

The Covenant of Mayors as a New Mode of Governance in the EU Multi-level system

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Introduction: cities and climate change

- **Cities** as important actors within *EU multi-level climate governance*
- Global climate change affects cities in *three different ways*
 - Cities generate GHG emissions (mitigation)
 - Cities are affected by climate change (adaptation)
 - Social and technological innovations that combat climate change are generated in cities

Changing role of cities in the EU multi-level system

Council of Europe

- Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and European
- Charter of Local Self-government (1985)

European Union

- Committee of the Regions (1994)
- Constitutional Treaty and Lisbon Treaty

Dimensions of the Europeanization of cities

■ *Hierarchical Europeanization*

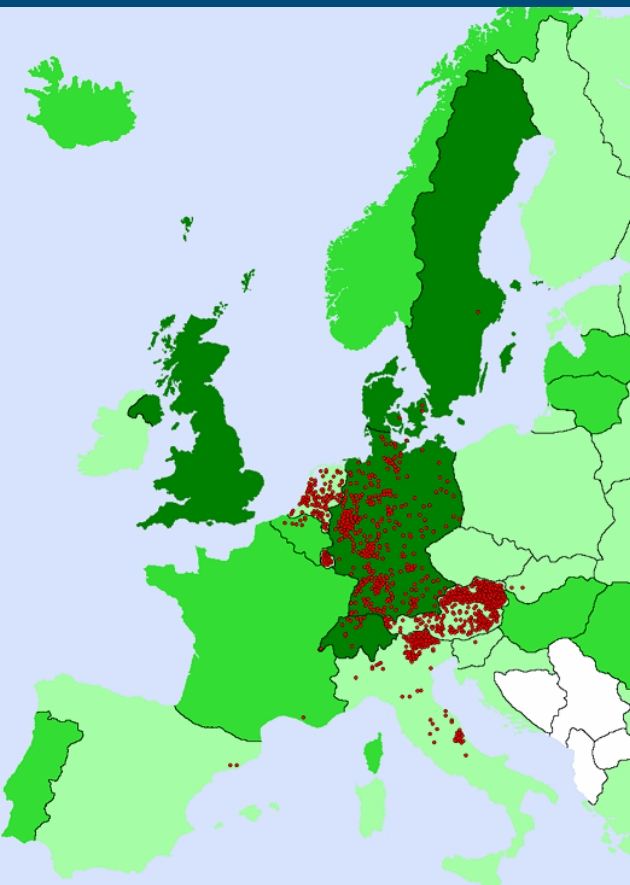
- top-down implementation
- local authorities as part of hierarchically structured nation-states
- cities as affected objects

■ *Horizontal Europeanization*

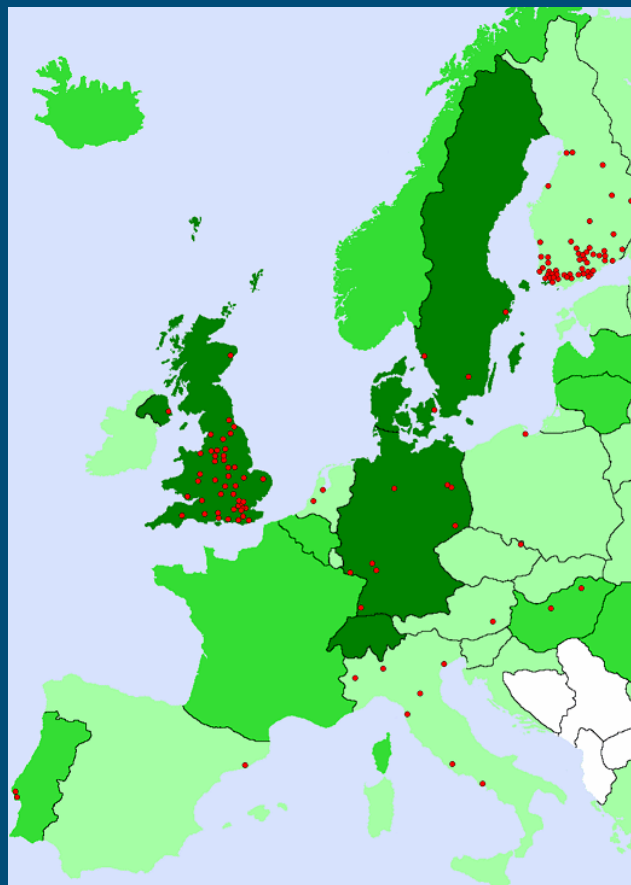
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- Transnational exchange of experiences and development of new solutions
- Networks of pioneers for pioneers; development of a cluster of Europeanized cities

