

# Lahti – European Green Capital 2021

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#greenlahti

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# EUROPEAN GREEN CAPITAL

An initiative of the  
European Commission



EUROPEAN GREEN CAPITAL 2021  
Lahti  
Finland  
€350,000,-



# What is this?

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# Organised by the European Commission annually: European Green Capital Award

## Indicator-based assessment :

1. Climate Change: Mitigation
2. Climate Change: Adaptation
3. Sustainable Urban Mobility
4. Sustainable Land Use
5. Nature and Biodiversity
6. Air Quality
7. Noise
8. Waste
9. Water
10. Green growth and Eco-innovation
11. Energy Performance
12. Gouvernance

[Lahti's application: lahdenvuosi.fi](http://lahdenvuosi.fi)

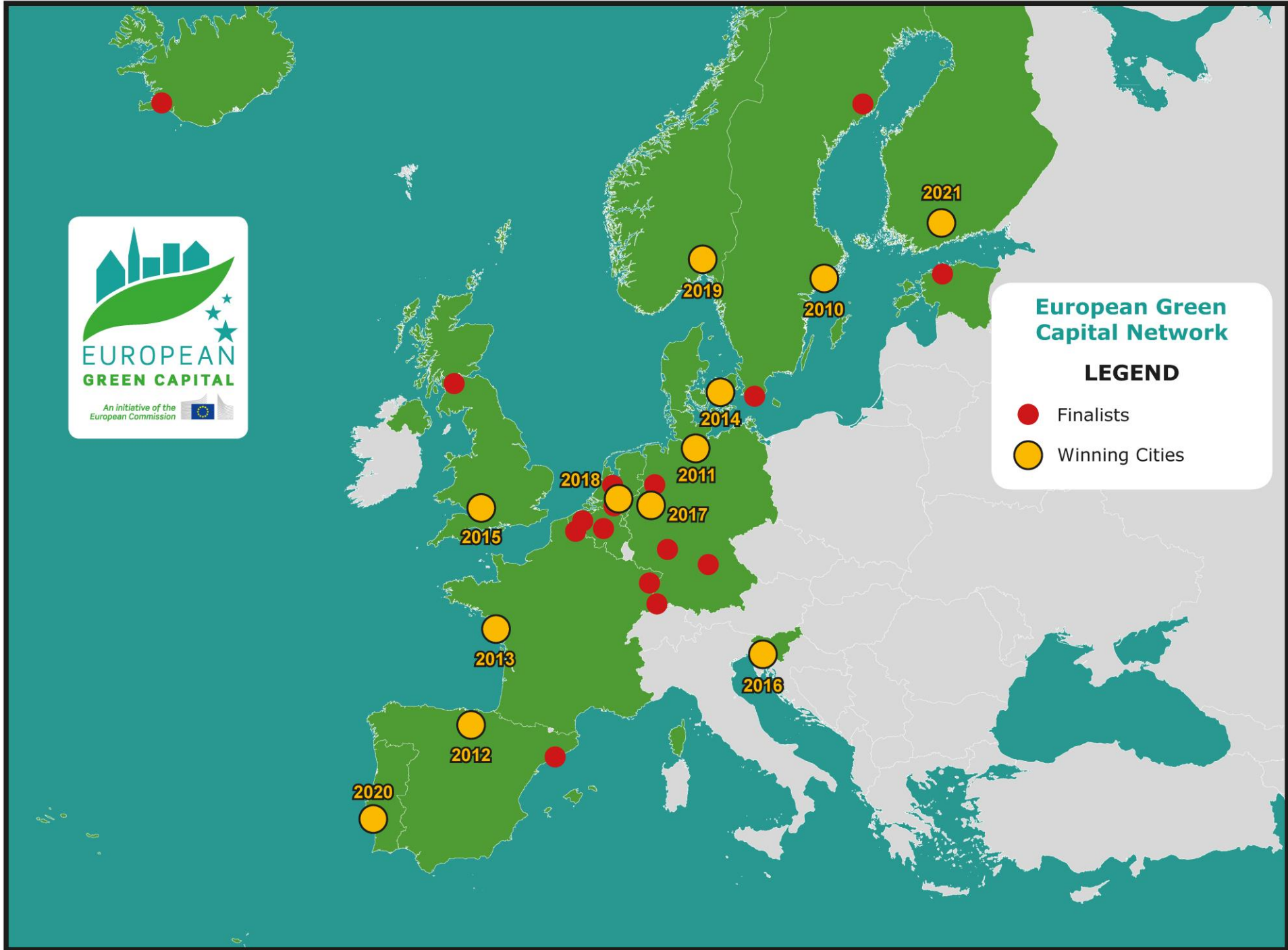
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### European Green Capital Network

