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# Climate Emergency

## Global Covenant of Mayors Exchange

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# Members having declared

Oxford (UK) | Basel (CH) | Konstanz (DE) | Heidelberg (DE) | Kiel (DE) | Münster (DE) | Lübeck (DE) | Bern (CH) | Osnabrück (DE) | Erlangen (DE) | Bochum (DE) | Marl (DE) | Gladbeck (DE) | Perchtoldsdorf (AT) | Saarbrücken (DE) | Aachen (DE) | Mölln (DE) | Thun (CH) | Wiesbaden (DE) | Rüsselsheim (DE) | Meerbusch (DE) | Marburg (DE) | Fehmarn (DE) | Leverkusen (DE) | St. Georgen an der Gusen (AT) | Beckum (DE) | Bundesland Burgenland (AT) | Bundesland Vorarlberg (AT) | Düsseldorf (DE) | Bonn (DE) | Ried im Innkreis (AT) | Steyregg (AT) | Herdecke (DE) | Ostbevern (DE) | Hartberg (AT) | Herzogenrath (DE) | Köln (DE) | Hamm (DE) | Bühl (DE) | Kufstein (AT) | Emsdetten (DE) | Leichlingen (DE) | Gelsenkirchen (DE) | Bielefeld (DE) | Karlsruhe (DE) | Rum (AT) | Nürnberg (DE) | Alagna Valsesia (IT) | Potsdam (DE) | COICA | Speyer (DE) | Kassel (DE) | Trier (DE) | Erkrath (DE) | Darmstadt (DE) | Magdeburg (DE) | Wolfratshausen (DE) | Fröndenberg (DE) | Engelskirchen (DE) | Mainz (DE) | Monheim am Rhein (DE) | Rostock (DE) | Koblenz (DE) | Hagen (DE) | Wasserburg am Bodensee (DE) | Kreis Lippe (DE) | Villingen-Schwenningen (DE) | Löhne (DE) | Celle (DE) | Leipzig (DE) | Hilden (DE)

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# Climate Alliance support

## Municipalities

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### The network

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## Climate Emergency



### Worldwide, cities and towns are declaring a climate emergency

Public pressure on national governments to make climate a priority is building. By declaring a climate emergency, you can strengthen this push and send a strong signal locally.

Most Climate Emergency Declarations call for zero carbon by 2030. As individual municipalities cannot achieve zero carbon without other cities and levels of government joining the effort, some have chosen to simply commit to local action compatible with IPCC recommendations for keeping warming under 1.5°C. We encourage members that declare to aim for as much ambition as possible and, at the least, make climate a priority in every future local level decision.

Join the hundreds of other local governments across the globe by passing your own local resolution! Feel free to use and adapt our template below as needed or let the resolutions of other members inspire you.

Of course, in addition to declaring a climate emergency, you can (continue) to look to our [working groups](#), [tools](#), [campaigns](#) and [downloads](#) to support your work.

Climate Emergency template [as doc](#) | [as pdf](#)

[Messages](#) | [Declarations passed](#) | [An examination](#)

## Member declarations

**Oxford (UK)**  
[Declaration as passed on 28.01.2019](#)

**Basel (CH)**  
[Declaration as passed on 20.02.2019](#)

**Constance (DE)**  
[Declaration as passed on 02.05.2019](#)

**Kiel (DE)**  
[Declaration as passed on 16.05.2019](#) | [Recommended actions](#) | [Overview of measures](#)

**Münster (DE)**  
[Declaration as passed on 22.05.2019](#)

**Lübeck (DE)**  
[Declaration as passed on 23.05.2019](#)

**Bern (CH)**  
[Declaration passed on 27.05.2019](#)

**Osnabrück (DE)**  
[Declaration as passed on 28.05.2019](#)

**Erlangen (DE)**  
[Declaration as passed on 29.05.2019](#) | [Proposal](#)

**Bochum (DE)**  
[Declaration as passed on 06.06.2019](#)

**Marl (DE)**  
[Declaration as passed on 06.06.2019](#)

**Gladbeck (DE)**  
[Declaration as passed on 06.06.2019](#)

**Perchtoldsdorf (AT)**  
[Declaration as passed on 18.06.2019](#)



# Climate Emergency trends

## Common factors

- **Targets**
- **Participation**
- **No adaptation**
- **No climate justice**
- **Prioritising climate\***
- **No funding\***

