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for Climate & Energy

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HISTORY & POLICY FRAMEWOK

The Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy



…brings together **local and regional authorities** voluntarily committed to implementing **EU climate and energy objectives** on their territory.

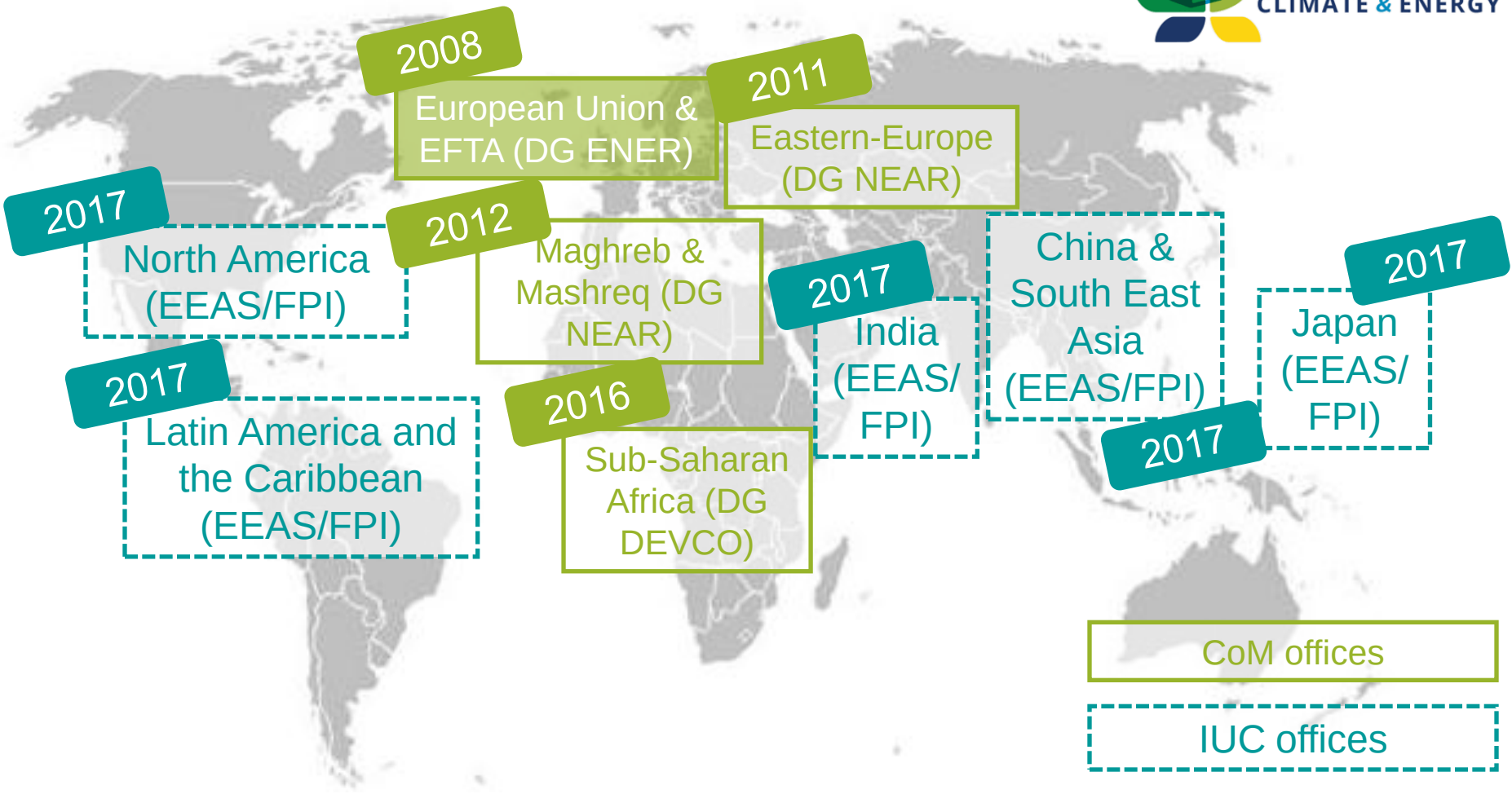
The Covenant Story

Key milestones



Geographic reach

9 regions / countries covered



Main Achievements (1/2)

9,000+ signatory cities (incl. **950+** committed to adaptation),

330+ regions, provinces & grassroots associations,

5,900+
Action Plans developed

& **1,600+** Monitoring Reports

... average CO_2-emission reduction of about **28%** by 2020

Main Achievements (2/2)

The Covenant of Mayors is today:

- The first-of-its-kind movement **combining bottom-up legitimacy with institutional credibility**
- A **growing and inclusive community** based on **multi-level governance model**
- A **mainstream instrument**, gaining prominence in the main EU policies and financial instruments
- A **reference framework for action**, flexible and adjustable to local realities
- An **innovative platform** to network, share knowledge, capacities and experiences
- A unique **success story** in Europe, now being replicated in other regions of the world!