■ *Cooperative Europeanization*

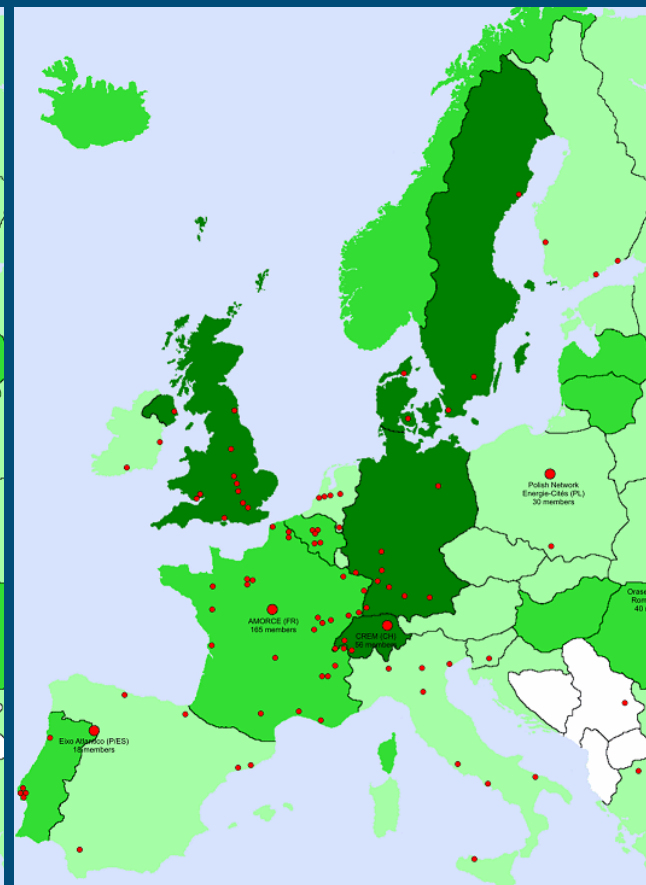
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- Europeanization provides cities with new opportunities



