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European municipalities in partnership with indigenous peoples

Taking local action on global climate change

For the last 28 years, Climate Alliance member municipalities have been acting in partnership with indigenous peoples for the benefit of the global climate. Climate Alliance is the world’s largest city network dedicated to climate action and climate justice. Our more than 1,700 members spread across Europe and beyond have committed themselves to tangible emissions targets and to pairing local action with global responsibility.

Climate Alliance is unique in that it is an international network that is also deeply rooted on the national level. Whereas the European Secretariat carries out activities and manages the network internationally, a total of six National Coordination Offices support members in Austria, Germany, Luxembourg, Hungary, Italy and Switzerland. Each National Coordination Office operates independently under the same principles and towards the same targets.

This report provides a mere glimpse of the work Climate Alliance is doing on the national level in its focus countries. For more information about the network in general as well as an idea about Climate Alliance’s international level work in 2018 and plans for the future, we invite you to have a look at the first part of this annual report:

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TARGETS

Each Climate Alliance municipality has passed a local resolution to:

- Reduce CO$_2$ emissions by 10% every 5 years – a halving of per capita emissions by 2030 from 1990 levels
- Work towards climate justice in partnership with indigenous peoples by supporting their initiatives, raising awareness, and abstaining from the use of unsustainably managed tropical timber
- Strive for a per capita emissions level of 2.5 tonnes CO$_2$ equivalent through energy conservation, energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy

PRINCIPLES

Not all efforts to save the climate are created equal. Climate Alliance communities stand behind climate action that is:

**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

STRUCTURE

Climate Alliance’s board is responsible for the strategic direction of the network – elected by the membership and from within the membership.

The European Secretariat carries out activities and manages the network internationally. A total of six National Coordination Offices support members in Austria, Germany, Luxembourg, Hungary, Italy and Switzerland.
Climate Alliance Austria is a member-driven association of its own on a national level with its own executive board. It exists alongside the regional associations of Climate Alliance Tirol and Climate Alliance Vorarlberg and has dedicated offices serving Climate Alliance members in all other Austrian regions.

- **Board president**: Rainer Handlfinger
- **Director**: Markus Hafner-Auinger
- **81 staff | 39 full-time positions**
- **6 volunteers and interns throughout 2018**

Roughly one out of every two municipalities in Austria is a Climate Alliance member, making the country a true stronghold of Climate Alliance membership. In 2018, there were 986 Climate Alliance members in Austria. Over 1,700 businesses and educational institutions support the Austrian network. Here are just a few of the scores of activities that took place in the country throughout 2018.

**KLIP – VIENNESE CLIMATE ACTION AWARD**

Providing a stage for climate action in Vienna’s districts

Local Climate Action Awards in various Viennese districts motivate individuals, companies and organisations to submit ideas and projects related to climate action for the chance to win prize money.

- **4 award ceremonies took place in 4 Viennese districts**
- **125 ideas and projects were submitted**
- **40 winners resulted**

**GREEN EVENTS TIROL**

Advising and certifying sustainable events

With this project, Climate Alliance Austria is providing municipal representatives and stakeholders tips on clear and simple climate communication that arouses emotion and makes climate action attractive.

- **4th year running with a total of 180 events already awarded certificates**
- **95% of certified organisers plan to organise another green event**
- **112 consultations, 126 green events, 53 going green events carried out in 2018**

**CLIMATE CHANGE PUB TALKS**

Bringing climate change communication down to earth

4 beer coasters with climate change myths and counterarguments

- **3 climate change fact checks**
- **1 video and 1 mini booklet**
- **1 website with 10 articles on climate communication**
- **1 special edition magazine on climate communication**

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klimartikulieren.at
BICYCLE ADVICE IN UPPER AUSTRIA

Comprehensive advice for municipalities eager to improve their bicycle awareness, conditions and infrastructure

Through this consulting initiative, communities in Upper Austria are getting support complete with an implementation plan for bicycle promotion and four onsite appointments over a period of nine months.

- 10 year anniversary of the initiative
- 129 municipalities participating
- 5 new municipalities advised in 2018
- 270 participants attended the 2018 cycling network meeting

In 2018, Climate Alliance members throughout Austria named sustainable mobility as the most important issue for the future with the Mobility Week being the most popular offering. Climate Alliance Austria is thus planning to strengthen its efforts on the topic and its involvement in the European Mobility Week throughout 2019.

