

Energy Cities
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The network

- ◊ Is the leader of the consortium co-ordinating the Covenant of Mayors' Office.
- ◊ Is one of the official Supporting Structures committed to promoting the Covenant of Mayors and providing advice to its members.
- ◊ Shares its experience through "benchmarks of excellence", a source of inspiration for city actions.
- ◊ Has actively contributed to making this initiative happen, is fully involved in making it a success and makes proposals for its future.

Energy Cities believes that the Covenant of Mayors is a good example of multilayer governance involving citizens, cities, regions and Member States, through to the European Union.



The European Association of local authorities inventing their energy future. The network has 1,000 members in around 30 countries.

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Energy Cities
supports the
Covenant of Mayors

**Sign the
Covenant of Mayors**
The European "touch" to your
local Energy & Climate strategy!

An initiative without precedent in Europe!

- ◊ **December 2008:** the European Union adopted its Energy & Climate Package, the "3x20".
- ◊ **February 2009:** 350 mayors of European cities signed the Covenant of Mayors at the European Parliament.
- ◊ **Autumn 2010:** nearly 2,000 Mayors are involved in this initiative.

In addition to contributing to your local Climate & Energy strategy, the Covenant of Mayors provides you with an opportunity to:

- ◊ Commit to figure-based targets in your territory,
- ◊ Give a European dimension to your local strategy,
- ◊ Join forces with European counterparts, for example, to obtain an international Climate agreement.

What is it all about?

- Mayors are committing themselves, on a unilateral basis, to exceeding the EU objectives set for 2020, by reducing CO₂ emissions in their territories by 20%.

The Covenant of Mayors, a city initiative encouraged by the European Commission, the European Parliament, and the Committee of the Regions

What are mayors committing themselves to?

- Establishing a baseline** of energy use and generation with corresponding CO₂ emissions in their territories.
- Defining** overall and sector figure-based CO₂ emission reduction targets.
- Preparing a Sustainable Energy Action Plan** for the medium-term, in liaison with the citizens and local players within one year of signing the Covenant
- Presenting a first progress report** within the first three years.



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The European Commission provides signatory cities with:

- An Office** responsible for promoting, co-ordinating and supporting the initiative.
- A Website** for promoting and sharing successes.
- Tools and methods** (guidelines, templates, etc.) for helping prepare standardised emission inventories and Action Plans in compliance with those in existence.
- Financial facilities**, notably from the European Investment Bank, the Structural Funds, etc.
- Events** for giving committed cities high political visibility at European level.
- A network of Supporting Structures** for helping the smallest cities.



Copenhagen failed to produce the expected agreement that would have shown political decision-makers the way forward. We should not, however, expect too much from an inter-State agreement.

Energy Cities has witnessed and actively fosters the transition towards low energy cities with high quality of life for all in the past and will continue to do so in the future.