THE COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR CLIMATE & ENERGY IN A NUTSHELL

Covenant Signatories' Vision (3 pillars)

Signatories endorse a shared vision for 2050:

- Accelerating the decarbonisation of their territories,
- Strengthening their capacity to adapt to unavoidable climate change impact,
- Allowing their citizens to access secure, sustainable and affordable energy.



Covenant Signatories' Commitments in Europe

Signatories now pledge to:

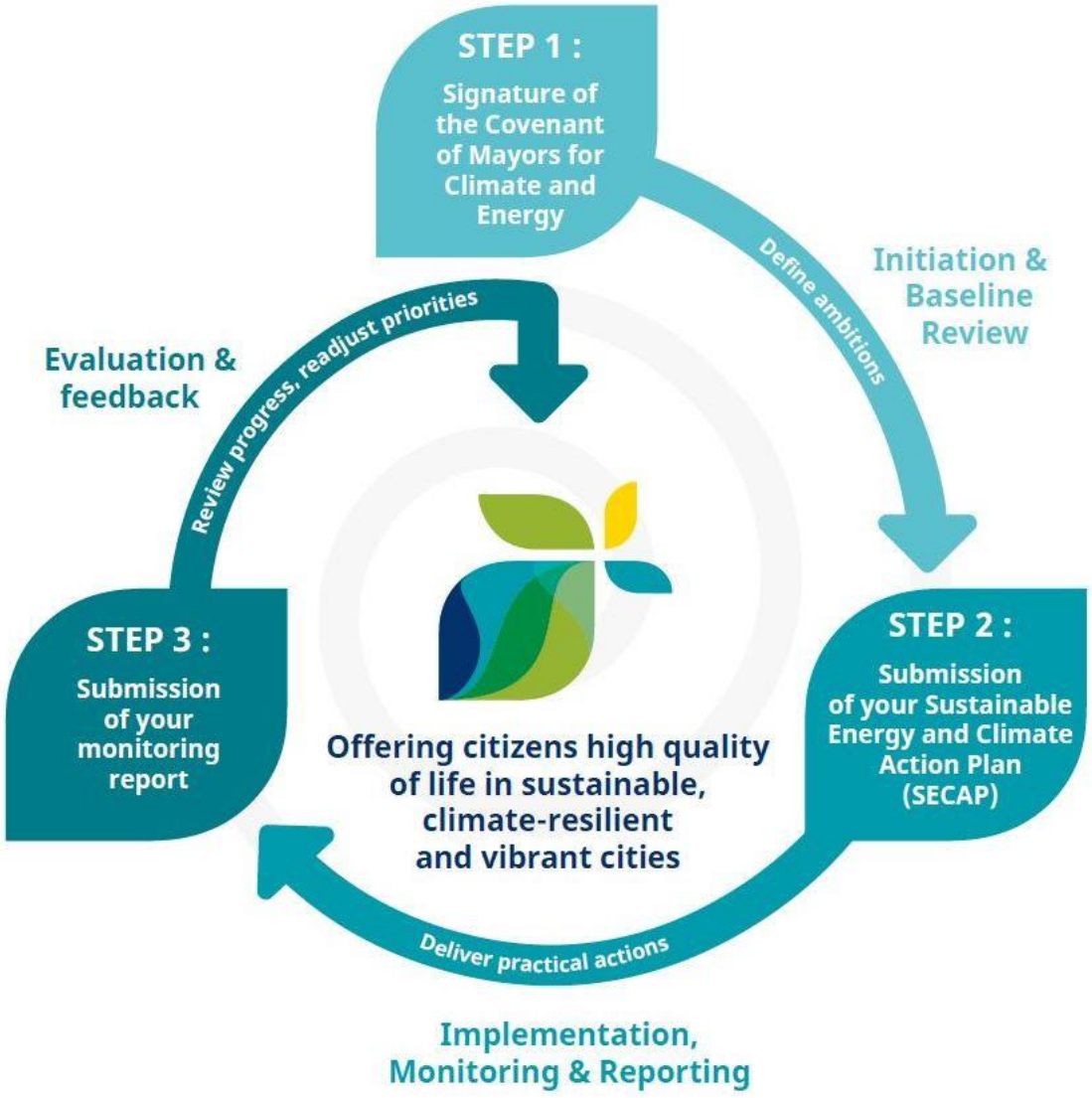
- Reduce CO_2 (and possibly other GHG) emissions by at least **40% by 2030** (Covenant-EU)

