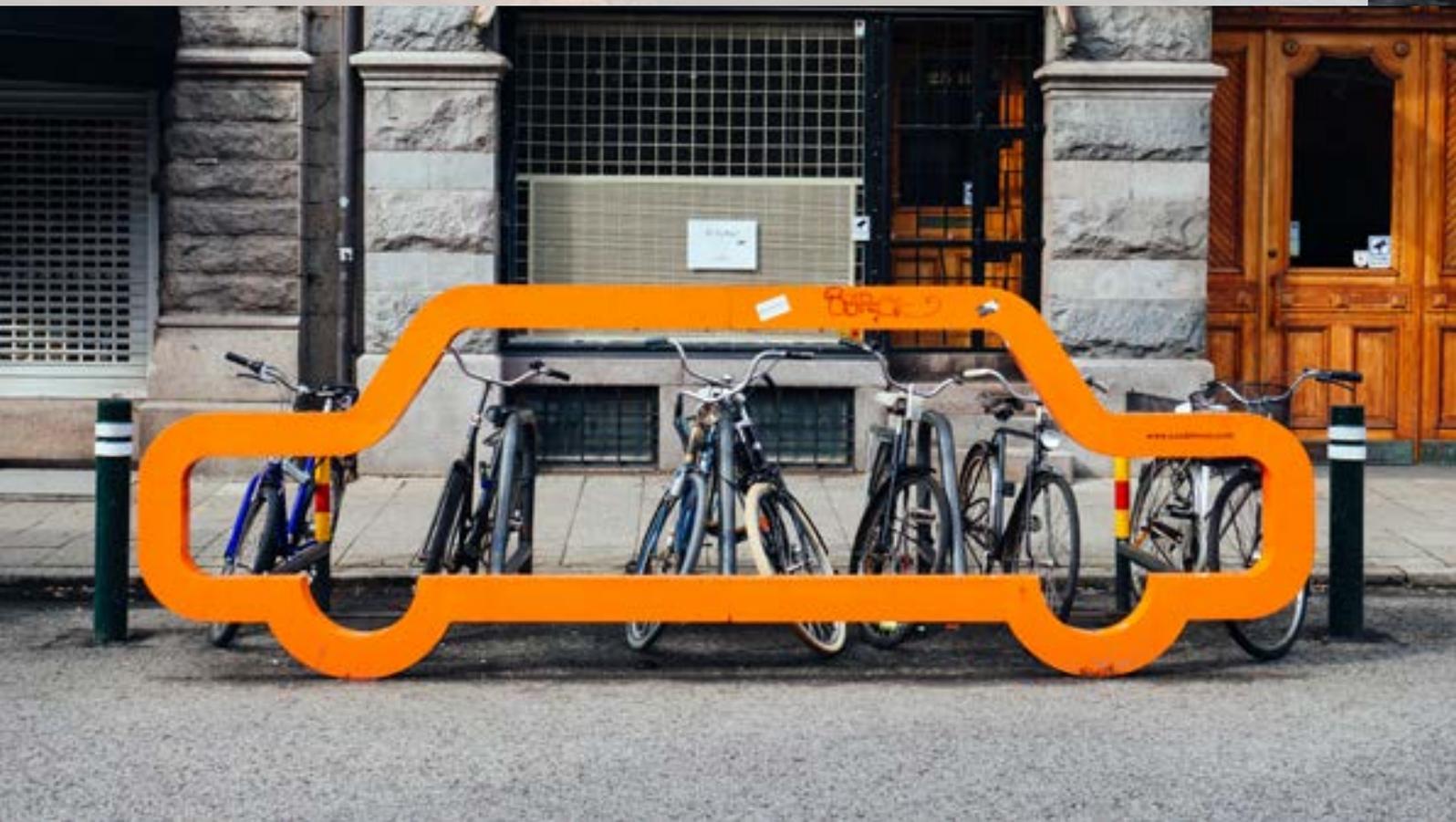