CLIMATE-BEAN ON TOUR

Celebrating 25 years of the Chocó-Vorarlberg partnership with fair coffee

The Climate-Bean on Tour campaign celebrated the quarter century long partnership between Climate Alliance Vorarlberg and the rainforest region of Chocó, Colombia with the impressively climate-friendly transport of fair trade coffee beans from one partner to the other.

- Over 10,000km covered in 13 days with 5 bicycles and a sail boat
- 100kg climate-friendly coffee brought from Columbia to Austria
- 12 Climate Alliance cities visited along the way
- 1 video produced
- 25 years of Chocó-Vorarlberg partnership

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CLIMATE ACTION WORKSHOPS FOR SCHOOLS IN CARINTHIA

Climate protection is fun, inspirational and contagious. These workshops present complex topics to children in a playful way – be it through colourful pictures, fun games, question-and-answer puzzles and role plays.

A total of 204 school workshops were held in Carinthia in 2018:

- 72 electricity workshops
- 6 climate justice workshops
- 37 mobility workshops
- 9 energy workshops
- 4 public transport workshops
- 32 climate workshops
- 11 sustainable nutrition workshops
- 20 workshops on train travel
- 6 workshops on glaciers and climate change

ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHECK IN LOWER AUSTRIA

Where does my town stand in terms of climate action, where should we go from here and how do we compare to other towns? The Energy and Climate Check tool helps communities answer these and other questions.

- 6th anniversary of the tool
- 220 municipalities made use of the tool in 2018
- 10 topics covered in 80 questions
- 9 rating levels from A++ to G provided

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“2018 was a special year for Climate Alliance Austria. We celebrated 25 years of partnership with indigenous peoples on the Rio Negro. We were guests in the Amazon rainforest and also had the pleasure of having representatives of the indigenous organisation FOIRN and the Institute for Social and Environmental Affairs in Brazil as our guests at our 2018 General Assembly.

At the Climate Star Gala, the best climate action projects from Climate Alliance communities and regions across Europe were honoured in Schloss Grafenegg.”

- Markus Hafner-Auinger, Director of Climate Alliance Austria
Idea contest winners for the French-German Energy Transition Week
Climate Alliance Germany’s offices are located together with those of the Climate Alliance European Secretariat Headquarters in Frankfurt.

Coordinator: Dag Schulze
21 staff | 12.4 full-time positions

In 2018 Climate Alliance counted 452 municipalities as members in Germany, comprising a population of approximately 35.5 million people. An additional 39 districts with a total population of over ten million as well as two federal states and 11 associated organisations complete the German membership. In addition to participation in the international campaigns such as A Good Life is Simple, CITYCYCLING and Green Footprints (see page 40, Campaigns – International report), Climate Alliance Germany was also busy with numerous projects throughout 2018. What follows is a just a glimpse of these activities.

In 2019, a 3rd module for scenario development is planned for release and the tool could potentially gain the support of entire German federal states. Stay tuned!

CLIMATE PROTECTION PLANNER
Comprehensive climate action monitoring for German municipalities

Climate Alliance’s Climate Protection Planner (Klimaschutz-Planer) is an emissions inventory and monitoring instrument complete with an integrated benchmarking system – all based on the BISKO methodology approved by the German government. Climate Alliance keeps this web-based instrument up to date with the latest statistics and factors for municipal use, but municipalities may also improve this data with their own local datasets where sensible. In 2018 there were:

- Over 400 municipalities using the tool just 2.5 years after its launch
- 30 municipal emission inventories published online
- 1 training session and 4 webinars organised

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CLIMATE-FRIENDLY INVESTMENTS
Showing how divestment can become a viable component of municipal climate protection strategy

In 2018, Climate Alliance Germany helped launch this project on climate-friendly reinvestment in municipalities. In 2018, four case studies of divestment pioneers were completed, forming a basis for dialogue on best practice strategies to restructure municipal investment strategies with the climate in mind. A variety of tutorials, events, consultations and municipal round tables will follow in 2019.

WORKING GROUP ON POLICY

2018 saw the launch of the Working Group on Policy within Climate Alliance Germany. Going forward, a special focus will be placed on climate action as a municipal obligation as well as lobbying at federal level towards better framework conditions for municipal climate action. All German Climate Alliance member municipalities are welcome to join this working group and help shape Climate Alliance Germany’s political work.
CLIMATE CULTURE LAB
Tackling the cultural change aspect of climate action

This project has municipalities embark on a special learning format with a focus on mindfulness, exchange, collective intelligence and inner-transitions to spread cultures that anchor climate action and sustainability in perceptions, values and behaviour.

