

## The role of cities and municipalities in the heat transition: four cases from Belgium, France and The Netherlands



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FREE online workshop on Tuesday 19th January 2021 from 2PM to 4.30PM

The **transition to sustainable heating** for homes and community buildings is an immense, complex operation. It calls for thorough long-term planning and preparation by local authorities, builders, home-owners, etc. It requires robust, practice-tested tools and approaches for cities to mobilise, inform and facilitate local communities to make this change.

SHIFFT aims to develop **city heat strategies** with four small to medium-sized municipalities, each of which will inform general guidance for cities to make their own strategies to move to low carbon heating. City strategies are being made for the Belgian cities of **Bruges** and **Mechelen**, the Dutch city of **Middelburg** and the French city of **Fourmies**. This online workshop will see these local authorities present their progress and ask for input based on your goals and experience.

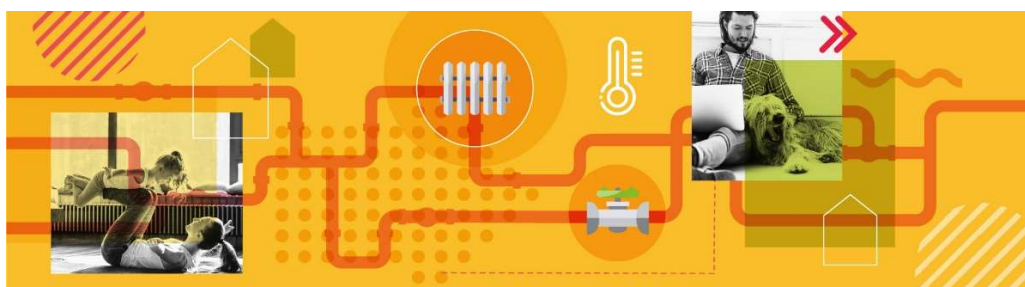
You will have the opportunity to **connect with the local authorities, knowledge institutes and other organisations involved in the SHIFFT partnership** and get to learn from their experiences and approach in the field of sustainable heating and cooling.

**Programme 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 from 2PM to 4.30PM (Central European Time CET | UTC/GMT +1H)**

Digital meeting via ZOOM. [Registration link](#)

14:00	<b>Setting the scene and introduction SHIFFT</b> (Prof. Peter Connor, University of Exeter)
14:15	Break-out rooms, session 1: <b>Lies Debbaut, city of Bruges (BE), OR Ighor Van de Vyver, city of Mechelen (BE)</b>
15:15	Break-out rooms, session 2: <b>Arpan Dutta, municipality of Fourmies (FR), OR Annet Hannewijk, municipality of Middelburg (NL)</b>
16:00	<b>Closing keynote: Opportunities and challenges to unlock the heat transition</b> (Tom Prinzie, Warmtenetwerk Vlaanderen [Flanders Heat Network])

This is a free digital workshop with facilitation & graphic recording by *Visuality*. [Registration link](#)



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