Towards sustainable, climate-resilient and vibrant cities

10 REASONS TO JOIN THE COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR CLIMATE AND ENERGY

- Mitigating climate change
- Adapting to its unavoidable effects
- Providing access to secure, sustainable and affordable energy

A common vision for 2050

As a signatory, you commit to developing a local action plan and reporting on your progress to meet two main objectives:
- Reduce CO₂ emissions by at least 40% by 2030
- Increase resilience to climate change

Ambitious commitments for 2030

Gain high international recognition and visibility for your local authority’s climate and energy action
- Enjoy worldwide visibility through the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy
- Showcase your Covenant commitments on the United Nations’ Non-State Actor Zone for Climate Action (NAZCA) data platform

Contribute to shaping the EU’s climate and energy policy
Be part of a key initiative relevant to the EU’s climate and energy policy (Energy Union, Urban Agenda for the EU)
- Seize the opportunity to inform the EU’s decision makers
- Showcase your good practices
- Receive feedback on your experiences

Strengthen the credibility of your commitments through progress review and monitoring
- Ensure that your action plan is coherent by submitting it to third-party evaluation (European Commission’s Joint Research Centre)

Secure long-term support for your climate and energy actions through your municipality’s voluntary commitment to the Covenant of Mayors initiative and its mandatory approval by your city council
- Gather political support in your city council
- Set-up a stable framework for implementation
Boost access to financing for your local climate and energy projects
> Gain access to financial facilities specifically targeting - or even reserved for - Covenant of Mayors signatories, such as the European Local ENergy Assistance (ELENA) or the European Energy Efficiency Fund (EEEF)
> Stay informed on EU funding opportunities online and by attending dedicated events

Participate in networking events, capacity building sessions and discussions
within a dynamic community of over 7,000 signatories
> Attend regular events
> Join the Covenant of Mayors webinars and discussion forums
> Participate in city twinning programmes

Receive tailored guidance
Expert helpdesk, methodologies and tools guide you through effective energy and climate action
> Benefit from step-by-step support in assessment, planning, implementation, and monitoring
> Explore new ways of involving citizens and local stakeholders

Enjoy easy access to ‘excellence know-how’
and find ways to successfully implement your projects
> Get inspired by good practices and case studies
> Use the Covenant Capacity-Sharing Corner

Benefit from facilitated self-assessment and benchmarking through a common monitoring and reporting template
> Evaluate your progress using the adaptation scoreboard
> Compare your projects against the signatories’ Benchmarks of Excellence

Get connected to national and subnational authorities
Cooperate with and receive tailored assistance from Covenant of Mayors Coordinators and Supporters
> Enjoy ongoing support from regions, provinces, national ministries, and energy agencies

How to join?
Joining the Covenant of Mayors requires a formal political commitment. The adhesion form needs to be signed by the Mayor or an equivalent representative of the municipal council.

Further information is available at www.eumayors.eu