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From:
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Mayor of Arad Municipality

If city is not an ICLEI member

Dear Zero4All coordinator,

I hereby confirm that the Arad municipality is interested to actively support the European project proposal “Zero4All”, submitted in response to the call LC-GD-4-1-2020 “Building and renovating in an energy and resource efficient way”.

Zero4All will transform neighborhoods / building clusters in at least two pilot cities to become energy positive and carbon neutral, taking into account energy efficiency and generation, waste and water circularity, mobility, material flows as well as behavioral change amongst others. Taking a systematic-approach, Zero4All will transform pilot sites by means of an integrated planning, implementation and monitoring approach. Core project features encompass the seamless integration and refinement of existing technologies, the co-design of solutions in the context of living labs and the establishment of a robust framework to monitor, report and verify impacts.

As a Zero4All Fellow City, Name of the municipality will play an important role in validating the integrated neighborhood approach and will benefit from a range of services / opportunities to pave the way for replicating the Zero4All method:

- Engagement in peer-to-peer learning events with pilot and other fellow cities and invitations to Zero4All pilot site visits.
- Receiving direct coaching from consortium experts on central topics, such as setting up living labs to co-design / co-create solutions, creating policy frameworks to enable neighborhood-level sustainability transformation and implementing robust monitoring frameworks.
- Benefiting from direct support to identify and apply for European project development assistance so as to realize local cross-sectoral decarbonization or energy efficiency projects.
- Gaining the opportunity to engage in EU policy processes and initiatives (European Renovation Wave, Covenant of Mayors activities, Local Green Deals, energy and climate change related EU Directives revisions, etc.).

The Arad municipality hereby declares its interest in the activities and outcomes of the Zero4All project and the opportunities associated with becoming a Zero4All Fellow City. The project objectives are in line with our own aspirations to intensify actions to mitigate climate change and our engagement will enable us to implement neighborhood-level schemes.

We therefore encourage the European Commission to consider this project proposal favorably and wish every success to the project consortium and for the accomplishment of the proposed work.

Yours faithfully,



Nisan Ben Hamo
Mayor of Arad