact being developed and tested over three Horizon Europe-funded projects, [CrAft](#), [Re-Value](#) and [NEB-STAR](#), in order to test the transferability and replicability of the Impact Model across projects, cities and local contexts (cultural, political, economic, geographical, climatic and other). As a result, all outputs and deliverables are 100% compatible.

⁵ Re-Value Deliverable D1.1: Re-Value Impact Model (initial version)

<https://re-value-cities.eu/documents/re-value-impact-model-initial-version>

⁶ Re-Value Deliverable D1.2: Re-Value Innovation Cycles experience-based report 1

3.2 Re-Value and NetZeroCities impact assessment

Both projects agree that, in NetZeroCities' terms, "Systemic impacts are complex, multi-dimensional, uncertain, non-linear and may take a long time"⁷.

To address this complexity, NetZeroCities refers to the *Transformative Theory of Change*⁸ while the NEB Impact Model is methodologically rooted in *Multi-Modal System Analysis*^{9,10}.

3.2.1 NetZeroCities Impact Framework and Comprehensive Indicator Framework

The basic approach in NetZeroCities' Impact Framework consists of assessing the short-, mid- and long-term impacts of interventions through the lens of 6 systemic levers (see Figure 1):

1. Technology and infrastructure,
2. Governance and policy,
3. Social innovation,
4. Democracy and participation,
5. Finance and funding,
6. Learning and capabilities,

And further filtering these through emission domains:

- Stationary Energy (including buildings)
- Transportation
- Waste
- Industrial processes and product use
- Agriculture, forestry & other land use
- Other scope 3 (where it may be necessary for some cities)

This is being assessed short-term through "early changes" occurring within one-two years; mid-term as "later outcomes" within three-four years, and long-term as "impacts" occurring after five or more years. Long-term impacts include the realisation of co-benefits in addition to direct benefits (greenhouse gas emission reductions). Monitoring these processes is performed through both quantitative and qualitative data harvesting.

⁷ NetZeroCities Call for Pilot Cities, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Info Session, 8 September 2022

⁸ Transformative Innovation Policy Consortium (TIPC); Utrecht University Centre for Global Challenges; with support from EIT Climate-KIC / Ingenio-UPV / Austrian Institute of Technology (s.d.) MOTION HANDBOOK - DEVELOPING A TRANSFORMATIVE THEORY OF CHANGE - A step-by-step guide on how to develop a Transformative Theory of Change, for innovation projects, programmes and organisations working on systems transformation; and Nikhil Chaudhary, Penny Hawkins, Carla Alvia Palavicino (EIT Climate-KIC), with inputs from NetZeroCities Consortium (s.d. / 2022), Theory of Change, Deliverable D2.14 (Confidential) - Version N°1

⁹ Dooyeweerd, H. (1953), A New Critique of Theoretical Thought, 4 Vol, H.J. Paris / The Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Company

¹⁰ Vandevyvere, H. (2011), How to cut across the catchall? A philosophical-cultural framework for assessing sustainability, in: International Journal of Innovation and Sustainable Development, Vol. 5, No. 4, p. 403-424