#### LEGEND

- Finalists
- Winning Cities



# How did we do in the comparison between the other finalist cities in the competition?

## Strengths



# Why?



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# Benefits of the Green Capital

- The pride of residents in their own city
- International media visibility
- The reputation of the city, networking and cooperation opportunities
- Increase in the demand of tourism
- Creating new jobs and solutions that can be productised
- Clarifying the environmental goals and ambitious implementation
- New funding opportunities

## European Green Capitals

2010 – Stockholm

2011 – Hamburg

2012 – Vitoria-Gasteiz

2013 – Nantes

2014 – Copenhagen

2015 – Bristol

2016 – Ljubljana

2017 – Essen

2018 – Nijmegen

2019 – Oslo

2020 – Lisbon

2021 – Lahti

**1987–1994**

**The Vesijärvi I project:**

combining biomanipulation, selective fishing and predatory fish stocking

**2007**

**The Lake Vesijärvi Foundation**

is founded

**2014**

**The public transportation reform**

**2019**

A preparedness programme for climate change and a nature conservation programme

**2021**

**European Green Capital**

**1996**

The first **Lahti environmental policy**

**2003**

**The Grain Cluster**

is founded

**2013**

The first city in the world to utilise the **WWF Green Office** system at the level of an entire city

**2017**

The first regional **roadmap for circular economy** in Finland is published in Lahti

**2019**

The first personal emissions trading scheme in the world

**1980–1990**

**2000**

**2010**

**2020**

**1994**

The condition of Lake Vesijärvi starts to improve

**1998**

**A waste management system**

based on source separation

**2014**

Reforming the principles of **green space and forest management**

from the perspective of ecosystem services

**2018**

1,000 hectares of **nature conservation areas**

**2020**

Integrated Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP) and city master plan