1 platform developed with 54 climate culture ideas
10 municipal workshops held with 400 participants
6 videos produced

In store for 2019: 2 cross-regional workshops and 2 more videos as well as a Climate Fasting campaign.

bit.ly/CA-climate-culture-lab  climateculture-lab.de  klimakultur-labor.de

FRENCH-GERMAN ENERGY TRANSITION WEEK
Cross-border cooperation for the energy transition; building on the success of the TANDEM project on French-German city partnerships

Just as 2019 was getting underway, the French-German Energy Transition Week mobilised citizens for the energy transition across France and Germany while also outlining options for future cooperation between cities in both countries. Study tours, round tables, guided tours, film screenings and games were organised jointly by German and French municipalities, associations, energy agencies and schools.

Over 70 cities in Germany and France celebrated their cooperation
100 activities carried out involving more than 5,000 citizens
1 conference with 140 French and German energy transition pioneers
1 video on cross-border cooperation for the energy transition created

Representatives of Climate Alliance and its sister network, Energy Cities, additionally personally presented open letter on the importance of local level Franco-German cooperation for the energy transition to Dr. Karsten Sach of the German Environmental Ministry.

bit.ly/CA-french-german-week  energytransitionweek.eu  tandem-staedte.eu

DISTRICTS TAKING THE LEAD
Empowering districts as multipliers for climate action

By mobilising, encouraging and consulting their communities, districts can effectively support local climate action. Climate Alliance is helping districts take advantage of this often untapped potential. In 2018 there were:

2 onsite consultations carried out for districts
2 events held with over 200 participants
2 new manuals for districts issued on climate action and communication

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**THE FOREST AS STORAGE (SPEICHERWALD)**

Demonstrating how unmanaged forests contribute to climate change mitigation on regional level

With this project, Climate Alliance is helping municipalities in Germany raise awareness amongst residents of all ages on the importance of unmanaged forests for regional climate change mitigation.

- 3 municipal kick-offs held
- 1 brochure developed
- 24 painting workshops realised with 106 pictures painted
- 444 children and teenagers involved

Awarding the winners of a comic competition plus even more painting workshops, indoor and outdoor events and a role play are planned for the project’s final year in 2019.

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**MOVEBIS**

Supporting municipalities in bicycle traffic planning

Movebis is a research project that supports municipalities in the planning of mobility infrastructure on the basis of bicycle traffic data. The collection of the necessary data takes place within the framework of the CITY CYCLING campaign (see page 42 – International report). Participating municipalities receive data sets and visualisations that map the usage patterns of cyclists. In this way, Climate Alliance supports municipalities in their urban planning and in meeting the needs of cyclists.

- 88 heatmaps created for all CITY CYCLING municipalities in the State of Hesse
- Heatmaps created for 5 pilot cities – 3 more to follow in 2019

In 2019, the CITY CYCLING app will be expanded to include RADar! reporting platform functionality. In addition, further data will be collected and visualised, such as speed and ground conditions.


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“Municipalities throughout Germany have been calling for the federal government to consider climate protection a municipal obligation. With the newly founded Working Group on Policy, we hope to strengthen these calls.”

- Dag Schulze, Coordinator of Climate Alliance Germany
Climate Alliance Hungary is an association managed by the Reflex Environmental Association. This National Coordination carries out activities with member municipalities as well as a variety of organisations and experts.

President: Csaba Lajtmann
2 staff | 1 full-time position

In Hungary, Climate Alliance counts 1 county, 7 municipalities and 13 NGOs as members. The activities of the Hungarian network in 2018 focused on both campaigns and online communication.

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**GREEN FOOTPRINTS**

The Hungarian edition of the international Green Footprints campaign (see page 44, Campaigns – International report)

The Green Footprints campaign is one of Climate Alliance Hungary’s most popular annual activities, helping children from across Hungary learn about the climate impacts of their daily actions.

6th edition of the campaign in Hungary

79 schools involved

17,985 children and 1,543 teachers participated

302,486 footprints collected for sustainable travel, local green events, the planting of trees and sustainable meals

bit.ly/HU-climate-campaign

zoom-kidsforclimate.eu/hungary000000.html

**CHANGE THE POWER – (EM)POWER TO CHANGE**

Hungary's active role in the EU-wide Change the Power project and corresponding campaign, A Good Life Is Simple, has helped empower local governments to pursue ambitious climate action and the Sustainable Development Goals.