Climate Alliance

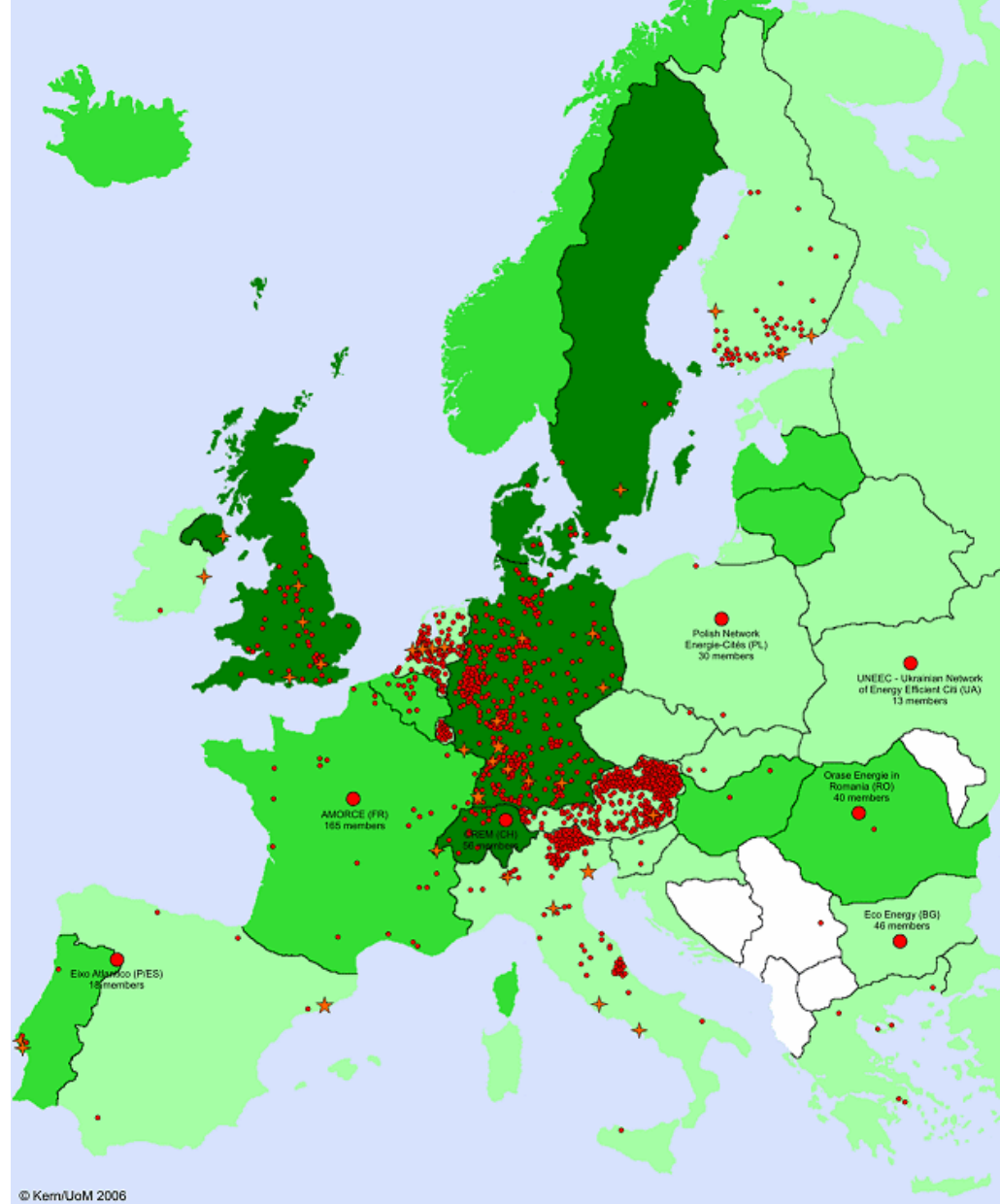


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Energie-Cités

Membership in transnational city networks in the area of climate change policy



Members of transnational municipal networks:

- ★ In 3 networks
- ★ in 2 networks
- in 1 network
- Collective members of Energie Cités

Climate Change Performance Index:

- high
- medium
- Low

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Covenant of Mayors: Chances and Challenges

Chances:

- Covenant of Mayors as trend towards cooperative Europeanization
- Improved access to decision-making in Brussels
- Not limited to pioneers

Challenges:

- Geographical patterns ('Southern Phenomenon')
 - Benchmarks
 - Harmonization of standards/methodologies
 - Role of 'Supporting Structures'
- ***New forms of cooperation among cities, regions (trans)national associations/networks of cities***



Covenant of Mayors



Countries	Cities	Countries	Cities
Spain	589	Romania	16
Italy	477	Denmark	16
France	104	Netherlands	16
Greece	49	Ukraine	12
Sweden	45	Croatia	12
Germany	36	Switzerland	11
Malta	29	Poland	10
UK	28	less than 10	...
Portugal	24	TOTAL (4/2010)	1,652