**1997**

The first annual **Environment Week**

**2009**

**An ambitious emission reduction target**

is included in the city's strategy: -50% compared to the level of 1990 by 2025

**2017**

**95% of municipal waste** is utilised

**2019**

**The use of coal is abandoned**

**2025**

**A carbon-neutral city**



# Themes



**Carbon-neutral life**



**Citizen participation**



**Circular economy**



**Nature and water**

# CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (tons per capita)

1990

**11.0**

2017

**5.8**

2021

**2.6**

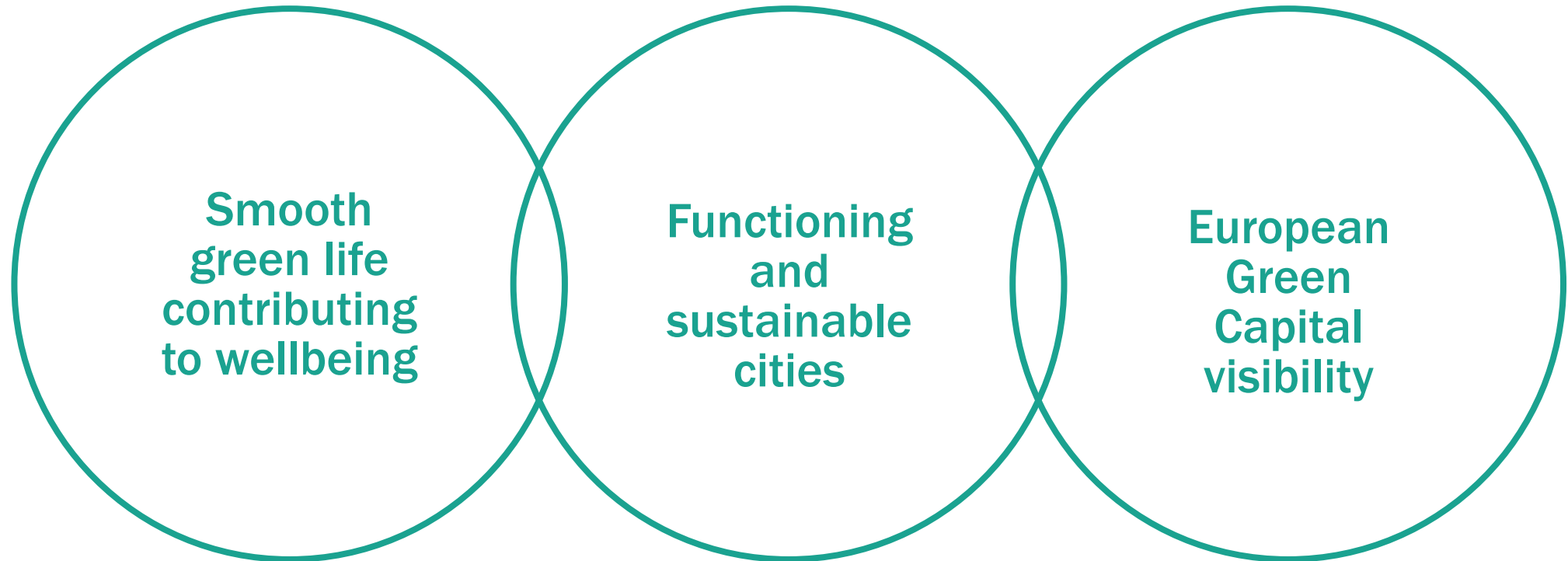
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**What**  
do we want from the  
Green Capital year?

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# Goals



# Examples of our Green Capital projects

## **Carbon-neutral life**

- 1.5-degree lifestyle pilot project
- Green Taxi project
- City bikes

## **Citizen participation**

- Inclusive budgeting pilot
- A way for children and young people to participate as well as a book on environmental education
- VIP ambassadors of the Green Capital

## **Circular economy**

- EGCA Trainee Programme for students
- Smart City environment for the circular economy

## **Nature and water**

- Kintterö Health Forest
- Biodiversity campaign

# How are the preparations progressing?

## 1. Planning meetings Sep–Nov 2019

- Contents
- Events
- Potential partners

## 2. Decision-making stage Nov–Dec 2019

- Setting up the organization
- Administration
- Agreements

## 3. Implementation partnership from Jan 2020

- Preparation support (funding, projects, media presence, etc.)

Preparation  
2019–2020

- Building the programme in cooperation with different parties
- Organisation
- Funding and the cooperation model
- Some of the events
- Increasing visibility

Implement-  
ation 2021

- Opening ceremony, 15–16 January 2021
- Most of the events and measures
- Most of the media visibility and international visits

