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**Horizon 2020 proposal entitled “LEGEND“
(Local pEri-urban Green dEals for Net-zero Development)**

On behalf of Stadt Ludwigshafen, I hereby express our support for the Horizon 2020 proposal entitled “LEGEND (Local pEri-urban Green dEals for Net-zero Development)” which is to be submitted under the European Commission’s Horizon Call “Changing urban spaces and mindsets to accelerate the transition to climate neutrality (HORIZON-MISS-2024-CIT-01)”.

The objective of LEGEND is to support the green and smart energy transition in peri-urban areas towards climate neutrality. For this, the proposal seeks to enhance local action in the domains of mobility, industry, energy and governance by co-designing, implementing and accompanying a fellow-lead-model in eight cities located in four European countries and making the approach available for a transfer beyond the project. We believe that LEGEND will thus contribute substantially to the Climate-neutral and Smart Cities Mission’s objective.

Our organization is as municipal company particularly active in different municipal services such as waste management and urban cleaning in Ludwigshafen/Germany. In view of the increasing challenges posed by climate change, it is essential that we take collective action across administrative levels. We offer our support as Technical Assistance partner, to support capacity building, integrating peri-urban areas into spatial and transport planning and aligning development strategies across different administrative levels with the LEGEND city partners. Collaboration between local governments, organizations, and citizens can implement effective strategies that reduce carbon emissions, promote renewable energy and the implementation of effective strategies with specific focus on the reduction of emissions in the built environment and in the construction sector, including all relevant strategies to drive circular economy.

We therefore endorse the LEGEND proposal, and we are looking forward to seeing it realized and supported by the European Commission.

Sincerely,

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