1 conference on urban green and climate adaptation

5 local awareness raising events

The Hungarian subtitling of Count Down on the River Xingu V

1 social media campaign on sustainable lifestyles

Stay tuned for further activities via Change the Power in 2019!

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**WASTE-RELATED CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS**

Examining waste management in Cydr-Moson-Sopron County

Through this initiative, Climate Alliance Hungary has helped communities develop municipal waste reduction strategies and realise forums as well as stage quizzes and experience based events for young people.
Climate Alliance Hungary plans to continue work on this initiative throughout 2019 as well as work on other campaigns such as May the Forest Be with You! on urban forests and the World Tree campaign.

Climate Alliance Hungary is a member of the Coordination Council of Hungarian environmental NGOs and helped found the NGO Roundtable for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In 2018, the NGO Roundtable became a full member of SDG Watch, contributed to Hungary’s first Voluntary National Review on the SDGs and participated in the discussion on the Agenda 2030 organised by the Commission for Sustainable Development of Hungary. Climate Alliance Hungary also contributed to an open letter to Hungarian Innovation and Technology Minister Palkovics raising concerns over the direction of the country’s renewable energy strategy. In 2019, Climate Alliance Hungary plans to step up engagement in the Covenant of Mayors (see page 26, Covenant of Mayors – International report) with a variety of special, national awareness raising events.

“Wisdom is better than a chainsaw!”
- Mihály Buzás from the Kajárpeci Vizirevű improv theatre group active in the Climate Alliance Hungary May the Forest Be with You! campaign
Climate Alliance Italy offers opportunities for exchange and guidance to Italian municipalities of Climate Alliance while also coordinating the Italian Covenant of Mayors helpdesk and helping run the Italian Covenant of Mayors Club.

President: Karl-Ludwig Schibel

4 staff | 3 full-time positions

Climate Alliance Italy coordinates approximately 122 Climate Alliance members including about 107 municipalities and a number of regions and provinces. Activities throughout 2018 were focussed on energy efficiency, sustainable development and adaptation to climate change.

Climate Alliance Italy is an avid supporter of the Covenant of Mayors – a political act in itself in Italy, where nearly half of all European signatories are located. Throughout 2018, Climate Alliance Italy concentrated on local level policy by supporting members in the development of Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans. Climate Alliance additionally supported some 520 cities and towns via the Italian Covenant helpdesk.

In 2019, Climate Alliance Italy will concentrate on adaptation to climate change as a key element of climate action planning with a view to risk management as well as local sustainable development.

THE COVENANT OF MAYORS IN ITALY

A framework for and legitimisation of local climate policies in Italy
[see page 26, Covenant of Mayors – International report]

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CLIMATE JUSTICE AT THE FAIR OF PRACTICAL UTOPIAS

Città di Castello, Italy | via the Change the Power project (see page 54, Key Projects – International report)

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200 high school and 50 elementary school students reached over 4 days

300 citizens involved

Campaign displayed on 3 billboards and 250 posters across Città di Castello (IT)

Both the exhibition and the campaign will be shown across Italy in 2019!

ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Working with local governments to put efficiency first in public buildings; via the ENERJ and SUPPORT projects

With this topic, Climate Alliance is promoting integrated policies and investment plans for energy efficient public buildings with the goal of improving policy instruments to implement national and regional energy efficiency programmes at local level. In 2018 Climate Alliance Italy reached out to some 8,000 stakeholders across the country. Work on the topic will continue throughout 2019.

eumayors.eu

enerj.interreg-med.eu

interregeurope.eu/support
LOCALISING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Workshop on the role of the Sustainable Development Goals in local and regional development | Modena, Italy

This special workshop presented good practice examples throughout the region. Another national workshop will be carried out in 2019.

4 municipalities involved

60 participants with 4 deputy majors and 3 experts

“...because the A Good Life for All resolution and respect for the environment around us link up well with our commitment to reducing CO₂ emissions.”

- Massimo Olivares, Mayor of Marcallo con Casone (Italy)
Climate Alliance in Luxembourg is managed by two NGOs: Mouvement Ecologique heads up environmental topics and Action Solidarité Tiers Monde (ASTM) leads efforts in the field of climate justice.

