

10 REASONS TO JOIN THE COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR CLIMATE AND ENERGY



Towards sustainable,
climate-resilient
and vibrant cities

- **Mitigating** climate change
- **Adapting** to its unavoidable effects
- Providing access to **secure, sustainable and affordable energy**

A common
vision
for 2050

Ambitious
commitments
for 2030

As a signatory, you commit to developing a local action plan and reporting on your progress to meet two main objectives:

- Reduce CO₂ emissions by at least **40%** by 2030
- Increase **resilience** to climate change

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Gain high international recognition and visibility

for your local authority's climate and energy action

- > *Enjoy worldwide visibility through the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy*
- > *Showcase your Covenant commitments on the United Nations' Non-State Actor Zone for Climate Action (NAZCA) data platform*

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Contribute to shaping the EU's climate and energy policy

Be part of a key initiative relevant to the EU's climate and energy policy (Energy Union, Urban Agenda for the EU)

- > *Seize the opportunity to inform the EU's decision makers*
- > *Showcase your good practices*
- > *Receive feedback on your experiences*

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Strengthen the credibility of your commitments

through progress review and monitoring

- > *Ensure that your action plan is coherent by submitting it to third-party evaluation (European Commission's Joint Research Centre)*

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Secure long-term support for your climate and energy actions

through your municipality's voluntary commitment to the Covenant of Mayors initiative and its mandatory approval by your city council

- > *Gather political support in your city council*
- > *Set-up a stable framework for implementation*

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Boost access to financing

for your local climate and energy projects

- > Gain access to financial facilities specifically targeting - or even reserved for - Covenant of Mayors signatories, such as the European Local ENERGY Assistance (ELENA) or the European Energy Efficiency Fund (EEEF)
- > Stay informed on EU funding opportunities online and by attending dedicated events

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Receive tailored guidance

Expert helpdesk, methodologies and tools guide you through effective energy and climate action

- > Benefit from step-by-step support in assessment, planning, implementation, and monitoring
- > Explore new ways of involving citizens and local stakeholders

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Benefit from facilitated self-assessment and benchmarking

through a common monitoring and reporting template

- > Evaluate your progress using the adaptation scoreboard
- > Compare your projects against the signatories' Benchmarks of Excellence

Discover good practices from Covenant signatories



<https://goo.gl/HBWP66>

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Participate in networking events, capacity building sessions and discussions

within a dynamic community of over 7,000 signatories

- > Attend regular events
- > Join the Covenant of Mayors webinars and discussion forums
- > Participate in city twinning programmes

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Enjoy easy access to 'excellence know-how'

and find ways to successfully implement your projects

- > Get inspired by good practices and case studies
- > Use the Covenant Capacity-Sharing Corner

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Get connected to national and subnational authorities

Cooperate with and receive tailored assistance from Covenant of Mayors Coordinators and Supporters

- > Enjoy ongoing support from regions, provinces, national ministries, and energy agencies

How to join?

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 is available at www.eumayors.eu



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