

Climate Neutral Gävle by 2030

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Gävle - Key Facts



- Founded in 1446, situated by the Baltic Sea, 170 km north of Stockholm
- Population 104 000 inhabitants
- Capital city of Region Gävleborg administrative, economic and educational centre
- Logistic Hub Port of Gävle, largest container terminal on the east coast of Sweden, strong rail and road connections, Arlanda International airport one hour away
- Economy Strong industrial base in forestry, wood, paper and pulp, complemented by SMEs in services, trade, logistics, energy and more.
- University of Gävle contributes to the development of Gävle & Gävleborg region – education and research, addressing today's major societal challenges.

Municipal goals and strategies



- Substantially improved results in Gävle's schools
- Safety, social cohesion and reliable welfare throughout the municipality
- Significantly improved business climate

Modern urban planning that meets the needs of current and future

generations

Climate Neutral municipality





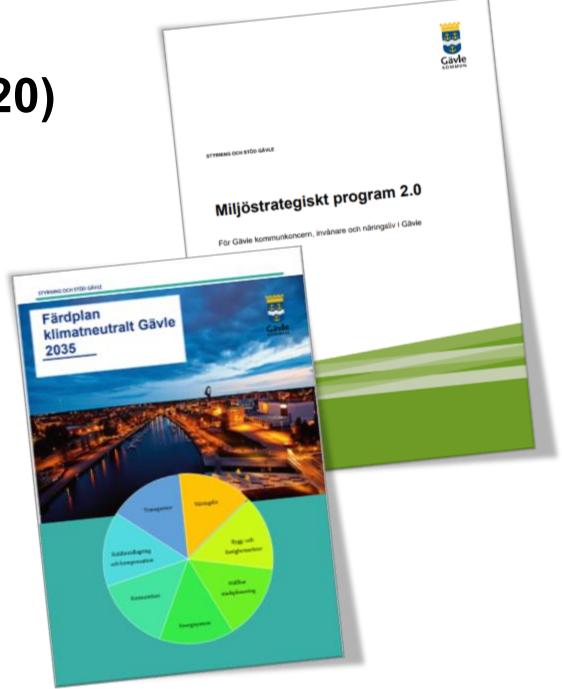


Sustainability program (2020)

Sets our goals for climate, water, biodiversity, circularity and chemicals. The goal for carbon neutrality is set to 2035, both for territorial and consumption-based emissions.

Climate Action Plan (2022)

