

# Climate change policies on local level: driven by state or municipal networks? (basis of a comparative paper covering local authorities of Central and Eastern Europe)

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**Abstract:** Academic scholarship on climate change local policies has noticed that the drivers for tackling climate change lie in transnational municipal cooperation (see Aguiar et al. 2017, Angelo, Wachsmuth 2020, Aust 2019, Betsil, Bulkeley 2003, Campos et al. 2017., Hughes 2014, Wheeler 2008.). However, the scholarship cover mostly Western countries, while states of CEE are neglected. The ambition of the paper is (a) to present research findings of climate policy documents in 14 cities of regional authorities in Czechia, (b) present a methodological framework for prospective comparative research paper which would cover multiple states/municipalities.

The research questions leading the paper are:

1) What are the dynamics (both temporal and regarding various stages of policy process) of local climate policies evolution and implementation in particular cities within one state?

1a) What intra- and inter-national municipal networks are the cities involved in and how tasks and routines of these networks mirror in local climate policy documents?

1b) What aspects of the state climate policy documents' narratives mirror in local climate policy documents?

2) What are the common patterns and differences of dynamics among states and their municipalities? (and is the state level influential enough to be taken into account?)

Methodologically, the paper will rely on qualitative content analysis of local climate policy documents and expert interviews with local civil servants.

Based on the presentation, researchers aiming to investigate situation in their states and municipalities will be invited to contribute to the comparative paper.

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