



What is the Covenant of Mayors?

The Covenant of Mayors is an initiative to bring together the mayors of Europe's most pioneering cities to exchange and apply good practice to improve their energy efficiency and promote low carbon business and economic development.



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What is the Covenant of Mayors?

- ▶ The Covenant of Mayors is a **formal commitment to go beyond the EU objectives** in terms of reducing CO₂ emissions.
- ▶ The EU Energy for a Changing World package, adopted in 2007, commits the EU to reduce CO₂ emissions by 20% by 2020, as a result of:
 - ▶ a 20% increase in energy efficiency, and
 - ▶ a 20% share of renewable energy in the supply mix .
- ▶ Signing the Covenant commits the signatory to :
 - ▶ Prepare a baseline emissions inventory
 - ▶ Submit a Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP), 1st anniversary of the CoM signature
 - ▶ Submit an implementation report every 2 years after that
 - ▶ Attend the annual Covenant of Mayors conference
 - ▶ Share experience with other areas, and promote the Covenant
 - ▶ Organise energy Days



Who can join the Covenant of Mayors?

The covenant is aimed primarily at Cities, because:

- ▶ Over half of greenhouse gases are created in and by urban areas
- ▶ 80% of the population lives and works in urban areas
- ▶ Up to 80% of energy is consumed in urban areas

In practice, to sign the Covenant you need to be the leader of a local authority: this may be an urban or rural authority, and of any size.



Why join the Covenant of Mayors?

- ▶ Make a public statement of extra commitment to carbon reduction
- ▶ Create or reinforce the dynamic on carbon reduction in your territory
- ▶ Benefit from encouragement and example of other pioneers
- ▶ Share the expertise developed in your own territory with others
- ▶ Make your territory known as a pioneer
- ▶ Publicise your achievements

Today 1226 signatories

Which sectors are involved ?

- ▶ **Buildings, Equipment/Facilities & Industries** (municipal, tertiary, residential, public lighting, industries & SMEs...)
- ▶ **Transport** (municipal fleet, public, private and commercial transport...)
- ▶ **Local electricity production** (hydroelectric power, PVs, wind farms, CHPs...)
- ▶ **Local district heating / cooling, CHPs** (District heating plant...)
- ▶ **Land use planning** (strategic land use planning, transport/mobility planning, standards for refurbishment & new development...)
- ▶ **Public procurement of products & services** (energy efficiency/renewable energy requirements or standards...)
- ▶ **Working with the citizens & stakeholders** (advisory services, financial support & grants, awareness raising & local networking, training & education...)
- ▶ **Other sectors** (waste and water management)



Task of the signatories of the Covenant

STEP 1: Signature of the Covenant of Mayors

Creation of adequate
administrative structures

Baseline Emission Inventory
& SEAP development
with stakeholders and citizens

1st year

STEP 2: Submission of your SEAP

Implementation of the SEAP

Monitoring and reporting

3rd year & beyond

STEP 3: Regular submission of implementation
reports (every 2 years)

- 20% CO₂ by 2020



What is a Supporting Structure

Supporting Structures are defined as those entities that are in a position to provide strategic guidance, technical and/or financial support to municipalities with the political will to sign up to the Covenant of Mayors, but lacking the skills and /or resources to fulfil its requirements, namely the preparation and implementation of Sustainable Energy Action Plan.

- ▶ Organisations who are willing to support the Covenant by promoting it and helping signatories with less resources, for example:
 - ▶ Providing technical support for developing the SEAP
 - ▶ Providing communications expertise
 - ▶ Providing funds



Who can join as Supporting structures?

The European Commission recognises 2 types of Supporting Structures in the framework of the Covenant of Mayors: the public administrations (national and regional public bodies, counties, provinces, agglomerations, etc.) and the networks of local and regional authorities.

► Examples of possible supporting structures:

As supporting Structure – Type 1

- Regional authorities, provinces, counties
- National authorities
- National energy agencies (or National Authorities)

As supporting Structure – Type 2

- Associations of local or regional authorities

► Supporting Structure Type 1

- Promoting accession to the Covenant of Mayors among municipalities in their area and providing support and coordination to those municipalities signing up;
- Providing technical and strategic assistance to those municipalities willing to join the Covenant but lacking the necessary resources to prepare a sustainable energy action plan;
- Providing financial support or opportunities to the municipalities for expenditure related to SEAP preparation;
- Supporting implementation of SEAPs and organisation of local energy days to raise awareness; and
- Reporting regularly to the Commission on the results obtained and participating in the strategic implementation of the Covenant.

► Supporting Structure Type 2

- Promoting accession to the Covenant of Mayors among their members,
- Liaising with their members and facilitating exchange of experience,
- Defending common interest in the adequate fora,
- Follow-up the implementation of the Covenant of Mayors by its members,
- Reporting regularly to the Commission on the results obtained and participating in the strategic implementation of the Covenant.

Your benefits as Supporting Structure?

- ▶ Anticipate the cities' signing up and answer their requests
- ▶ Contribute to better institutional cooperation and governance
- ▶ Reinforce your role as coordinator and supporter, mutualise projects
- ▶ Gain visibility at European, national and local level
- ▶ Share experience and best practices with others
- ▶ Strengthen your links with European Institutions



Get on board the
Covenant and fight
climate change !





Potential additional resources



The European Commission mobilises finance to support the Covenant of Mayors:



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