Covenant of Mayors
Introduction
The Covenant at a glance

- EU initiative launched in 2008 by the Commission – DG ENERGY to endorse and support local and regional authorities in the fight against climate change

- Voluntary commitment of signatories to meet and exceed the EU 20% CO₂ reduction target through the implementation of a Sustainable Energy Action Plan
The Covenant step-by-step

**STEP 1** Signature of the Covenant of Mayors

- 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)

**STEP 3** Submission of your Implementation Report

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

**CO₂ by 2020**

- 20%
Covenant in figures
A growing community...

Signatories over time

> 4,700 Signatories in 46 countries, representing 174 million citizens

Covenant Coordinators and Supporters over time

> 190 supporting regions, provinces and networks
Covenant in figures
... delivering results

2,300 SEAPs!
... responsible for 6 t CO$_2$
eq./capita

... committed to reduce
28% CO$_2$ by 2020
A Multi-level governance model

- **Administrative, technical & promotional support**
  - Covenant of Mayors Office

- **Institutional support**
  - European Parliament
  - European Commission
  - Committee of the Regions

- **Implementation & promotion support**
  - Territorial Coordinators
  - Covenant Supporters
  - Local and Regional Energy Agencies

- **Technological support**
  - ICT for sustainable growth
  - Civitas and Concerto
  - Smart Cities & Communities
  - Associated Partners

- **Scientific & methodological support**
  - Joint Research Centre
  - IEE and Interreg projects

- **Financial support**
  - ERDF
  - ELENA, EEE-F
  - IEE and INTERREG programmes, etc.

- **Networking**
  - Networks of Cities and Towns

- **Awareness-raising & capacity-building**
  - Sustainable Energy Europe Campaign
  - ManagEnergy
  - European Mobility week

Local Authorities democratically committed to the COVENANT OF MAYORS
The Covenant of Mayors Office
Managed by a consortium of networks

- 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
Methodological framework
Covenant methodological framework

- **Relying on a sound technical & scientific basis:**
  the Covenant Guidebook has been developed in cooperation with the JRC and is based on the practical experience of a practitioners’ group

- **Being flexible and adapted to the local realities:**
  each signatory is free to use any tool that it considers appropriate for its own purposes

- **Providing a common reporting framework** (the SEAP template)

Guidebook available in the Covenant website library!
Sustainable Energy Action Plan
Strategic policy document & operational instrument

- A **Vision**, specifying the overall CO₂ emissions reduction target by 2020 and the priority areas of action.
- 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.
Sustainable Energy Action Plan

Integrated approach

- Direct emissions due to fuel combustion within the territory
- Other direct emissions that occur within the territory, depending on the choice of BEI sectors
- (Indirect) emissions related to the production of energy that is consumed within the territory regardless of the location of the electricity production

Energy Demand

- Buildings, equipments & facilities
- Transport
- Industries (ETS excluded)
- Waste & waste water
- Local energy production

Energy Supply
## Baseline Emission Inventory

### Flexibility in the approach chosen

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A closer look at Covenant support materials
Covenant Support Materials

SEAP Guidebook

SEAP template & instructions in 23 EU languages

Thematic Leaflets
E-learning platform
Interactive learning opportunity

Online ‘easy to digest’ courses for Covenant Signatories/Coordinators wishing to deepen their technical knowledge on the Covenant (incl. visual illustrations, videos, and quizzes / self-assessment questions).
Financial Support
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
Financial support: the future


Cohesion funding to allocate some 17 billion € to energy efficiency and renewable energy (doubling current allocations)

>>> ERDF: 20% earmarked for energy efficiency and renewables in more developed regions <<<

Horizon 2020: 6.5 billion € is to be allocated to research and innovation in "Secure, clean and efficient energy"

LIFE programme: €3.2 billion

“Connecting Europe Facility”: € 40 billion
SEAP Submission & Assessment
SEAP submission & assessment
Towards reliable and comparable results

**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
Transparent sharing of the actions undertaken

After SEAP assessment, the key results are displayed online under each signatory profile
Exchange of Experiences and Know-how
‘Benchmarks of Excellence’
Inspiration for SEAP elaboration

Online catalogue of best practices, including key figures in terms of energy savings, CO$_2$ emissions reduction, costs and/or jobs created.

Get inspired by successful initiatives!

www.eumayors.eu
Exchange platforms
Communication and networking opportunities

Direct exchange of experience and mutual assistance via regular events

- Experience-sharing activities
- Thematic discussion groups and webinars
- Networking sessions
- Capacity-building workshops

Share knowledge with peers!
New Developments
What’s next?
New challenges under discussion

- **Monitoring**
  - Finalisation and launch of the monitoring framework and guidelines (2013)

- **Geographical enlargement**
  - Extension to Eastern and Mediterranean areas

- **Extension to other policy areas**
  - Using this exceptional multilevel governance model for other policy areas, e.g. water and waste....??
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