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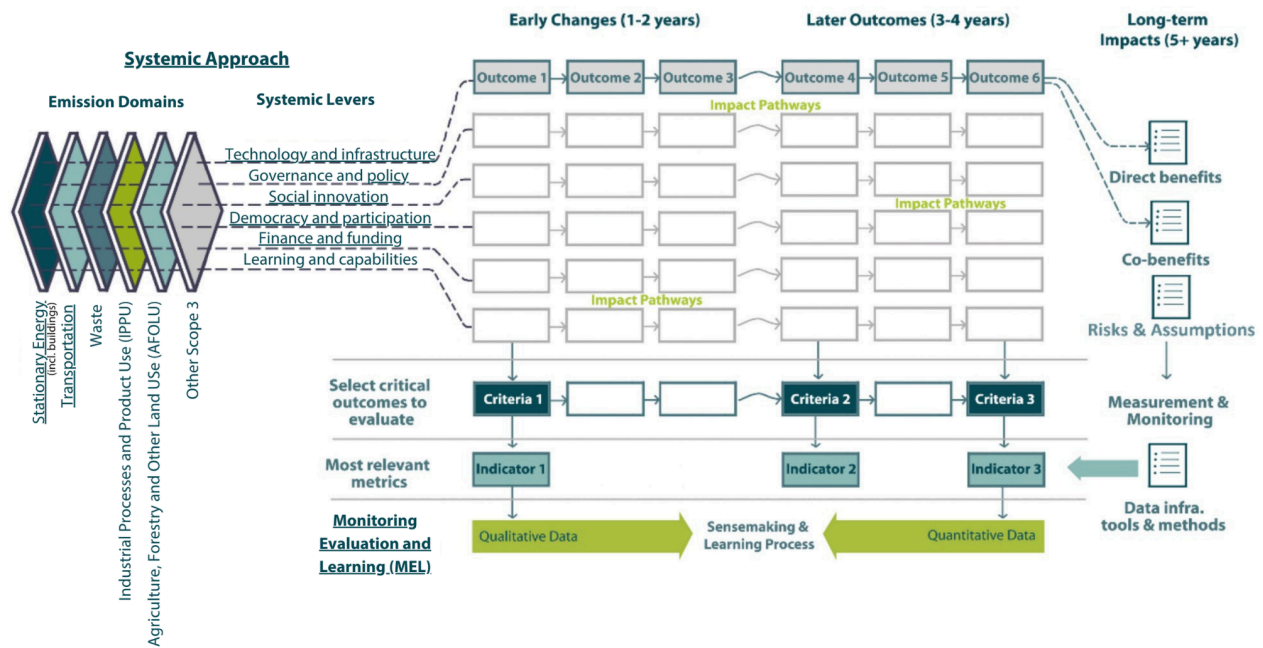


Figure 1: NetZeroCities Comprehensive Indicator Framework (Source: NetZeroCities¹¹).

To be able to assess impacts, NetZeroCities has created two indicator sets—one for MEL for city-wide climate-neutrality and the second one (which is a subset of the first one) focussed on MEL for cities’ specific and localised Pilot actions. The sets have undergone several iterations, and intermediate results were communicated with CrAft/Re-Value/NEB-STAR for comparison with the NEB Impact Model’s 46 topics (some of these are Key Performance Indicators, others are still under development or shall be considered as overarching topics covering several possible (key) performance indicators). This revealed that both systems had much in common, see next Section on Re-Value.

The final version of NetZeroCities’ Comprehensive Indicator Framework (for internal use only) was completed in March 2023. The catalogue of indicators within NetZeroCities’ reporting system is based on this set, and NetZeroCities Pilot Cities are able to choose their standardised indicators from this set, in addition to their own context-relevant or customised indicators, which they have the freedom to frame themselves to include in their reporting. Meanwhile the indicator framework was published for wider use¹².

3.2.2 Re-Value’s NEB-inspired Impact Model

The Impact Model¹³ considers five main intervention domains, called ‘pillars’, and 17 impact categories. The five pillars consist of the established triple bottom line for sustainable development (planet, people, prosperity) complemented by a pillar on quality of life and one on governance. The 17 impact categories refer to essential aspects of integrated sustainable development (ecological, infrastructural, social, cultural, economic, aesthetical, legal, etc.). In the NEB Impact Model, physical space is thereby handled as a

¹¹ <https://netzerocities.app/resource-4249>

¹² <https://netzerocities.app/resource-4120>

¹³ Re-Value Deliverable D1.1: Re-Value Impact Model (initial version)
<https://re-value-cities.eu/documents/re-value-impact-model-initial-version>

cross-cutting category, serving as a carrier for all the other functions, including urban governance and development processes.