Adjusted to regional context!

- **Increasing their resilience** by adapting to the impacts of climate change

- Translate political commitment into local results by developing local **action plans** and **reporting** on their progress

The Covenant step by step

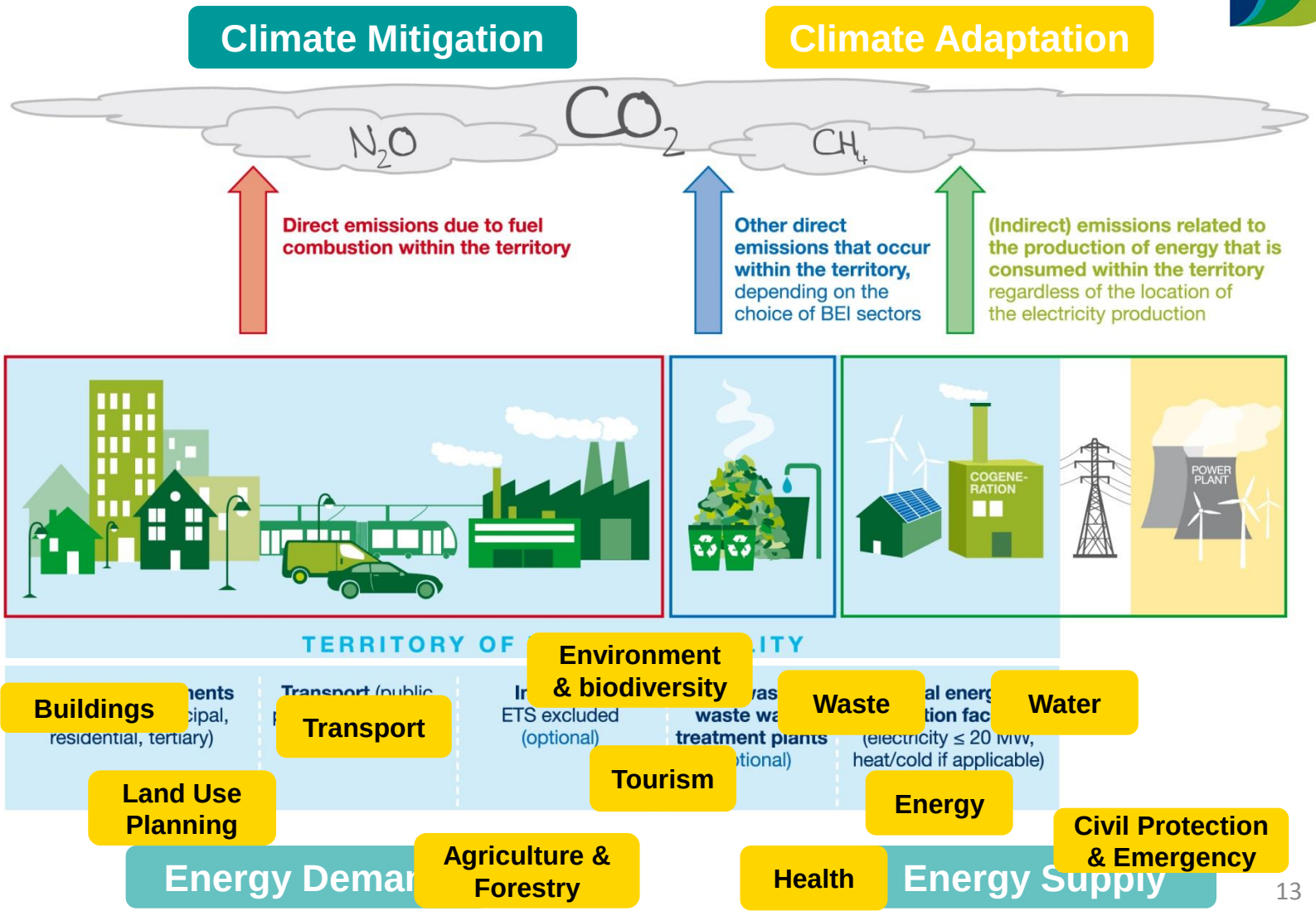


Covenant Reference Documents

Steps/Pillars	MITIGATION	ADAPTATION
1) Initiation and baseline review	Preparing a **Baseline Emission Inventory**	Preparing a **Climate Change Risk and Vulnerability Assessment**
2) Strategic target setting and planning	Submitting a **Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP)** * and mainstreaming mitigation and adaptation considerations into relevant policies, strategies and plans within two years following the formal signing	
3) Implementation, monitoring and reporting	**Report progress** every second year following the SECAP submission in the initiative's platform	

New!

An integrated approach



Guidance materials



Guidebook

Action Plan template & instructions





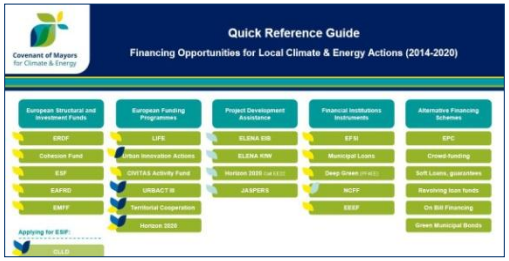
Thematic leaflets



Climate-ADAPT portal & its Urban Adaptation Support Tool

Good practice publication





Publication on Financing Instruments

MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE COVENANT OF MAYORS OFFICE

Our consortium's challenges

- Preserving the **bottom-up nature** & the **political weight** of the Covenant movement
- **Further embedding** the Covenant in national, European -and now international- frameworks
- Consolidating the CoM **framework for cities' action**
- Maximising **synergies** with parallel initiatives



Our consortium's missions

- Ensuring efficient **governance, shaping and steering** of the Covenant movement
- Offering innovative **communication, promotion** and showcasing solutions
- Providing first-class **helpdesk** services to the IUC/CoM-munity
- Offering tailor-made **capacity building** opportunities to the CoM-munity
- Strengthening and further developing the **reporting, monitoring and evaluation** framework
- Supporting the **globalisation of the Covenant**

→ ‘Coalition of the Willing’ on adaptation