Coordinators: Paul Poffer and Dietmar Mirkes

9 staff | 6.1 full-time positions

The Climate Alliance community in Luxembourg is a vigorous and active one, counting 40 members, equivalent to almost 40% of all municipalities in the country and comprising more than two thirds of the country’s inhabitants. Here is a glimpse of what they were up to in 2018.

ENERGY AND CO₂ MONITORING
Monitoring for all 102 Luxembourgish municipalities within the framework of the Climate Pact

Since 2016, Climate Alliance Luxembourg has been carrying out energy and CO₂ monitoring for all of Luxembourg’s municipalities within the framework of the government’s Climate Pact. The initiative motivates emissions reductions on the local level and underlines the importance of local contributions to national targets.

102 signatory municipalities

- CO₂ emissions reductions of up to 11% between 2013 and 2016

In 2018, Climate Alliance’s mandate was extended through 2021!

RATIFICATION OF ILO CONVENTION NO. 169

On 27 February, the Parliament of Luxembourg voted unanimously in favour of the ratification of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Convention No. 169. The vote was the culmination of more than five years of advocacy work by many civil society organisations, initiated by a 2012 Climate Alliance Luxembourg resolution. The government’s decision will enter into force as of spring 2019. Hopefully, other European countries will follow this example.

TOUR DU DUERF – SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY
Raising awareness on sustainable mobility

Mobility is still the main source of greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution in Luxembourg. The TOUR du DUERF campaign (Luxembourg’s version of CITY CYCLING; see page 42, Campaigns – International report) helps municipalities address the issue in a playful way.

- New website in 3 languages – French, German and English
- 50 municipalities and 1 region involved
- Over 1,000 cyclists participated
- 179,825km cycled

2018 saw record levels of participation in Luxembourg – stay tuned for further success in 2019!
CLIMATE RESTAURANT “LE MONDE DES GOURMETS”  
In the framework of the EU project Change the Power – (Em)Power to Change (see Page 54, Key Projects – International Report)

The climate restaurant reaches new audiences at unusual locations such as weekly markets, art exhibitions and restaurants. In surprise episodes lasting only several minutes, it raises awareness through entertainment – connecting the topics of climate, nutrition and consumption patterns and pointing out sustainable alternatives. In 2019 the initiative will be expanded, for example, with an interactive exhibition and municipal food procurement.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE LUXEMBOURG GENERAL ELECTION

Workshops and an exhibition on climate change, the Amazon rainforest and indigenous lifestyles

Prior to Luxembourg’s general elections in October 2018, Climate Alliance issued its demands of the future national government on the role of the local level in climate change mitigation and adaptation. The demands were sent to all political parties prior to the elections.

- 10 core demands made
- 1 press conference held
- 2 meetings with political parties resulted

Further meetings with newly elected officials planned for 2019

bit.ly/CA-lux-elections

LUXEMBOURG CLIMATE DAY

A day dedicated to all of Luxembourg’s climate-active municipalities and organisations

The Luxembourg Climate Day (Lëtzebuerg Klimadag) brought the municipal level and the NGO scene together to exchange best practice examples and find potential new partners. Main themes were the IPCC’s latest assessment, sustainable development education and the people’s climate case.

- 20 NGOs from Luxembourg
- 38 Climate Alliance municipalities
- 22 info stands
- 3 thematic sessions

bit.ly/CA-lux-climate-day

DUE DILIGENCE ACT FOR LUXEMBOURG COMPANIES

Campaigning for a law that holds companies responsible for upholding environmental and human rights

Climate Alliance Luxembourg teamed up with members of the Platform Against Impunity for Multinationals on a campaign demanding that European-based and/or Luxembourg-based companies be held legally responsible for environmental and human rights violations along their global supply chains. As a result of active exchange and lobbying, the call to adopt a corporate due diligence act found support amongst Luxembourg’s governing coalition in 2018. Climate Alliance Luxembourg and ASTM are planning to maintain national pressure for the adoption of such a law with a variety of activities throughout 2019.

bit.ly/CA-lux-climate-day
ENERGIE [LIGHT] RELOADED

Encouraging energy savings in public buildings by changing habits

With this project, Climate Alliance Luxembourg influenced energy use habits in municipal buildings through targeted awareness-raising. Monthly consumption of electricity, heating energy and water was recorded in participating buildings on a monthly basis.