The Impact Model suggests a list of 46 topics (see Figure 2), intended as an indicative set of primary Key Performance Indicators that are already largely known and used by most cities. The nature of the indicators varies from strictly quantitative (such as CO₂ emissions or the modal split of passenger travel) to highly qualitative (such as reflexive governance). For many indicators, a composite assessment based on the evaluation of several sub-indicators is recommended. The latter is also a reason for referring to ‘topics’ rather than to ‘indicators’ in the Impact Model. For further details, see Deliverable 1.1¹⁴.



Figure 2: The NEB Impact Model with 5 pillars, 17 impact categories and 46 suggested indicators

¹⁴ Re-Value Deliverable D1.1: Re-Value Impact Model (initial version)
<https://re-value-cities.eu/documents/re-value-impact-model-initial-version>

The Impact Model is currently being tested through Impact Model workshops¹⁵ in each of the Re-Value cities, in on-site, gamified workshops with local partners and stakeholders. These workshops are linked to the cities' Waterfront Pilots, and are held over the course of one or two days, usually in a mixture of local language and English (the latter to allow for NTNU to participate). The results of these workshops are integrated in the cities' Waterfront Roadmaps; they will also be used to fine-tune the Impact Model in terms of description and selection of topics, identification and documentation of co-benefits, and their application in local cases together with experts and residents.

3.2.3 Comparison between Re-Value and NetZeroCities approaches

Scope

The approaches of both projects are aligned and complementary in terms of impact assessment and indicators. Both project's indicator frameworks can be labelled as 'non-dogmatic', which is in line with the methodological approaches as described above. Cities and other actors on the ground have the freedom of using suggested indicators or topics, or to introduce their own indicators. NetZeroCities does include a set of required indicators especially those for measuring and monitoring greenhouse gas reduction impacts, while Re-Value's Impact Model requires that all pillars remain duly covered by the chosen indicator set.

In terms of indicators, only slight differences occur, such as:

NetZeroCities:

- Explicitly addressing food and waste
- Including aspects of democracy, behavioural change and ecological awareness
- Assessing finance and investment based on capital needs and economic cases
- Assessing the adoption of key technologies
- Addressing nature restoration as a main type of intervention

Re-Value:

- Emphasising to a larger degree mobility in terms of modal shift and promoting active and public transport
- Explicitly addressing cultural sustainability and tourism

Even so, whereas the Impact Model explicitly refers to the topics of modal split (and shift), and active and public transport, NetZeroCities does this implicitly through citizen behaviour in terms of choosing sustainable transport options ('Behavioural Change Towards Low Carbon Lifestyle') or while assessing the road safety for active mobility.

¹⁵ See also Re-Value Deliverable D1.1: Re-Value Impact Model (initial version) <https://re-value-cities.eu/documents/re-value-impact-model-initial-version> and the upcoming D1.3: Re-Value Impact Model (intermediate version)

Time perspective

- NetZeroCities defines impact pathways and attaches a timeline to their realisation process, based on Mission Cities' commitments outlined in their Climate City Contracts or the duration of their Pilot activities. This allows cities to situate their actions and progress in an overarching time perspective, with different types of output/outcome.
- By contrast, the Impact Model takes snapshots: at each stage of evolution, the impact model can be used to assess the state of affairs within a specific development process.

Co-benefit accounting

- In NetZeroCities' approach, co-benefits concern all aspects that are not directly measurable as greenhouse gas emissions
- In the Impact Model, any intervention can have its direct benefits and related co-benefits across sectors

Similar strategic approaches

The NetZeroCities and Re-Value projects both:

- Work with impact pathways in a similar manner, related to systemic levers of change and theory of change (NetZeroCities) and systemic changes within a modal chain (CrAft)
- Emphasise alignment with cities' current indicators and reporting systems; this is continuously tested in practice and can assume varied forms depending on how a city chooses to deploy it
- Create a menu of choice for cities to make informed contextual decisions around indicators selection, data collection, analysis and visualisation, all of which are aligned to long-term impacts and systemic transformations
- Enable strategic learning, sensemaking processes and learning loops for cities, and feed knowledge and insights of these into decision-making and orientation towards the Cities Mission
- Include qualitative and process/intermediate outcomes, beyond ex-post greenhouse gas emission-related quantitative ones, with an emphasis on local co-creation and continuous learning
- Include governance impact pathways

4. Conclusion and next steps

This deliverable has reported on the interaction of Re-Value with NetZeroCities, framing the basis for collaboration and summarising first conclusions from the dialogues that were held. In particular, the Re-Value presence in the NetZeroCities Portal and relevant meetings was explained, as well as the participation of Re-Value cities in Cities Mission national platforms. Further, the links between the Re-Value Impact Model and NetZeroCities Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning Indicator Framework were examined, showing strong similarities in both approaches.

