

european post-carbon cities of tomorrow

STANBUL

Dynamic, global city working towards sustainable development

İstanbul is a metropolitan city (14,657,434 inhabitants) in the north-west of Turkey, connecting Asia and Europe. Istanbul's main economic sectors are trade tourism and services; a major challenge is over-migration and the informal sector. GDP/capita is €25,000 (2014).

Will Istanbul achieve its post-carbon goals?

POCACITO process in Istanbul

2050 VISION for ISTANBUL: A city that is dynamic, innovative, selfsufficient, sustainable city with a high quality of life, good governance,

and able to compete at the global level.

POCACITO workshops Four were organised with the participation of city stakeholders.

- Visioning: development of 'Istanbul 2050'
- Backcasting: how to realise this vision
- Sensitivity: in-depth discussion of measures to achieve this vision



- For both BAU2050 and Post-Carbon 2050 scenarios Istanbul has a growth in energy use, especially in the residential sector
- This is related to its high population growth rate



- GHG emissions increase by 52% in the post-carbon scenario
- But per capita emissions reduce from 3.31 TCO2 (2010) to 2.96 TO2 in post-carbon 2050 scenario





Next steps: results of the POCACITO modelling exercise and next steps in Istanbul's post-carbon process were discussed.

Five critical fields have been identified:

- High quality of life
- Governance
- Environment and natural resources
- Energy
- Global competitiveness

Istanbul's Targets

- Quality, safe and planned urban space with well-organised social and technical infrastructure
- To be among the top 10 cities in international quality of life index
- Participatory and transparent governance
- Efficient energy and water management, protecting natural resources
- Increasing renewable technologies for energy, transport, buildings and industry
- Being a global focal city and a model for other cities

Post-carbon scenario assumes 37.8% growth in population, but no urban sprawl

What does Istanbul need to achieve?

- Expanded public transport network and increased city accessibility
- A new city information system for gathering and sharing data
- An 'Energy Master Plan' should be developed, using mainly renewable energy resources
- An 'Economic Vision and Plan' should be prepared.

POCACITO – Post-Carbon-Cities of Tomorrow – is a European research project that studies the decarbonisation of European cities. Key to the project was participation in ten case study cities, in which participants developed a common post-carbon 20150 vision for their city.

The most critical factors to achieve Istanbul's targets are: urban sprawl/growth, population, citizen awareness, real estate market, climate change impacts, attractiveness, resilient economy, urban facilities, building density, quality of housing stock.

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