

Leuven 2030 — quadruple-helix climate-neutral city experiment

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Quality score: 90/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

City-wide non-profit (founded 2013) steering Leuven toward climate neutrality via a quadruple-helix model of government, knowledge institutions, companies and citizens. From 60 founding members to 600+ partners; Leuven won European Capital of Innovation 2020.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Inclusiveness / equity	3/3
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	3/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-18

[Leuven 2030 vzw \(city-wide non-profit\) with the City of Leuven](#) — accessed 2026-06-18

[European Commission — iCapital 2020, Leuven named European Capital of Innovation](#) — accessed 2026-06-18

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