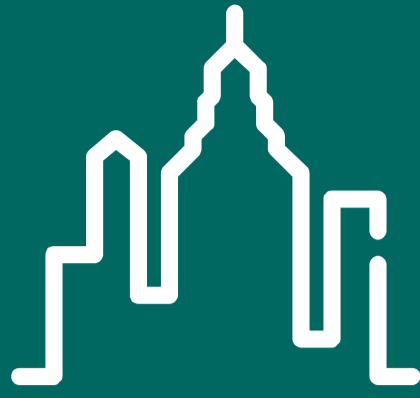


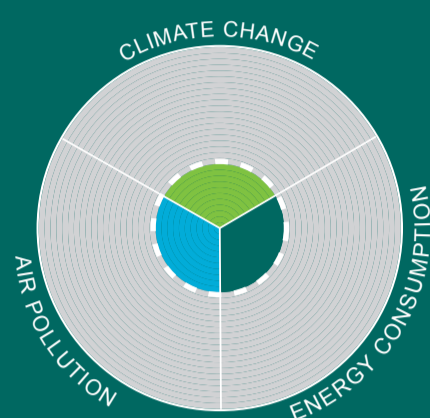
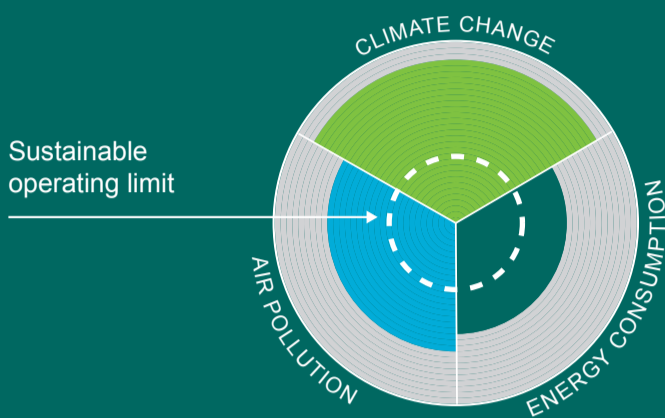
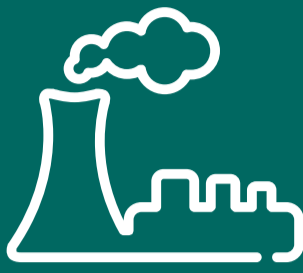
CITIES PLAY KEY ROLE IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The world is entering a new era where the economic and political importance of cities is growing rapidly. Today, the majority of the world's population lives in cities and urban concentration is accelerating. Therefore, cities are vital for solving major social, environmental and economic challenges.



Today's challenges for cities

Most cities fail to meet globally recognized limits for climate change, air pollution and energy consumption.



Performance of a sustainable city



From insight to action

Cities need to rethink how to change existing structures in order to fully grasp the potential of ICT. This involves new urban planning and design together with groundbreaking policy development and strategies. This development is of the utmost importance for cities to become attractive, sustainable and vibrant.