Defines the necessary actions to reach a climate neutral municipality in 2035

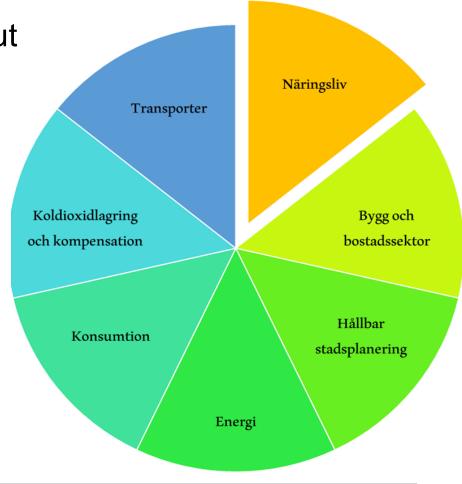


Gävle Climate Action Plan

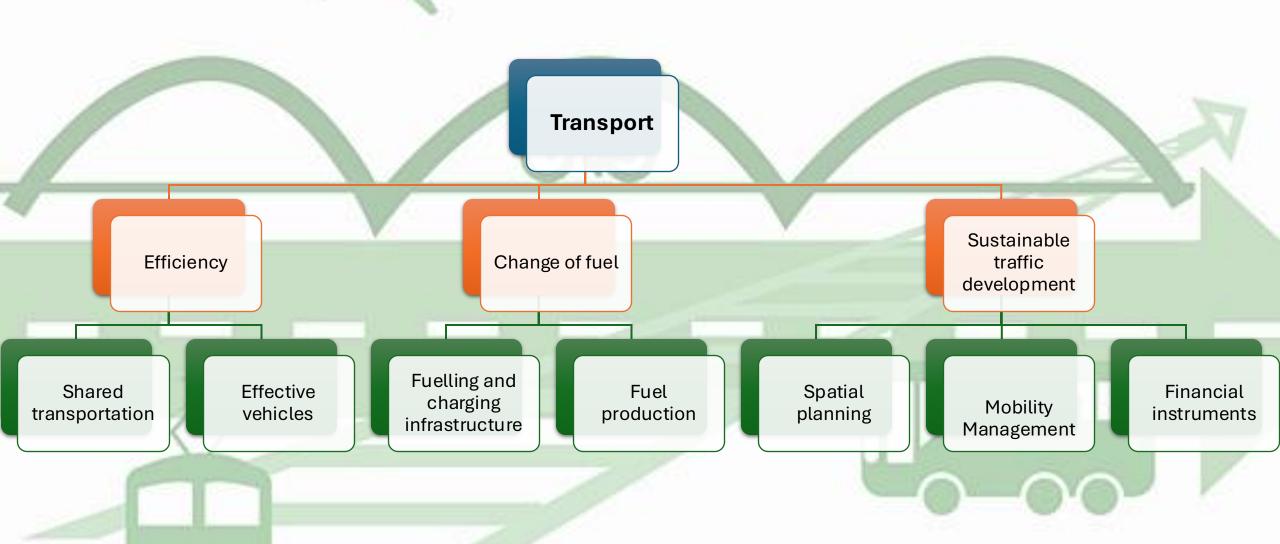


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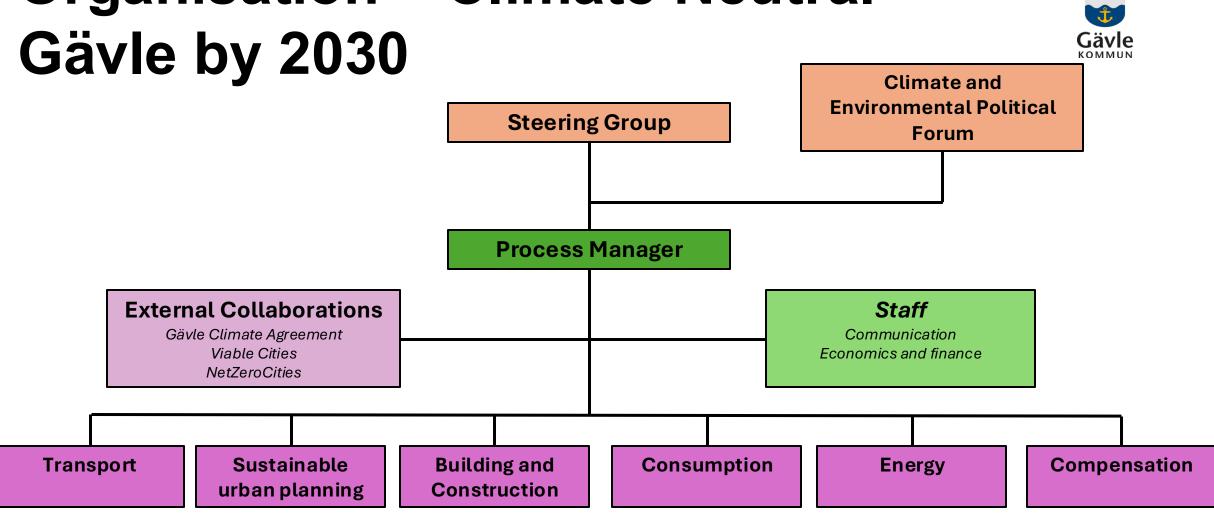
- Transport
- Business
- Construction and housing sector
- Sustainable spatial planning
- Energy
- Consumption
- Carbon capture and storage



Each area has its own transition map



Organisation – Climate Neutral











A collaborative arena for climate—driven business and operational development at local level







How we built the Arena

Create mandate

It is important to have politics with us at the very earliest

Anchor internally – coordinate/sync with the business office

stage. Get them

on board!

Involve the Communication department.

Learn from others

Take inspiration and engage with other initiatives.





Klimatarena Stockholm



Stakeholder Individual mapping

Who are the large emitters?

Who are the enablers?

Who has the knowledge?

contact

Personal engagement

What's in it for them?

Find forerunners to build upon.

Building the ecosystem

Everything does not have to be in place, there is great value in letting the actors be involved in shaping the initiative.

Spread the sense of ownership! It is not your platform/arena, but the participants' Platform.

Get some areas/activities up and running quickly and create early wins for the initiative – this creates a feeling that things are happening

Move forward together and individually

Members commit to:

- map, annually follow up and report our greenhouse gas emissions for operations within Gävle municipality.
- draw up an action plan to reduce our climate impact,
- speed up climate-driven business and operational development in Gävle.
- actively participate in the joint work of the climate agreement.
- if possible take leadership in areas where our organization has high competence



Gävle Climate Agreement working method



GCA Mission

Local Climate Agreement

Decision making level /CEO

Round table meetings/Member meetings

Strategic level

Board/Strategy group

Forum for sustainability/ environmental managers

Executive level

Climate Agreement Office/Process management

Operational level

Focus area: Construction Focus area: Transport & Mobility Focus area: Industry

Focus area: Citizens/CS

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Climate challenges



Gävle Climate Agreement 1st Signatory Ceremony

External funding





A total of 15 millon SEK of external funding received to develop Gävle Climate Agreement – so far...

- 6 million SEK from the EU to reduce emissions from heavy duty traffic. In the project we work together with the University of Lund to model the future need of effect for charging infrastructure.
- 9 million SEK from the Swedish Energy Agency to a project where we work together with the University of Gävle to implement a Citizens Council on Mobility (spring 2026).

Cooperation with University of Gävle





Partners in Gävle Climate Agreement.



Collaborating within the national innovation programme, Viable Cities, to develop the focus area Citizens/Civil Society (Gävle Climate Agreement) and implement a Citizens Council on Mobility (spring 2026).



Central Baltic Programme

Cycle4Climate



Cycle4Climate is testing and evaluating methods to increase cycling and will create a toolbox of effective and feasible measures for urban planners and policy makers.

Contributes to Gävle's participation in the EU Cities Mission on Climate Neutral and Smart Cities – Net Zero Cities.

Do you want to find out more, have questions or ideas of collaboration?



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