Cooperation with NetZeroCities will continue through the established channels, as well as directly for mutual contribution to outreach, dissemination and communication activities, and the co-organisation of events. A Memorandum of Understanding was being drafted and is expected to be signed shortly. Re-Value will also contribute to the NetZeroCities Portal Knowledge Repository with key results obtained through the co-creation of the Impact Model and the implementation of its Innovation Cycles. Furthermore, as national networks and platforms are being developed, Re-Value partners will use their involvement in NetZeroCities and other platforms to advocate for their cities to be able to participate in the network / platform activities, and to share their experiences from working at the pilot level to identify key barriers and new pathways towards achieving climate neutrality. Finally, dialogues will continue regarding the evolution and refinement of the Re-Value Impact Model and M&E Model in regular exchange meetings with NetZeroCities.

The next version of this deliverable, D7.7 Re-Value Impact dialogues with NetZeroCities 2, is due M33 (September 2025).

5. Glossary of Terms

General Terms

CINEA	European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency
CrAft	Creating Actionable Futures (project)
EU	European Union
MEL	Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NEB	New European Bauhaus
NEB-STAR	New European Bauhaus Stavanger (project)
WP	Work Package

Partner names

AC	AugmentCity AS
AK	Ålesund Kommune
BRG	STAD Brugge
BUR	OBSHTINA BURGAS
CM	Municipiu Resedinta de Judet Constanța
ECOTEN	Ecoten urban comfort s.r.o.
EMAC	Empresa Municipal de Ambiente de Cascais Em Sa
GIB	Stiftung Global Infrastructure Basel
ICLEI	ICLEI EUROPEAN SECRETARIAT GmbH
IFLA	International Federation of Landscape Architects Europe
IMM	IZMIR BUYUKSEHIR BELEDIYESI
IZTECH	İzmir Institute of Technology
JAE	JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT EUROPE
LNEG	Laboratório Nacional de Energia e Geologia
MP	Město Písek / Městský úřad Písek
NTNU	Norges Teknisk-Naturvitenskapelige Universitet
RIJ	Grad Rijeka / City of Rijeka
RIM	Comune di Rimini
SP	Sladovna Czech cultural organisation
SU	Sofia University
SUAS	Sørsida Utvikling AS

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TV	Teatret vårt
UNG	Univerza v Novi Gorica
UNIBO	Università di Bologna
VITO	Vlaamse Instelling voor Technologisch Onderzoek N.V.
ZMC	Asociația de Dezvoltare Intercomunitara Zona Metropolitana Constanța

About Re-Value – Re-Valuing Urban Quality & Climate Neutrality in European Waterfront Cities

The Re-Value partnership consists of nine European waterfront cities and selected European organisations that work to make the urban transition irresistible for everyone. This is done by demonstrating how climate neutrality and urban quality can be aligned, by re-valuing the cities' connection to their waterfronts, strengthening co-benefits and mitigating potential adverse impacts.

Ålesund (Norway), Bruges (Belgium), Burgas (Bulgaria), and Rimini (Italy) demonstrate how integrated urban planning and design can be optimally deployed to achieve climate neutrality and significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. In addition, Cascais (Portugal), Constanța (Romania), İzmir (Türkiye), Písek (Czechia), and Rijeka (Croatia) learn, replicate and develop their own participatory story-building, data-driven scenarios, and financial and partnership models on integrated urban planning and design to accelerate their journeys to climate neutrality.

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