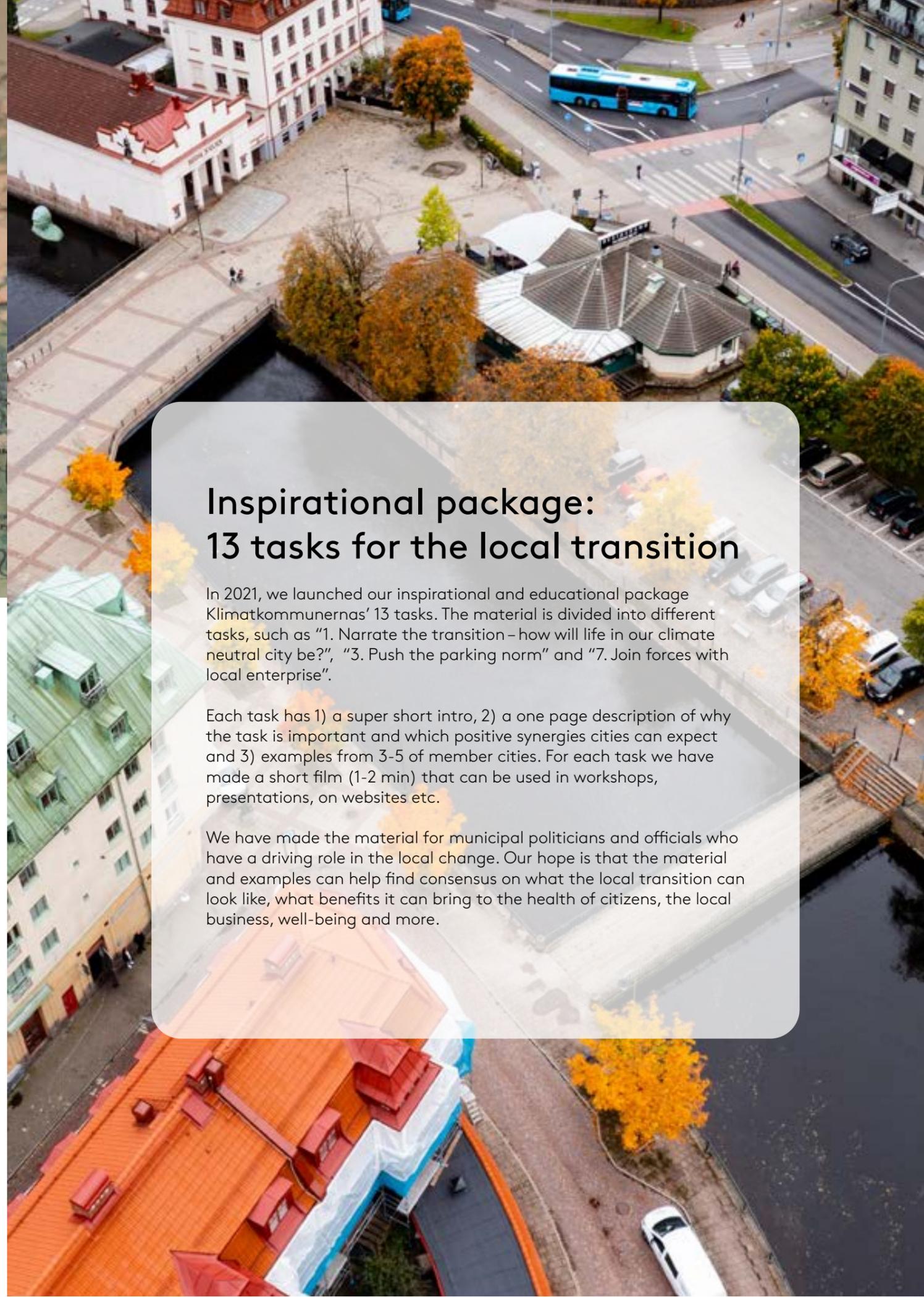




