World Energy Cities Partnership

Membership Criteria

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A. Member Cities

a. City membership criteria apply to all cities currently members of the World Energy Cities Partnership and any city that is proposed or considered for membership.

b. The WECP joins cities seeking to be at the forefront of the energy transition. Cities that are WECP members and those that will be considered for membership must possess a minimum of 4 out of 6 of the following criteria relevant to their energy sector. For all the following criteria, "substantial" shall be construed to mean recognized in contemporary media or testament by credible and international peer organizations:

   i. Site of substantial energy sector operations, generally referred to upstream or energy production capabilities.
   ii. Site of substantial corporate executive functions connected to energy sector.
   iii. Site of substantial research and development activities and facilities which are specifically connected to energy sector.
   iv. Site of substantial university or post-secondary education activities connected with energy sector
   v. Site of substantial workforce development activities connected with the energy sector.
   vi. Site of substantial trading of energy products, resources, credits, or derivatives.

c. For the purposes of these criteria, energy is construed to mean all current and future sources, including both fossil and fossil-free sources. As all cities are large consumers of energy, cities with energy transition plans and other initiatives primarily related to consumption or energy efficiency will **not** be considered as potential WECP members.

d. Cities must have demonstrated engagement and support from the political executive of their municipal or regional government, with the energy sector, and on energy transition initiatives.

e. Cities must demonstrate municipal energy transition plans are either adopted, in progress, or in development, or that the political executive of their municipal or regional government intends to lead efforts to develop such plans.