## Opportunities

- **Strengthening past planning**
- **Citizen engagement**
- **Memberships**
- **Calling on others to act**
- **Setting demands**
- **Better internal structures**

## Challenges

- **Cross-party political support**
  - **Use of the term emergency**
  - **Distribution of work**
  - **The climate check**
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# What next – internal processes

## XX-Point Plans

Inlcuding mobility, buildings and energy

Kiel, Heidelberg, Munster...

## Climate checks

Via a special team or as part of all proposals

Constance, Osnabrück, Pfaffenhofen...

**...Important: Resources for implmentation!**

## Climate Impact



positive



negative\*



neutral

*\*Why and can the impacts be lessened?*



# What next – participation

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- 50 Oxford residents recruited as Assembly Members, who met over two weekends.
- Tasked with responding to the following question: “The UK has legislation to reach ‘net zero’ by 2050. Should Oxford be more proactive and seek to achieve ‘net zero’ sooner than 2050?”
- As well as discussing five key themes: waste reduction, buildings, transport, biodiversity & offsetting and renewable energy.



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**Taking local action on global  
climate change**

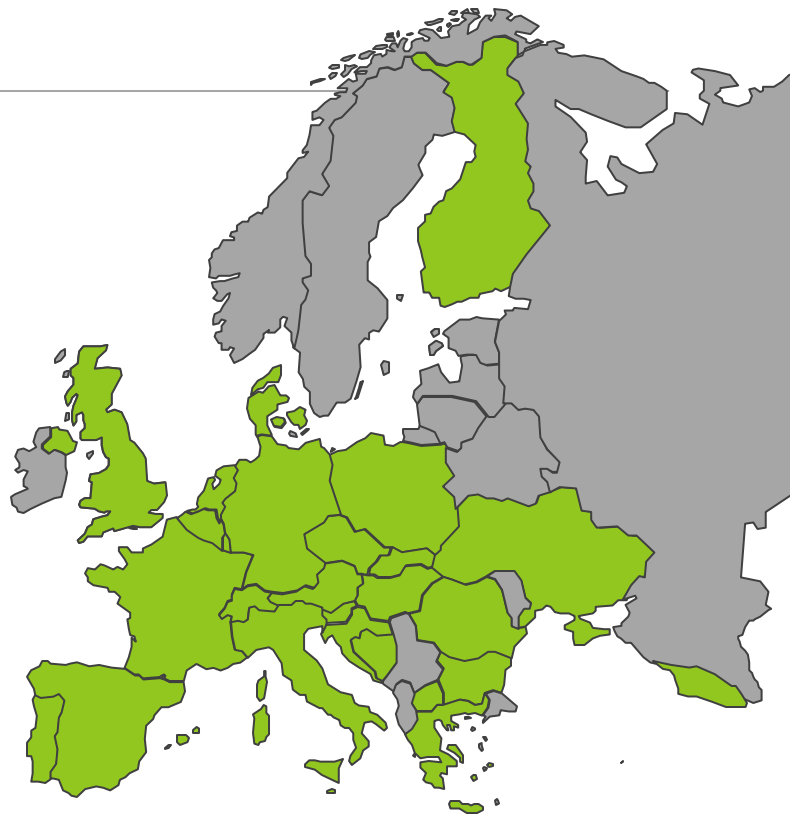
**1757 members**

**26 countries**

**some 87 million residents**

**about 22% of the EU population**

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# Climate Alliance Climate Action Principles

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**fair**

promoting the wellbeing of all the world's peoples in harmony with the natural world.

**nature-based**

supporting closed-loop systems that replenish and regenerate instead of extract and deplete.

**local**

thinking globally but acting locally, concentrating on the regional sourcing of goods and energy.

**resource-saving**

Using fewer resources by doing more with less and using less to begin with

**diverse**

recognising strength in diversity and that there is no one size fits all answer

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European municipalities in partnership  
**with indigenous peoples**

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change

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