Identified partners:

- EEA – in charge of Climate-Adapt Platform
- DG RTD – in charge of research on adaptation and nature-based solutions
- EASME – in charge of implementing research projects
- DG REGIO – in charge of the Urban Agenda Partnership on Adaptation
- UNISDR – in charge of “Making Cities Resilient”
- NRG4SD – in charge of “Regions Adapt”

Topics to be discussed:

- Review of the EU adaptation strategy and the role of local and regional authorities
- Links with EU Urban Agenda Partnership on Adaptation-CoM-other initiatives
- Role of regions and greater support for them
- Sharing of knowledge and expertise – dissemination and use of project outputs
- Future of EU funding for urban adaptation

Possible collaboration areas

Helpdesk

- Providing feedback from project beneficiaries (e.g.on main barriers/enablers on the ground) → tailor our activities to the CoM-munity's needs

Promotion & Communication

- Promoting our respective activities and their benefits for signatories

Capacity Building

- Jointly organising or promoting events (e.g. CoM agenda)
- Promoting projects resources in the 'capacity-sharing platform'

→ Zoom on the ‘Capacity-Sharing platform

We aim at:

- Facilitate knowledge capitalisation and sharing processes through a single access point gathering relevant information and resources for CoM-munity members
- Support dissemination of this knowledge, know-how and and best practices

Possible cooperation on:

- Promoting dissemination possibilities of the capacity-sharing platform
- Establishing a systematic way to feed relevant resources from projects into resource library

Resource library

Search, add and rate resources!

This Resource Library gathers the best available resources that can be of value to Covenant signatories when developing and implementing their Sustainable Energy (and Climate) Action Plan. You want to contribute to the present collection? Then upload your own material (e.g. studies, tools, books, event proceedings…)!

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Thank you!

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