



# COVENANT OF MAYORS

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## Covenant of Mayors - context



- First and most ambitious EC initiative targeting **directly** the **European cities** and their citizens to take the lead in fight against the global warming
- Consists of formal **justified commitment** by city councils, politically **endorsed** and **supported** by the EU institutions
- Should result in an effective **actions** built with a **bottom-up** approach
- Fight against climate change is a **top priority** for the EU = “20 by 2020”
- Climate change = global problem, but **solutions are** predominantly **LOCAL**
- Approach to mitigate climate change must be **holistic, integrated, long-term** and based on stakeholders and citizens **participation** – best managed at local level . Without actions and investments in cities, targets will be hardly met.
- Therefore, **cities** are becoming **leading actors** and should be supported by the EC in their effort.
- Covenant of Mayors was born with this context in mind



## Covenant of Mayors - evolution



- Covenant of Mayors was first mentioned in **EU EE AP**, approved in **2006**
- Initially focused on **pilot large cities** and **exchange of experience**
- **New approach**, open to **any committed European City** – consequence of successful strategy by the EU at global level, when negotiating the world emission reductions (EU as world example and leader).
- Covenant of Mayors was proposed on the same principles: unilateral commitment to achieve **quantitative objectives** through implementation of **clear measures**
- If positive reply by cities – the Covenant would be endorsed by the EU, considered as mainstream policy issue and **led by local governments** themselves
- Prior to formal launch – intensive **dialogue** with local actors
- Covenant launched only if min. **25 cities** would express interest to join
- By December 2007 – **96 cities** expressed interest to join
- Covenant **launched in January 2008**, at EUSEW by Com. Piebalgs
- Since mid-July 2008, Covenant is available in all EU languages
- Cities willing to join – **agreement in city councils** and inform Commission.



## Covenant of Mayors – 6 key elements



There are many similar important statements, declarations and agreements, but no one covers the **6 key elements together** – systematic approach

- Unilateralism (independence from other parties)
- Specificity (quantitative objectives and measures)
- Acceptance of scrutiny (public reports and termination)
- Involvement of other levels of government
- Contribution of variety of autonomous stakeholders (open process) based on market principles
- Systematic approach (covers political, technical, financial, promotional, networking and practical issues)



## Cities take the lead in the fight against climate change



The Covenant Cities and Regions commit to:

- Go beyond EU policy objectives: reduce emissions by more than 20% by 2020
- Justify their commitment with a Sustainable Energy Action Plan
- Publicize periodic reports to show progress and results
- Encourage other cities to join
- Involve the citizens and other stakeholders

Alliance for cooperation: European Cities – European Commission



## Cities take the lead in the fight against climate change



### The Commission commits to:

- Provide technical assistance and networking support
- Monitor implementation and results
- Provide political recognition and visibility directly to cities
- Negotiate the contribution of third parties
- Negotiate with territorial authorities their support for smaller cities
- Mobilize finance

## Alliance for cooperation: European Cities – European Commission





## Covenant of Mayors – as of 22/9

- **126** cities expressed interest to join
- **20** city councils signed the adhesion
  
- No. of Supporting structures under negotiation:
  - Union of the Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities
  - Ministry of Environment – Italy
  - ...
- Secretariat: Tender under evaluation
- Technical backup: JRC
- Benchmarks of Excellence: i.e. Cisco + Amsterdam
- Financial Facility: EIB



## Covenant of Mayors – next steps

- Secretariat operational – January 09
- Technical backup – November 08
- Financial facility – December 08/January 09
- Supporting structures – ready to go
- Benchmarks of excellence – ready to go
- Official ceremony with first covenant cities – during EUSEW 09, 9/2 – 13/2, a dedicated conference
- Signatories – 1 year to submit a SEAP  
2 years after SEAP – monitoring report
- Synergies with Sustainable Energy Europe Campaign, Managenergy and IEE II Programme
- Long-term policy initiative – no end date



## Covenant of Mayors

(to be sent to : TREN-COVENANT@ec.europa.eu)

I, Alexander Uhlig, Mayor and Head of the Department II of the city of Pforzheim, Baden-Württemberg inform you that the City Council of Pforzheim decided at the meeting on 22.7.2008 to mandate me to sign up to the Covenant of Mayors, in full knowledge of all commitments, in particular:

- to go beyond the objectives set by the EU for 2020, reducing the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in our respective territories by at least 20%;
- to submit a Sustainable Energy Action Plan including a baseline emission inventory which outlines how the objectives will be reached, within one year of the abovementioned date
- to submit an implementation report at least every second year following the submission of the Action Plan for evaluation, monitoring and verification purposes
- to organise Energy Days or City Covenant Days, in co-operation with the European Commission and with other stakeholders, allowing citizens to benefit directly from the opportunities and advantages offered by a more intelligent use of energy, and to regularly inform the local media on developments concerning the action plan;
- to attend and contribute to the annual EU Conference of Mayors for a Sustainable Energy Europe

Pforzheim, 9.8.2008

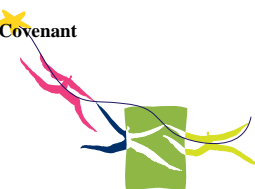
Alexander Uhlig  
Mayor and Head of the Department II of the City of Pforzheim

