



Climate-neutral cities' conference

September 9

Moderator: Andrei Liimets

10:00 Opening remarks

Mr Urmas Klaas, Mayor of Tartu

Mr Aleks Jäntti, Deputy Mayor of Tampere

H. E. Vesa Vasara, Ambassador of Finland

PART I – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

10:30 – 10:50 Tampere in green transition

Kari Kankaala (Director, Environment & Development, Tampere)

10:50 – 11:10 Tartu in green transition

Kaspar Alev, (Climate Specialist, Tartu City Government)

11:10 – 11:40 Discussion on organization adaptation and community involment

Raimond Tamm (Deputy Mayor of Tartu) and Aleks Jäntti (Deputy Mayor of Tampere)

11:40 – 12:00 Coffee break

PART II – LIVABLE CITIES

12:00 – 12:20 (Bio)diversity

Anna-Liisa Unt (Landscape Architect, Tartu City Government)

12:20 – 12:40 Commentary speech: Actions on biodiversity loss

Kati Skippari (Head of Environmental Protection, Tampere) / Anni Nousiainen (Biodiversity Expert, Tampere)

12:40 – 13:00 Sustainable transport policies

Sanna Ovaska (Project Manager / Traffic System Planning)

13:00 – 13:30 Discussion on livable cities and diverse urban space

Age Poom (Tartu University Mobility Lab), Kari Kankaala / Aleks Jäntti (Deputy Mayor of Tampere)

13:30 – 14:30 lunch

14:30 – PART III – SITE VISITS HOSTED BY MS ANDRA ASSER

The city of Tartu is firmly moving towards carbon neutrality. In recent years, various projects aimed at reducing the city's footprint have been implemented in renovation, mobility, street lighting, district heating and other areas. One of the most significant and complex has been the SmartEnCity lighthouse project which just ended - in July this year. We walk through the city center area and get acquainted with the smart apartment buildings renovated with the support of the project, innovations in district cooling/heating, sustainable solutions in mobility and street lighting.