Launch event: Stepping up action for a fairer, climate-neutral Europe

Live info session | 15:00-16:30
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Stepping up action for a fairer, climate-neutral Europe

I/ Bolder vision, renewed ambitions – why, how, what

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III/ Covenant of Mayors - Europe commitments – practically speaking

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Poll #1

Your role in the Covenant
Bolder vision, renewed ambitions
Why, how, and what

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Why raise ambitions?

- To align the Covenant of Mayors - Europe with the increased EU ambition on energy and climate and with the Paris Agreement.
- To strengthen the position of the Covenant of Mayors, as the movement of local authorities leading for change.
- To contribute to the recovery of Europe whilst paving the way for a transformation to a just, climate-friendly society.
Why raise ambitions?

• To reflect recent EU policy developments related to the EU Green Deal

• To better connect the Covenant of Mayors to other EU city-level initiatives, and therefore stepping up our support to pioneering cities.
How were these new ambitions adopted?

- Survey led among local authorities in Europe (over 450 cities and regions)
- Numerous national and regional partners consulted
- Discussed by local leaders in the Covenant of Mayors Political Board
- Endorsed by EU Commissioner for Energy
What’s new?

- Shared vision of climate-neutrality for 2050
- Considering the emergency, making climate action an overarching priority
- Will to ensure a fair transition that leaves no one behind
- Local Climate Pacts with citizens and local stakeholders to achieve the city’s objectives
What's new?

1. **COMMIT** to setting mid- and long-term targets, consistent with the EU objectives, and at least as ambitious as our national targets.

2. **ENGAGE** our citizens, businesses and governments in the transformations ahead.
What’s **new**?

**ACT**, now and together, to get on track and accelerate the necessary transition.

**NETWORK** with fellow Mayors and local leaders to get inspiration from each other.
Why should my municipal raise its ambitions?

- Contribute to reaching our common EU targets
- Help shape the EU & national policy frameworks that will accelerate the transition
- Show sound climate commitment and actions to your constituency!
Why should my municipal raise its ambitions?

- Join forces in the world's largest movement of cities taking climate and energy action
- Inspire and learn from your peers
- Get a stronger voice on the international scene
- Get connected to other EU support initiatives that will help you deliver on your ambition
Step up your energy and climate actions!

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LAHTI – EUROPEAN GREEN CAPITAL 2021
CARBON NEUTRAL 2025
Our target is to cut GHG emissions by 80% by 2025.

LAHTI'S EMISSIONS
Production based emissions (kt CO2e)

- 1176 kt CO2e in 1990
- 690 kt CO2e in 2017
- 487 kt CO2e in 2019
- Estimate: 315 kt CO2e in 2021
- Goal: 235 kt CO2e in 2025

GHG emissions (1000 t CO2-e)
District heating production (GWh)

- Bio: 60 → 100 → 650
- Coal: 860 → 600 → 630
- Energy waste: 50 → 550
Actions with greatest potential in transport sector in Lahti

- Shifting public transport to electricity and biofuel
- Growth of electric vehicle fleet and development of electric car charging network

Share of sustainable urban mobility 2030:
- 51%
- 49%
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OVERVIEW AND PROGRESS OF A JUST CLIMATE TRANSITION
ON THE CITY OF BARCELONA
April 2020
Sergi Delgado(sdelgadol@bcn.cat)
SOCIOECONOMIC INEQUALITY

How climate change affects Barcelona?

SOCIAL BALANCE

There is a relation between the economic situation and health

Definition of energy poverty

- Energy poverty
  - △ 20 °C
  - △ 25 °C
  - △ 100 l/day

10.6% of Barcelona citizens suffer from energy poverty.

Font: Ajuntament de Barcelona.
The Climate plan and Emergency declaration of Barcelona

IT IS AMBITIOUS: GOALS TO 2030

- **MITIGATION**
  - 50% lower GHG emissions from 1992
  - Carbon neutrality (2050)

- **ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE**
  - 1 m² Green area per inhab.

- **CLIMATE JUSTICE**
  - 0 Energy poverty

- **PROMOTING CITIZEN ACTION**
  - 1 m€/year in direct subsidies for public projects
  - 100% clean funding

- **100 l/inhab./day**
Main points

- REFURBISHMENT OF 100,000 DWELLINGS
  - URBAN REGENERATION (85% PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION)
  - HIGH COMPLEXITY BUILDINGS (100% PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION)
- CLIMATE SHELTER SPACES
- BARCELONA ENERGIA
  - GUIDANCE TO CITIZENS
- ATTENTION OFFICES
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SHARED AMBITIONS
STRENGTH of the NETWORK & BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
INNOVATIVE PILOTS
Unexplored terrain

Acceleration of the transition through radical climate actions
www.leuven2030.be
Poll #2

