

Information on the Climate Strategy of Kaposvár City

Kaposvár's urban policy programme for 2020-2030 is titled „We belong together” and it gives special focus on climate protection and energy management objectives. These issues are addressed in every programme component and a separate chapter is devoted to building a sustainable city, highlighting the fact that Kaposvár launched an energy policy which guarantees the security of supply, affordable and predictable prices and the preservation of the natural environment.

Kaposvár's ultimate aim is to combat its energy dependency and become energy independent by 2030 using renewable energy and increasing the use of cheaper and environmentally friendly resources.

The document provides further details on green transport, energy-efficient refurbishment, redevelopment of green spaces, air quality protection and the use of renewable energy resources.

While drafting Kaposvár's Climate Strategy, all the city's commitments and tasks were taken into consideration, especially the measures aimed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Kaposvár voluntarily joined several associations of cities that help their members meet their uniform targets through recommendations to reduce climate change impacts. Kaposvár is a member of the Under2Coalition and the Covenant of Mayors - these associations provide technical and methodological support for their members which are reflected in the city's climate strategy.

Kaposvár's climate protection vision is that in 2050 the city will proactively respond to climate change. It will use its natural resources in a sustainable way with climate-conscious human capital and an innovative economy. The Climate Strategy aims to reduce the emission data provided in the GHG Inventory and by 2050 the CO₂ emissions are expected to be 80% lower compared to the base year of 1990. Compared to the baseline (GHG emission levels in 1990), a significant reduction of 58% was already detected in 2019.

In order to achieve further targets, Kaposvár aims to implement the following mitigation measures:

Reducing the GHG emission of local transport

Reducing the energy use of buildings

Increasing the share of renewable energy in energy production

Modernisation of public lightning

Scope targeting

We are seeking projects or project partners for cooperation with the aim of improving the water quality of Lake Deseda situated on the outskirts of Kaposvár. This artificial lake is a tourist facility and a nature reserve, it is not used as a source of water supply. Its area at operational water level covers 245 hectares, its catchment area is 170km².

Earlier studies underlined the importance of continuous assessment of the lake's water quantity and quality as well as the necessity of certain infrastructural developments.

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