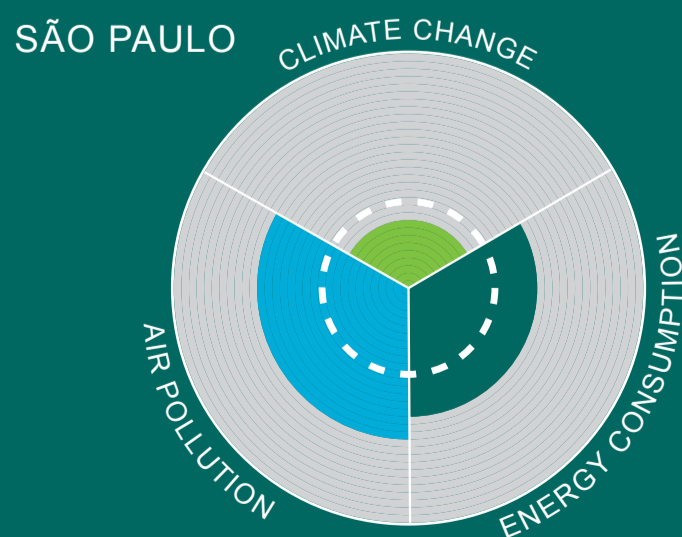
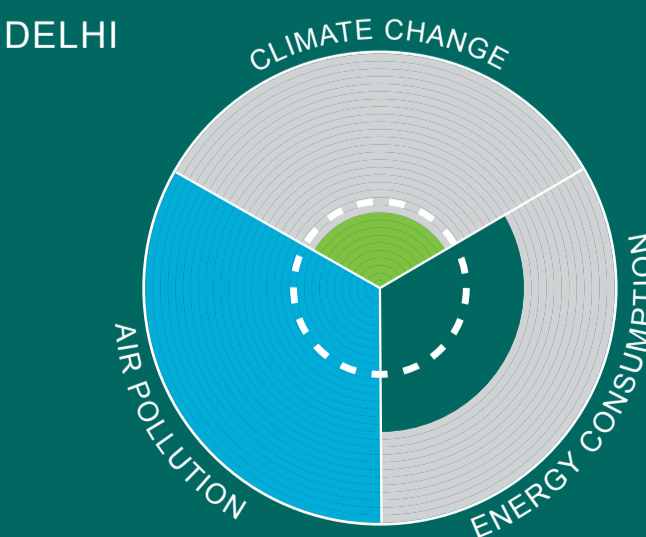
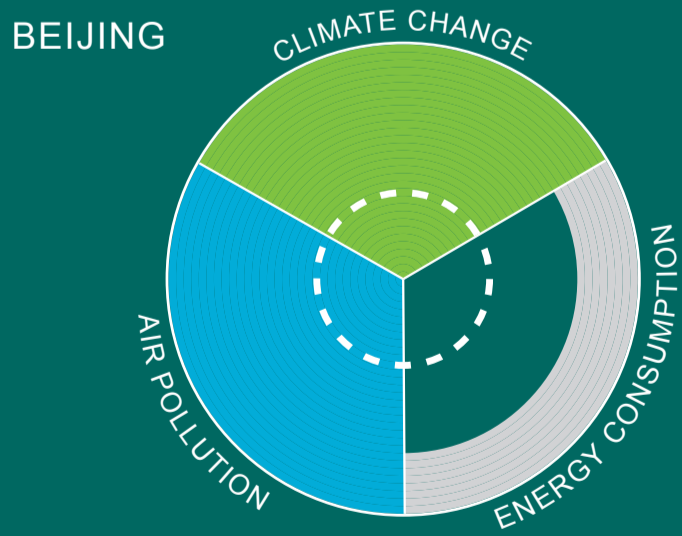
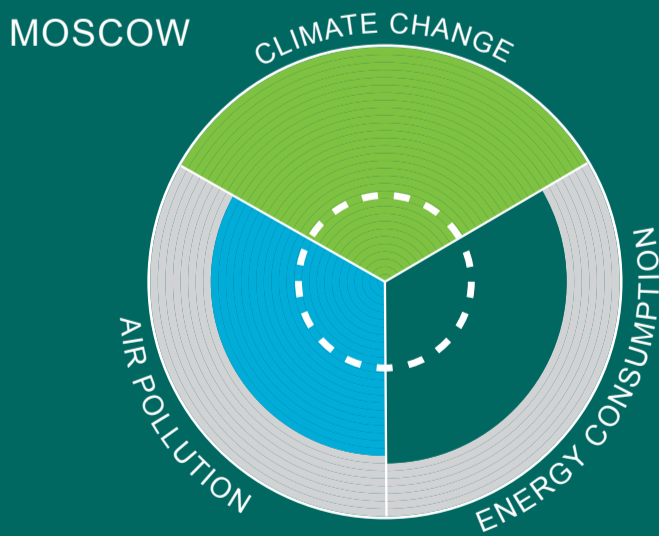
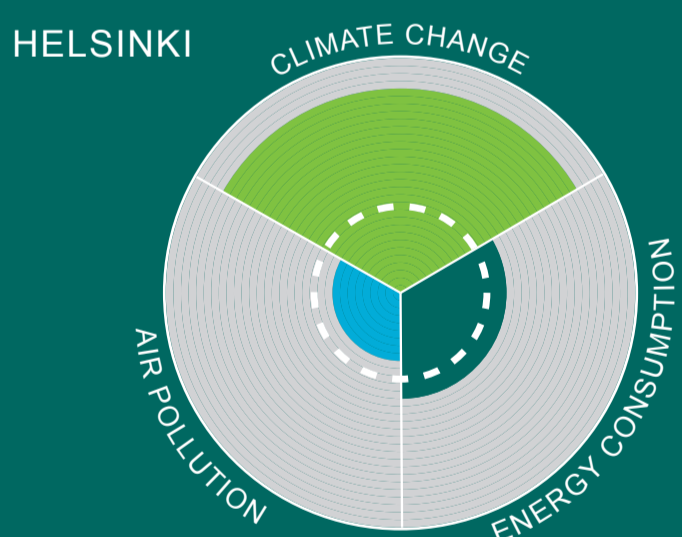
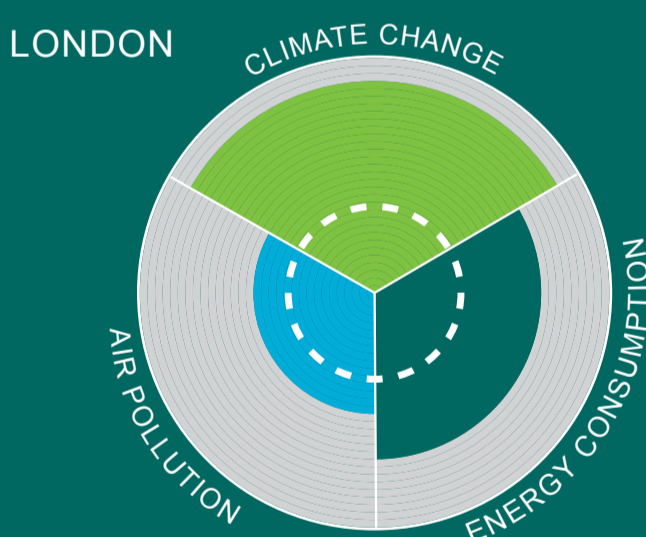


Characteristics of smart sustainable cities in the Networked Society



HOW ARE CITIES PERFORMING TODAY?

The city boundaries framework aims to illustrate if a city is environmentally sustainable. It shows how the city relates to globally recognized limits for climate change, air pollution and fossil-free energy consumption.



Cities will be critical for the advancement of social conditions, poverty reduction, better health and education and improved inclusion. Equally, cities will heavily impact the progress in encouraging economic inclusion and climate change towards more sustainable consumption as well as to combat climate change. Read more at www.ericsson.com/networked-society/trends-and-insights/city-index