Your city's committed actions
Covenant of Mayors - Europe commitments

Practically speaking

Lucie Blondel

Co-Head of the Covenant of Mayors – Europe Office

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Flashback

2008
- Launch of the Covenant

2014
- Launch of the adaptation component

2015
- Launch of renewed commitments (1)

2016
- Launch of renewed commitments (2)

2021
- Climate neutrality by 2050

**Mitigation**
- 20% GHG reduction by 2020
- 40% GHG reduction by 2030

**Adaptation**
- Energy poverty

**Justice Transition**
- Energy poverty
EU policy context

The Covenant of Mayors is embedded in EU climate and energy policy as well as the international sustainability agenda.
Three pillars

that translate to action in reducing GHG emissions, strengthening resilience, tackling energy poverty and ensuring a just transition.
City journey

- COMMIT
  - SET TARGETS within 2 years
  - ASSESS BASELINES within 2 years

- ACT
  - DEVELOP SECAP within 2 years
  - MONITOR & REPORT every 2 years

- ENGAGE
  - MONITOR & REPORT every 2 years

- NETWORK

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Governance structures

Covenant Community

National Ambassadors

BOARD

Setting the strategic orientations of the Covenant-Europe movement
Country-specific activities

A strengthened dialogue with relevant national stakeholders is in place – ministries, energy agencies, national associations of cities...

Objectives:

- Profile & enhance **visibility of the Covenant** cities nationwide
- **Further connect** the Covenant with national frameworks
- **Ensure a proper recognition** of cities’ role in the implementation of climate & energy policies at national level
- **Offer** targeted capacity building activities in national languages
Step up your energy and climate actions!

Join the Covenant or renew your Covenant commitments

A signing ceremony will be held in Autumn, complemented by satellite events in various countries and regions of Europe

Stay tuned on eumayors.eu!

For a fairer, climate-neutral Europe
Poll #3

Is your city ready?
Mariangela Luceri
Covenant of Mayors – Europe
Office Central Helpdesk
How to Join?

**Step 1**

Present the [CoM-Europe Commitment Document](#) to your municipal council for approval.

**Step 2**

Fill in the [online registration form](#) and upload the duly signed commitment document.

- The commitment is processed, and a profile is created on the CoM-Europe website:
  - [www.covenantofmayors.eu](http://www.covenantofmayors.eu)
- The city receives its login details to update its profile in MyCovenant (MC) & access any other MC features:
  - [https://mycovenant.eumayors.eu/](https://mycovenant.eumayors.eu/)
- A profile is created on the GCoM website:
  - [www.globalcovenantofmayors.org](http://www.globalcovenantofmayors.org)
How to renew the commitments?

**Step 1**
Present the CoM-Europe Commitment Document to your municipal council for approval

**Step 2**
Log in MyCovenant, upload the Commitment Document and click on “Renew”

**Who shall renew its commitments?**
- Signatories that joined between 2008 and 2015 (20% GHG reduction by 2020)
- Signatories that committed to 2030 targets (40% GHG reduction by 2030)
What target shall be set?

EU Member States, regions and cities are at different stages of their energy transition.

It is up to the signatories to define their mid-term targets towards climate neutrality (by 2050).

National targets (and minimum targets) coming in 2022!
Does the renewal of commitment affect your current reporting?

No!

All the reports submitted will be stored in an archive section.

- Signatories committed to 2020 are still able to submit their final monitoring report for their SEAP.
- Signatories that have already submitted their SECAP can keep monitoring it.
- Signatories that are working on a SECAP with a target of 40% GHG reduction by 2030 can still submit it and then monitor it.
What does change?

New Signatories or Signatories that passed from 20% GHG reduction by 2020 to new targets for 2050

Reporting Template slightly adjusted

Signatories that passed from 40% GHG reduction by 2030 to new targets for 2050

Keep using the current action plan

Submit a new action plan

Reporting Template slightly adjusted
Regional Strategies

Are you a territorial coordinator that developed a regional strategy focused on the old commitment document / adhesion form (40% GHG reduction by 2030)?

Have you linked public funds for municipalities to the old commitment document / adhesion form?

Send an email to coordinators@eumayors.eu specifying your requirements by the 30th of June 2021.
Do Coordinators and Supporters need to renew their commitments as well?

No!

Covenant Europe Coordinators and Supporters do not commit to a specific target and therefore they do not need to sign up again.

What shall they do to keep being members of the Community?

- Be in touch!
- Participate in our yearly survey!
Live Q&A session
Break-out rooms

Existing signatories
- Lucie Blondel
- Mariangela Luceri
- Silvia Nanni
- Brieuc Posnic

Municipalities not yet signatories
- Julie Yang
- Clemence Pricken
- Veronika Krupcikova

Coordinators, supporters, and other CoM stakeholders
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- Miguel Morcillo
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