



Covenant of Mayors
for Climate & Energy



Covenant of Mayors 2018 Ceremony

From Paris to Katowice: Speeding up the transition towards decarbonised and resilient cities

22 February, Brussels, Hemicycle of the European Parliament

9:00-12:45 – Ceremony (European Parliament)
13:30-15:00 – Lunch (European Committee of the Regions)
15:00-16:30 – Side events (European Committee of the Regions)

From 2008, over 9,200 local authorities have been taking action to reach their Covenant of Mayors targets and contribute to the EU climate and energy objectives.

By 2020, those cities will in average have reduced their CO2 emissions by 27%, decreased energy use by 20%, and increased local energy production by 90%*.

All over Europe, mayors have been taking bold measures to offer their citizens a healthy environment, green jobs, and a high quality of life. Each new commitment, new action plan and new measure implemented at local level is a step forward and an opportunity for bringing better quality of life and green growth in your municipalities. The European Commission accompanies your efforts through a series of initiatives and actions: a one-stop-shop for cities on financing opportunities, new accounting rules on energy efficiency investments, the smart financing for smart buildings initiative, the Covenant of Mayors Office.



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2018 will mark the 10th anniversary of the Covenant of Mayors initiative launched by the European Commission. All committed cities and members of the Covenant Community are invited to get together for the Covenant of Mayors Investment Forum & Ceremony on 21-22 February 2018 to take stock of the results achieved, discuss joint challenges such as investment, multi-level collaboration and mobility, meet the newly set-up EU Covenant Political Board, and pull-up strengths for the next steps.

In December 2018, national and local governments from across the world will converge to Katowice, Poland, for the UNFCCC COP24, to take stock of all the efforts made to achieve the long-term goal of the Paris Agreement and inform the preparation of the next round of pledges for 2020. Projections show that in 2020 Covenant of Mayors municipalities will have contributed to 31% of the EU's greenhouse gas emission reduction target. In order to make those efforts weigh on the European and global stage, we invite each municipality to report on its climate and energy measures hence making the European contribution even bigger.

Join us in February in Brussels to make our common vision of sustainable, resilient and vibrant cities come true!

*Source: 2017 report by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre
http://www.covenantofmayors.eu/IMG/pdf/EU_Covenant_key_figures_2017-11.pdf



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8:00-9:00 “Meet the initiative” – Covenant of Mayors stand and networking opportunities

Participants will have the opportunity to sign a pre-commitment to adopt the Covenant 2030 targets, network with peers, take pictures, and discover the latest Covenant of Mayors publications.

9:00-12:45 Covenant of Mayors Ceremony, European Parliament Hemicycle

Coffee will be served in the hemicycle

09:00 Opening of the Ceremony by Master of Ceremony Mrs. Katrina Sichel

- ❖ Welcoming remarks by **Antonio Tajani**, President of the European Parliament, tbc
- ❖ Introductory remarks by **Jean-Claude Juncker**, President of the European Commission, tbc

9:30-10:05 My Covenant, My commitment: Achievements of the Covenant Community

Moderation: Dominique Ristori, Director-General for Energy in the European Commission

- ❖ **My Covenant ‘raison d’être’**: statements from inspirational Mayors

Ilaria Caprioglio, Mayor of Savona, Italy

Rafał Dutkiewicz, Mayor of Wrocław, Poland

- ❖ **Key achievements of Covenant signatories, call for action (signature of the 2030 targets) and Covenant of Mayors “Award”** by **Miguel Arias Cañete**, **European Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy**

10:05-10:25 Speeding up innovation in cities (timing tbc according to Commissioner Moedas)

- ❖ **Tying the knot: cities and innovators united for a low carbon future** Inspirational speech by **Bertrand Piccard**, **President of Solar Impulse**, followed by a video on the cooperation between Solar Impulse and cities
- ❖ Launch of the European Capital of Innovation Award 2018 by **Carlos Moedas**, **European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation**

10:25 -10:50 Looking ahead: The EU Covenant of Mayors’ vision

EU Covenant of Mayors Board:

Eckart Würzner, Mayor of Heidelberg, Germany

Julije Domac, Director of REGEA, the North-West Croatia Energy Agency, Croatia

Juan Espadas, Mayor of Sevilla, Spain

Asa Karlsson Björkmarker, Vice-Mayor of Växjö, Sweden

Daniel Termont, Mayor of Ghent, Belgium

Célia Blauel, Deputy Mayor of Paris, France, tbc

- ❖ **Family picture**



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10:50-11:40 On the road to Katowice's COP24: EU cities' cutting emissions and improving air quality as a contribution to the implementation of the Paris Agreement

Or 'On the road to Katowice's COP24: low-carbon and healthy cities' contribution to the implementation of the Paris Agreement'

- ❖ **Panel discussion with Mayors, Karmenu Vella, European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, tbc and Miguel Arias Cañete, European Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy, moderated by Jos Delbeke, Director General for Climate Action**

Patricia Espinosa Cantellano, Executive secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, tbc

Erik Lauritzen, Mayor of Sonderborg, Denmark

Fernando López Miras, President of the region of Murcia, Spain

Dario Nardella, Mayor of Florence, Italy

Mary-Ann Schreurs, Deputy-Mayor of Eindhoven, the Netherlands

Andrea Turčanová, Mayor of Prešov, Slovakia

11:40-12:35 Cities and industry joining forces to speed-up the climate and energy transition

- ❖ Keynote address by **Maroš Šefčovič, Vice president of the European Commission**
- ❖ **Panel discussion with Mayors and Vice president Šefčovič, moderated by Sami Andoura, European Political Strategy Centre**

Kirsten Dunlop, CEO of Climate-KIC

Inês de Medeiros, Mayor of Almada, Portugal

Jukka Mäkelä, Mayor of Espoo, Finland

Virginio Merola, Mayor of Bologna, Italy

Dominique Riquet, MEP, Vice-chair of the Committee on Transport and Tourism, ALDE political group, tbc

12:35-12:45 Closing remarks by Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President of the European Committee of the Regions

12:45 Transfer to the European Committee of the Regions

13:30-15:00 LUNCH and marketplace

European Committee of the regions



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15:00-16:30 Side events in the European Committee of the regions

15 :00

Atrium 6	Room JDE 52	Room JDE 51	JDE 53
Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
Energy efficiency with Bertrand Piccard (Solar Impulse) & Speed dating with innovators	Future outlook for the Covenant of Mayors: going beyond climate and energy?	Smart Cities	Make climate adaptation a profitable investment for your city!
End: 17:00	End: 16:30	End: 16:30	End: 16:30



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