Legacy from  
2022  
onwards

- Own plan

# How can you participate?

**Daily  
environmental  
actions**

**Greenlahti.fi**  
Events,  
information,  
partipation tools

**Green Capital  
project call**  
Oct 2019

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# ECOCITY Forum Lahti 2020

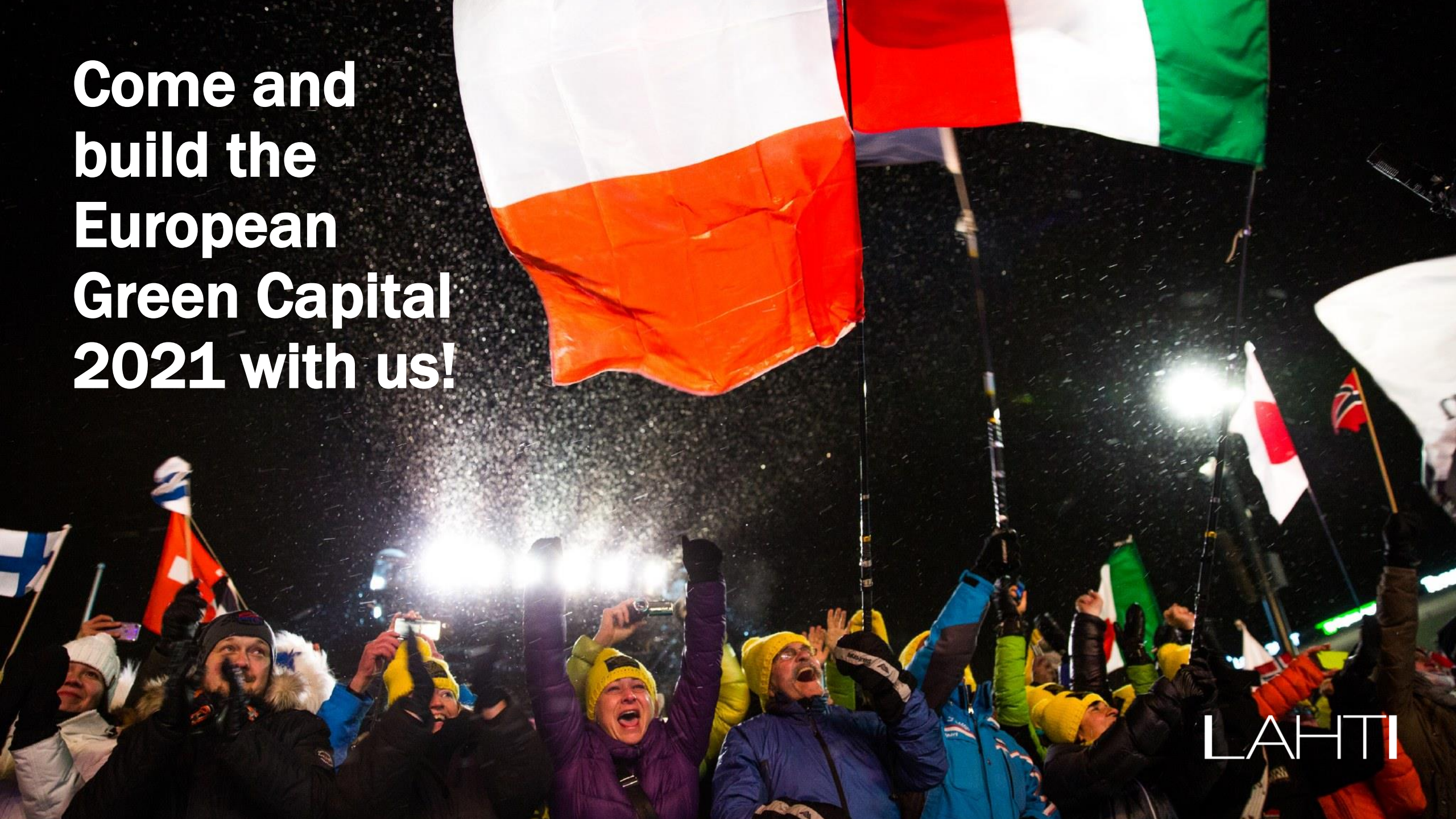
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**Come and  
build the  
European  
Green Capital  
2021 with us!**



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green life  
contributing  
to wellbeing

Functioning  
and  
sustainable  
cities

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Green  
Capital  
visibility