10 municipalities participated
77 public buildings targeted
5,185 building users reached
Average electricity savings of 5% after 1 year
10 more municipalities to participate in 2019!

energielight.lu

EDUCATING ON BELO MONTE’S SHADOW IN AMAZONIA

In the framework of the EU project Change the Power – (Em)Power to Change (see Page 54, Key Projects – International Report)

Using Martin Kessler’s film Count Down on the River Xingu V and The Battle for Land and Water in Amazonia brochure as a basis, Climate Alliance Luxembourg has worked hard to bring to light the destruction caused by the Belo Monte dam and the reality that decisions made here in Europe can have direct and dire effects in Amazonia.

Count-Down am Xingu V translated into French
3 public screenings and debates with some 150 spectators staged
2 public screenings in schools with some 120 students organised
2 showings in workshops on climate and development carried out
1 brochure on Odebrecht’s connection to Belo Monte and Luxembourg published and presented in a press conference

Brochure available here: bit.ly/CA_Belo_Monte_PDF

The resulting media echo throughout Luxembourg on the topic has been impressive, counting:

6 articles in leading print media
2 radio reports
1 feature in a weekly magazine
2 interviews with the director – on radio and prime time TV
Multiple requests from journalists for more information

“Belo Monte, soon the world’s third largest dam, led to the resettlement of almost 20,000 inhabitants of the City of Altamira. Some 300,000 people have been affected – many of them indigenous inhabitants of villages along the river area that is now being drained. This is contrary to the rules of ILO Convention 169, which states that such construction projects must respect the needs of indigenous peoples and guarantee their protection.”

- Dietmar Mirkes, Climate Justice Coordinator of Climate Alliance Luxembourg
Climate Alliance Switzerland forms an official part of the Climate and Environment committee of the Association of Swiss Cities’ Municipal Infrastructure section.

Coordinator: Anette Graupe
2 staff on a voluntary basis

In Switzerland, approximately 15% of the total population lives in one of the 14 Swiss Climate Alliance municipalities. Climate Alliance Switzerland acts mainly as a platform for these municipalities to exchange on questions of climate, energy and the environment.

In Switzerland, Climate Alliance is embedded in national structures for the local level and is also partially tied into regional decision-making processes. This makes for a great opportunity to influence climate and energy policy. In 2018, representatives of the Swiss Association of Cities and Towns and of Climate Alliance Switzerland presented the municipal position on climate action to a preparatory committee of the Swiss National Council (the 1st Chamber of the Swiss Parliament). Despite Climate Alliance’s efforts, the Swiss CO₂ Act as it stood was eventually rejected.

We will continue to fight for more ambition in 2019. The international youth climate strikes stand to increase the pressure on parliament and hopes for a more ambitious Swiss CO₂ Act are growing.

1ST ANNUAL CLIMATE ALLIANCE SWITZERLAND CONFERENCE
Climate Alliance in Switzerland undergoes a rebranding and broadens its reach | Baden, Switzerland

1st meeting under the name Climate Alliance Switzerland (instead of Climate Alliance Cities Switzerland)

Directly supported by the Swiss Environmental Agency (BAFU)

Broader appeal, also for smaller towns

40 municipalities participated – most not yet Climate Alliance members

Focus on the Swiss implementation of the Paris Agreement

2 Annual Conferences planned for 2019 with BAFU support – in French-speaking and in German-speaking Switzerland

The goal for 2019 is to anchor climate action as a social and political priority in as many municipalities as possible – and to communicate it as such!
EXCHANGE ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE LEVEL

Annual working meetings for municipal administrative staff

Swiss Climate Alliance municipalities meet regularly on a number of topics. In 2018, a focus was placed on the revision of Swiss climate legislation in order to bring it in line with the Paris Agreement as well as the effects of warmer summers on urban living spaces and sustainable procurement.

3 meetings carried out
15 municipalities involved

“In December 2018, the Swiss Parliament cleared the CO₂ act, which implements the Paris Climate Accord, of almost all effective measures. What a relief that young people in Switzerland are now standing up for its future in a creative, committed and loud manner. Cities and towns should take up this push and scale up their climate action.”

- Daniel Lehmann Pollheimer, Climate Alliance Switzerland

NOT YET A MEMBER?

Take the future of the global climate into your own hands and join now!

Take advantage of tools and ready-made campaigns
Find partners in Europe and beyond
Raise your profile regionally and internationally
Get your messages conveyed to key decision makers
Be inspired by the experiences of others

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