The international initiative
Covenant of Mayors

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After the adoption, in 2008, of the EU Climate and Energy Package, the European Commission launched the **Covenant of Mayors** to endorse and support the efforts deployed by local authorities in the implementation of sustainable energy policies and in the fight against climate change.

The **Covenant of Mayors** is the mainstream European movement involving local and regional authorities, voluntarily committing to increasing energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources on their territories. By their commitment, Covenant signatories aim to meet and exceed the European Union 20% CO2 reduction objective by 2020.
Covenant community

A growing community...

- **Signatories over time**
  - 6,000
  - 4,500
  - 3,000
  - 1,500
  - 0
  - > 4,700 Signatories in 46 countries, representing 174 million citizens

- **Covenant Coordinators and Supporters over time**
  - > 190 supporting regions, provinces and networks
Covenant community

... delivering results

2,300 SEAPs!

... responsible for 6 t CO₂ eq./capita

... committed to reduce 28% CO₂ by 2020
The Covenant of Mayors Office

- Ensuring the promotion of the Covenant
- Liaising with Covenant facilitators (e.g. Coordinators, Supporters...)
- Maximising synergies with related initiatives

- Coordinating the Covenant Helpdesk,
- Developing methodological guidelines
- Liaising with a pool of energy experts
- Monitoring the Covenant implementation on the ground

- Reinforcing the collaboration with Regions and Local and Regional Energy Agencies

- Coordinating the relations with Covenant Supporters
- Following up the various Covenant-related events

- Ensuring the liaison with media and Associated Partners
STEP 1: Signature of the Covenant of Mayors

Initiation

Feedback Monitoring

- Adaptation of the administrative structure
- Building support from stakeholders and citizens
- Compilation of a Baseline Emission Inventory
- Establishment of a long-term vision with clear objectives
- Development and approval of the action plan

STEP 2: Submission of your Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP)

Implementation

- Monitoring and reporting progress
- Implementation of concrete CO₂ reduction policies and measures

STEP 3: Submission of your Implementation Report

CO₂ BY 2020

-20%
The Sustainable Energy Action Plan

The Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP) is a key document that shows how the Covenant signatory will reach its commitment by 2020.

It uses the results of the Baseline Emission Inventory (BEI) to identify the best fields of action and opportunities for reaching the local authority’s CO2 reduction target.

It defines concrete reduction measures, together with time frames and assigned responsibilities, which translate the long-term strategy into action.
The Sustainable Energy Action Plan

A Vision, specifying the overall CO2 emissions reduction target by 2020 and the priority areas of action, included an overview of the territory.

A Baseline Emission Inventory, offering a clear picture of the current situation in terms of energy consumption and CO2 emissions

A Comprehensive set of actions, with indicative budget, time frames and assigned responsibilities.
Baseline Emission inventory

Flexibility in the approach chosen

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The Sustainable Energy Action Plan

An integrated approach

Main target sectors:
• Buildings
• Equipment/facilities
• Urban transport and mobility.

But also
• Local electricity production
• Urban planning
• Markets for energy efficient products and services as well as changes in consumption patterns.
SEAP submission and assessment

Ensuring the quality of signatories’ action plans

SEAP submission (by the signatory)
- Submission of the SEAP template
- Upload of the full action plan (PDF)
- Adjustments & resubmission

SEAP assessment (by the Joint Research Centre)
- Eligibility check
- Data coherence check

In case the SEAP is not eligible

Creating visibility
- Publication of the BEI/SEAP results under the signatory profile
- Feedback Report sent to the signatory

Ensuring the consistency with Covenant Principles
Catalogue of SEAPs

After SEAP assessment, the key results are displayed online under each signatory profile

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Funding instruments

- Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE)
- ELENA - EIB
- ELENA – KfW
- ELENA – CEB
- MLEI (Mobilising local energy investments)
- European Energy Efficiency Fund (EEEF)
- Smart Cities and Communities initiative

Capacity building and know how

Technical assistance and development of investment plans, access to loans

Funding for Investments
Exchange of Experiences and Know-how

- Online catalogue of best practices, including key figures in terms of energy savings, CO2 emissions reduction and/or job created;
- Direct exchange of experience and mutual assistance via regular events;
- E-learning platform within the CoM website;
- Covenant support materials.
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