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The Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy

■ A unique bottom-up movement

The Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy brings together local and regional authorities voluntarily committing to implementing the EU's climate and energy objectives on their territory.

This **unique bottom-up movement**, which started in 2008 with the support of the European Commission, now counts over 6,500 signatories*.

In 2015, the initiative took on new objectives: the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy steps up the initial CO₂-reduction commitment and includes adaptation to climate change. Signatory local authorities share a vision for making cities **decarbonised and resilient**, where citizens have access to secure, sustainable and affordable energy.

They commit to developing Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans for 2030 and to implementing **local climate change mitigation and adaptation activities**.



Miguel Arias Cañete

The Covenant of Mayors is the "world's biggest urban climate and energy initiative".

European Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy



EU leaders and mayors symbolically endorse the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy at the European Parliament in 2015

■ Join the Covenant!

The Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy is open to all local authorities democratically constituted with elected representatives, whatever their size and whatever the stage of implementation of their energy and climate policies. **Signatories that had previously committed to the 2020 targets and/or to Mayors Adapt are invited to sign up again to the 2030 targets.**

Neighbouring small and medium-sized local authorities can also, under certain conditions, join as a group of signatories.

Subnational and national authorities as well as other non-profit organisations can support signatories by providing them with resources and know-how and be recognised as Covenant of Mayors **Coordinators** or **Supporters**.

* As of March 2016

Signatories' vision and commitments

MITIGATION

Accelerating the decarbonisation of our territories

ADAPTATION

Strengthening our capacity to adapt to unavoidable climate change impacts

SECURE, SUSTAINABLE & AFFORDABLE ENERGY

Increasing energy efficiency and the use of renewables

Working towards a shared vision for 2050

Implementing or even going beyond the EU 2030 climate and energy targets

- At least **40%** lower CO₂ (and possibly other greenhouse gas) emissions by 2030 through improved energy efficiency measures and greater use of renewable energy sources
- Enhanced **resilience** to the impacts of climate change
- Increased cooperation with fellow local and regional authorities within the EU and beyond to improve **access to secure, sustainable and affordable energy**

Offering citizens high quality of life in sustainable, climate-resilient and vibrant cities



Why join?

- High international recognition and visibility for your local authority's climate and energy action
- Opportunity to contribute to shaping the EU's climate and energy policy
- Credible commitments through progress review and monitoring
- Better financial opportunities for your local climate and energy projects
- Innovative ways to network, exchange experiences and build capacity through regular events, twinnings, webinars or online discussions
- Practical support (helpdesk), guidance material and tools
- Quick access to "excellence know-how" and inspiring case studies
- Facilitated self-assessment and peer-to-peer exchange through common monitoring and reporting template
- Flexible reference framework for action, adaptable to local needs
- Enhanced cooperation and support from national and subnational authorities



"For Fonte Nuova, being involved in the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy is an opportunity to develop climate change adaptation action plans for the sustainable management and future security of our territory."

Donatella Ibba, Deputy Mayor for Environment of Fonte Nuova, Italy



"The Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy helps Ghent become a smart and sustainable city. It offers levers for a cross-sectoral approach towards a climate-neutral city, with responsible citizens and an eco-friendly economy."

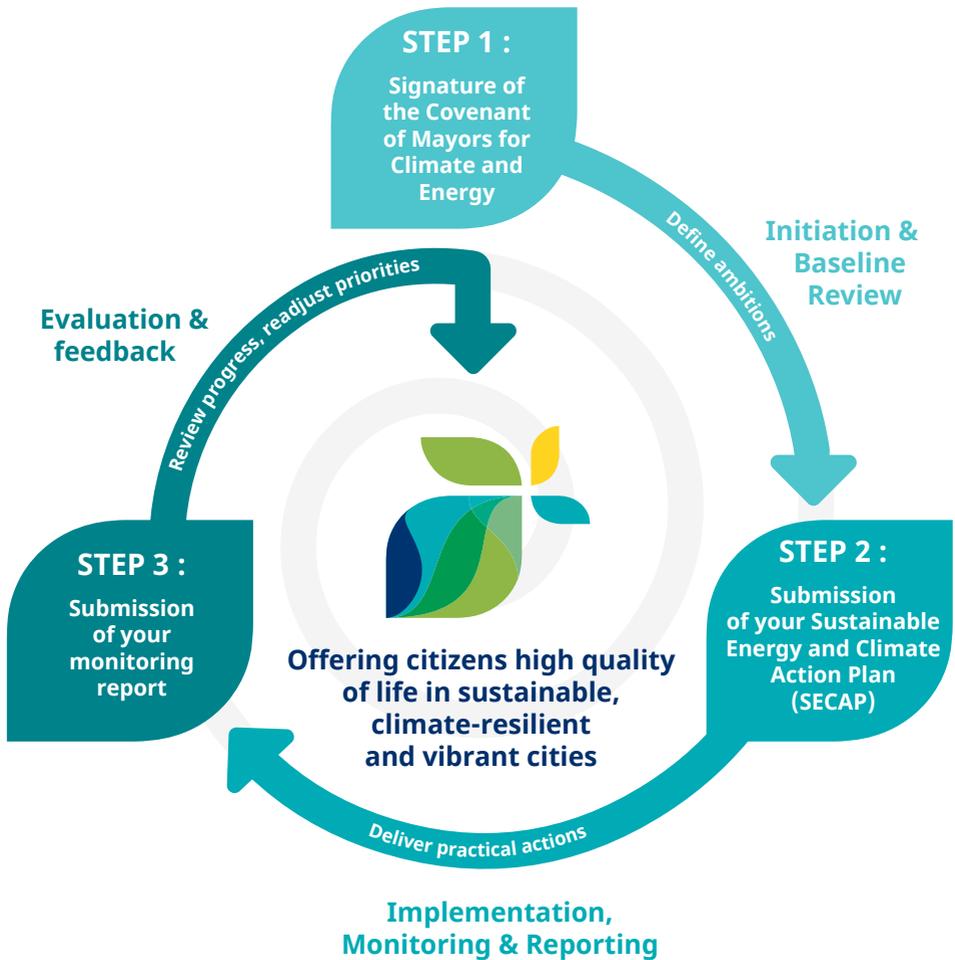
Daniël Termont, Mayor of Ghent, Belgium



"The Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy is an opportunity to take our smart grids projects forward, which will enable savings in power consumption and help involve local communities".

Bojan Sever, Mayor of Idrija, Slovenia

The Covenant of Mayors step by step



Signatories submit a Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP) - covering both mitigation and adaptation - within two years following the formal signing. The SECAP is based on a Baseline Emission Inventory and a Climate Risk & Vulnerability Assessment. Signatories report progress every two years.

■ How to sign up?

Joining the Covenant of Mayors requires a formal political commitment.

The adhesion form needs to be signed by the Mayor or an equivalent representative of the municipal council.

Further information:
www.eumayors.eu > Participation



■ The Covenant of Mayors Office

The Covenant of Mayors Office is responsible for the overall coordination of the initiative. It is composed of networks of local and regional authorities - Energy Cities, Climate Alliance, CEMR, EUROCITIES and FEDARENE, working in close cooperation with ECOFYS, Fresh Thoughts and IFOK.

■ More information

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