### List of Cities whose City Councils have formally sign up to the Covenant

1. Cerisano (IT) - 23 April
2. Vila Nova de Gaia (PO) - 30 April
3. Torino (IT) - 23 May
4. Andora (IT) - 29 May
5. Puerto Lumbreras (ES) - 3 June
6. Mizil (RO) - 13 June
7. San Sebastián/Donostia (ES) - 20 June
8. Dunkerque (FR) - 1 July
9. Pareds del Vallès (ES) - 3 July
10. Sant Pèr de Torelló (ES) - 7 July
11. Cerdanyola del Vallès (ES) - 25 July
12. Târgu Jiu (RO) - 28 July
13. Heidelberg (DE) - 29 July
14. Montmeló (ES) - 30 July
15. Calella (ES) - 1 August
16. Giurgiu (RO) - 5 August
17. Slobozia (RO) - 11 August
18. Guarda (PO) - 27 August

### List of cities having expressed interest to join the Covenant

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| 1. Aarhus (DK)         | 15. Brasov (RO)  |
| 2. Abano Terme (IT)    | 16. Brussels Capital Region (BE)                             |
| 3. Akmene (LT)         | 17. Cascais (PO)   |
| 4. Alessandria (IT)    | 18. Città di Castello (IT)                                   |
| 5. Amsterdam (NL)      | 19. Copenhagen (DK)  |
| 6. Ancona (IT)         | 20. Cork (IE)  |
| 7. Antwerpen (BE)      | 21. Cosenza (IT) and 14 other municipalities in the Province |
| 8. Anyksčiai (LT)      | 22. Delft (NL)   |
| 9. Beckerich (LU)      | 23. Den Haag (NL)  |
| 10. Belfast (UK)       | 24. Dubrovnik (HR)   |
| 11. Berlin(DE)         | 25. Egaleo (HE)  |
| 12. Bielsko Biala (PL) | 26. Eindhoven (NL)   |
| 13. Birmingham (UK)    | 27. Firenze (IT)   |
| 14. Bonn(DE)           | 28. Frankfurt am Main(DE)                                    |





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| 1. Freiburg (DE)       | 38. Milton Keynes (UK)      | 1. Stavanger (NO)    |
| 2. Garches (FR)        | 39. Marijampole (LT)        | 2. Stockerau (ÖS)    |
| 3. Gateshead (UK)      | 40. Modena (IT)             | 3. Stockholm (SV)    |
| 4. Genk (BE)           | 41. Moldava nad Bodvou (SK) | 4. Strovolos (CY)    |
| 5. Genova (IT)         | 42. Mölndal (SV)            | 5. Tallinn (ET)      |
| 6. Gothenburg (SV)     | 43. Montpellier (FR)        | 6. Tampere (FI)      |
| 7. Grenoble (FR)       | 44. München (DE)            | 7. Terrassa (ES)     |
| 8. Hamburg (DE)        | 45. Murcia (ES)             | 8. Tilburg (NL)      |
| 9. Hannover(DE)        | 46. Mustvee (ET)            | 9. Trakai (LT)       |
| 10. Hasselt (BE)       | 47. Nantes (FR)             | 10. Trento (IT)      |
| 11. Heidelberg (DE)    | 48. Nürnberg (DE)           | 11. Trikala (HE)     |
| 12. Helsinki (FI)      | 49. Odense (DK)             | 12. Tübingen (DE)    |
| 13. Hertogenbosch(NL)  | 50. Offenbach (DE)          | 13. Unna (DE)        |
| 14. Jekagpils (LV)     | 51. Ostfildern (DE)         | 14. Utena (LT)       |
| 15. Jelgava (LV)       | 52. Pakruojis (LT)          | 15. Valmiera (LV)    |
| 16. Joniskis (LT)      | 53. Panevežys (LT)          | 16. Vaxjo (SE)       |
| 17. Jurmala (LV)       | 54. Paris (FR)              | 17. Venezia (IT)     |
| 18. Kaiserslautern(DE) | 55. Parkstad-Limburg (NL)   | 18. Ventspils (LV)   |
| 19. Kaunas (LT)        | 56. Parma (IT)              | 19. Vilkaviskis (LT) |
| 20. Kiel (DE)          | 57. Patras (HE)             | 20. Waalwijk (NL)    |
| 21. Kozani (HE)        | 58. Porto (PO)              | 21. Warsaw (PL)      |
| 22. La Bastidonne (FR) | 59. Ptolemaida (HE)         | 22. Wien (ÖS)        |
| 23. Lamia (HE)         | 60. Pula (HR)               | 23. Zagreb (HR)      |
| 24. Lasseo (ÖS)        | 61. Radviliskis (LT)        | 24. Zurich (CH)      |
| 25. Leeds (UK)         | 62. Rakvere (ET)            |                      |
| 26. Leicester (UK)     | 63. Raseiniai (LT)          |                      |
| 27. Lille (FR)         | 64. Rheine(DE)              |                      |
| 28. Lisboa (PO)        | 65. Riga (LV)               |                      |
| 29. Ljubljana (SI)     | 66. Rijeka (HR)             |                      |
| 30. Lodi (IT)          | 67. Rivas-Vaciamadrid (ES)  |                      |
| 31. London (UK)        | 68. Roma (IT)               |                      |
| 32. Lyon (FR)          | 69. Rotterdam (NL)          |                      |
| 33. Madrid (ES)        | 70. Sarajevo (BH)           |                      |
| 34. Málaga (ES)        | 71. Sheffield (UK)          |                      |
| 35. Malmoe (SV)        | 72. Siauliai (LT)           |                      |
| 36. Manchester (UK)    | 73. Silale(LT)              |                      |
| 37. Milano (IT)        | 74. Silute (LT)             |                      |





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