



Decree of the Director General N. 190/25/I dated 08 September 2025

Appointment of the members of the Evaluation committee of the second phase of the Innovation Partnership entitled “Building green and climate neutral city hubs across European cities (II edition - follower cities)” – contract notice 300530-2025 changing the previous version 193321-2025 – published under the framework of the CLIMABOROUGH project on the OJ S 90/2025 of 12/05/2025 and earlier on the OJ S 60/2025 of 26/03/2025.

I the undersigned Simone Gheri, Director General of Anci Toscana

- in my position of Single Responsible Person (RUP in Italian language) for the aforementioned public procurement procedure, as stipulated in the Tender documentation published on 26 March 2025 on TED – the online Supplement of the Official Journal of the European Union – as well as on the official website of the CLIMABOROUGH project in a dedicated section available at the following URL: <https://climaborough.eu/public-procurement/follower-cities-climaborough-tender/>

Whereas:

- On 29 August 2025 at 23:59 Brussels time the second phase of the Innovation Partnership has expired;
- Within this deadline, 23 of the 27 economic operators, single or associated, who were invited to submit their technical offers for the 5 tendered lots by my previous Decree No. 170/25/I of 22 July 2025, actually presented their applications;
- It is now required to proceed with the negotiation of received applications, in accordance with § 4.5 of Annex 1 to the Contract notice (“Tender Regulations”), not before having assessed the fulfilment of the minimum requirements listed for each lot in Attachment 2 (“Specific Requirements”) to the Tender Regulations;
- According to Annex 1, the indicative deadline for the conclusion of the negotiations is approximately one month after the deadline for Phase 2 submissions. Therefore, it can be set at 30 September 2025;
- It is necessary to appoint the members of the Evaluation Committee for this second phase of the Innovation Partnership procedure, with a time-limited mandate as specified above;
- The Tender Regulations do not contain any prescription on the number and profiles of the members of the Evaluation Committee;
- However, it is necessary to assess the level of knowledge and expertise of the candidate members as well as the absence of conflicts of interest before their appointment;
- The following list of 11 candidate members was formulated in agreement with the CLIMABOROUGH project partners:

Tomas Benedikt, City of Pilsen
Mateja Bitenc, Municipality of Maribor
Julie Chenini, City of Issy-les-Moulineaux
Laurent Deslattes, Grenoble-Alpes Métropole
Tanja Ecim, City of Prijedor
Emil Georgiev, City of Sofia
Milica Koncar, City of Prijedor
Eric Legale, City of Issy-les-Moulineaux
Besnik Mehmeti, ANCI Toscana
Ksenija Napast, E-Zavod
Katya Valkova, City of Sofia



- Each of the above-mentioned 11 candidates accepted the invitation, providing a CV and a declaration of absence of conflicts of interest, including an acknowledgement that no remuneration is foreseen for the tasks involved. Both documents are kept in a secure archive for documentation and to be shown in case of request;
- Moreover, in accordance with Decree of the Director General Prot. n. 125/25/I of 6 June 2025, also the three members of the Advisory Board established therein – **Mor Harir**, **Tomas Matraia**, and **Valerio Barberis** – shall join the Evaluation Committee, since the evaluation of received proposals in the framework of the 2nd call for tender concerning the five follower cities was officially included among their technical tasks;
- From the above-mentioned Advisory Board members, a declaration of absence of conflicts of interest was also withdrawn, and is kept in a secure archive;

Take the following decisions:

- 1) To establish the Evaluation Committee for Phase 2 of the aforementioned procedure, composed of 15 members, the undersigned as Single Responsible Person (RUP) and the 14 candidates listed above:

Valerio Barberis, Member of the CLIMABOROUGH Advisory Board
 Tomas Benedikt, City of Pilsen
 Mateja Bitenc, Municipality of Maribor
 Julie Chenini, City of Issy-les-Moulineaux
 Laurent Deslattes, Grenoble-Alpes Métropole
 Tanja Ecim, City of Prijedor
 Emil Georgiev, City of Sofia
 Simone Gheri, ANCI Toscana
Mor Harir, Member of the CLIMABOROUGH Advisory Board
 Milica Koncar, City of Prijedor
 Eric Legale, City of Issy-les-Moulineaux
Tomas Matraia, Member of the CLIMABOROUGH Advisory Board
 Besnik Mehmeti, ANCI Toscana
 Ksenija Napast, E-Zavod
 Katya Valkova, City of Sofia

- 2) To confirm the appointment of Ms Giulia del Turco, from ANCI Toscana, as acting Secretary of the Evaluation Committee;
- 3) To schedule the inaugural meeting of the Evaluation Committee on Friday, 12 September 2025 at 11:30 AM CEST in a public session, to be held via Zoom at the link: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88129294844>, followed by a private meeting for the initialisation of the evaluation procedure;
- 4) To give to Ms Elena Conti, from ANCI Toscana, full power of attorney on my behalf, in case of absence or impediment of the RUP at any of the above meetings;
- 5) To set the deadline of 30 September 2025 for the finalisation of the negotiations;
- 6) To confirm that with the exception of the Advisory Board members, no compensation or remuneration is foreseen for the tasks related to this appointment;
- 7) To publish this decree on the CLIMABOROUGH website.



The Director General

Simone Gheri