# Klimatkommunerna 2021

a selection of activities





## About us

Klimatkommunerna is a network of Swedish cities committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This is an English summary of our annual report 2021, describing our recent activities.

Some examples from our members can be found [on our website](#). Our monthly newsletter (in Swedish) gathers the latest news from our member cities, and current news concerning and affecting local climate transition.

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## Inspirational package: 13 tasks for the local transition

In 2021, we launched our inspirational and educational package Klimatkommunernas' 13 tasks. The material is divided into different tasks, such as "1. Narrate the transition – how will life in our climate neutral city be?", "3. Push the parking norm" and "7. Join forces with local enterprise".

Each task has 1) a super short intro, 2) a one page description of why the task is important and which positive synergies cities can expect and 3) examples from 3-5 of member cities. For each task we have made a short film (1-2 min) that can be used in workshops, presentations, on websites etc.

We have made the material for municipal politicians and officials who have a driving role in the local change. Our hope is that the material and examples can help find consensus on what the local transition can look like, what benefits it can bring to the health of citizens, the local business, well-being and more.

# Advocacy work in 2021 - three examples

## Proposal to the national level: Include all municipalities in Sweden's climate work through a climate agreement

The purpose of the climate municipalities is to strengthen local climate work. We collaborate with the national level and participate in inquiries and developmental work to present and strengthen proposals that make it easier for the municipalities in the transition.

Without serious, persistent and committed climate work in Sweden's municipalities, we will not achieve our national climate goals. In 2021, Klimatkommunerna submitted a proposal to the national level to emphasize the importance of the municipalities' involvement in climate change and how this can be strengthened.

The proposal, which we have chosen to call Include all municipalities in Sweden's climate work through a climate agreement, is a basis for further investigation. It highlights the need to create a common thread in climate work between local, regional and national level. We look forward to a good dialogue about the proposal and about other opportunities that can strengthen municipalities 'and regions' climate work!

## Climate impact from consumption - contribution to a national target

During 2021, we had an expert assignment for the Environmental Objectives Committee, which has (April 7th 2022) proposed an overall strategy for reducing the climate impact from consumption.

The climate municipalities have long emphasized the importance of a national consumption goal and a strategy for reducing the climate impact from consumption, through the assignment we have contributed to raising the municipalities' perspectives in the work.



## Biogas - a crash course and a letter from politicians

The EU's taxonomy and legislation on vehicles are under development, and which path the EU chooses will determine the future for biogas. Biogas is for many Swedish municipalities a valuable piece of the puzzle of climate neutrality and a sustainable society. Klimatkommunerna and Energigas Sverige invited to a meeting on biogas, for politicians in Sweden's municipalities. We gave a quick course on what is going on, and presented an opportunity to be involved and influence. After the meeting, we coordinated the work with an open letter from 33 municipal politicians to the Government Offices, selected members of parliament and EU parliamentarians about EU rules for biogas.

## Thematic projects

Together with researchers we are developing a guide describing how municipalities can manage **parking** at the same time as we highlight the obstacles that exist in national legislation.

We have also worked closely with other scientists to develop a web-based guide for municipalities wishing to maximize their **carbon sinks**.

In another project we have put the spotlight on how municipalities can work strategically and practically to switch to a **fossil fuel-free vehicle fleet**.

Currently, we are working with one projects concerning **local carbon budgets, climate neutral cities** and **food**.



# Webinars - some examples

**March 24:** Contact persons in the member municipalities gathered and updated each other on their situation and challenges. Discussion and tips.

**May 6:** Member meeting on fair transition, with expert guests and group discussions.

**May 12:** Member meeting for smaller municipalities. Issues that were discussed included What internal networks for environmental work do you have in your municipality? How do you turn the strategies into action? How do you find a balance between strategic and operational work? What external climate/environmental data do you use? Is the regular operating system (type Stratsys) used or has another specific system been purchased? In what way is the environmental and climate work followed up? As a small municipality, how do you work towards your citizens? How do you interact internally and externally in the environmental and climate issue?

**June 16:** Digital meeting for members with Stockholm Environment Institute, who presented the tool they have developed to obtain local climate statistics from consumption.

**September 1:** Digital meeting on visualization of climate change. ClimateView, Futureproofed Cities and Svalna briefly presented the tools and municipalities that use them told how they experience it.

**November 16-17:** Digital network meeting with Borås city. Our contact persons in Borås told us about how they organize their climate work, how they set climate requirements for construction and offered a cavalcade of climate measures. We also had a digital workshop and a round to hear what is going on in the member municipalities. Two invited guests offered future explorations - Cecilia Tall, Secretary General of Sweden's Textiles and Fashion Companies and Peter Serrander at the University of Borås.

**November 30:** Pensions and the climate - what can municipalities do? Web meeting with conversations between municipalities, KPA and Adda and others to explore this "new" area.

