

COVENANT OF MAYORS NATIONAL COORDINATORS' COMMITMENT STATEMENT [Name of the administration]

WHEREAS

The European Commission launched the Covenant of Mayors in 2008 to endorse and support the efforts deployed by local authorities in the implementation of sustainable energy and climate policies.

The Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy is a bottom-up movement that brings together municipalities of all sizes which voluntarily commit to implement EU climate and energy objectives through an integrated approach to climate change mitigation and adaptation.

National authorities share the responsibility for climate action with the authorities at local and regional levels.

The European Commission recognises the national authorities as being its key allies in supporting Covenant of Mayors signatories and Territorial Coordinators to meet their commitments and increase the impact of the Covenant.

WE, COVENANT NATIONAL COORDINATORS,

Are national public administrations and bodies that are in a position **to provide strategic guidance, technical and financial support** to Covenant of Mayors signatories and municipalities willing to sign up to it;

Endorse the Covenant of Mayors vision towards **decarbonised and resilient** territories, where citizens have access to **secure, sustainable and affordable energy**;

Acknowledge that our commitment implies working using a **cross-sectoral** and **multi-level cooperation** approach (i.e. across policy sectors, Ministries, departments and between authorities in charge at national and other governance levels), including active stakeholder involvement, for more efficient and integrated action;

Publicly recognise the Covenant of Mayors as a key element of our political strategy and;

Stand ready to support all Covenant signatories in the delivery of practical and long-term measures towards a healthy, socially fair and economically-viable environment for present and future generations.

TO THIS END WE COMMIT, AT NATIONAL LEVEL AND THROUGH OUR POLITICAL STRATEGY, TO:

- **Promote accession** to the Covenant of Mayors among municipalities, provinces and regions
- **Provide technical and strategic assistance** to signatory municipalities for the development, implementation and monitoring of their Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans
- **Provide financial support** to signatories and Territorial Coordinators, either in the form of direct support (grants, subsidies, etc.) and/or via human resources allocated to technical support
- **Support experience and knowledge sharing** between existing and potential Covenant signatories and other National and Territorial Coordinators
- **Work in partnership** with other Covenant National/Territorial Coordinators and Supporters to foster joint action and promote a coordinated approach
- **Participate** in the Covenant of Mayors activities
- **Report regularly**, and not less than every two years, to the Covenant of Mayors Office on the activities carried out to support our respective national Covenant of Mayors community (signatories, Territorial Coordinators, Supporters) at national level

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:

- The Covenant of Mayors cannot serve commercial purposes
- This statement shall be renewed automatically every year unless decided otherwise by our administration
- Our participation in the initiative will be suspended by the Covenant of Mayors Office in case of non-compliance with the above-mentioned commitments

[Date]

[Signature / Stamp]

[Name of representative]
[Position], [Name of
Administration]

ANNEX – COVENANT NATIONAL COORDINATORS' ACTIVITIES

Covenant National Coordinators are required to report regularly on their activities using an online questionnaire. This annex provides examples of activities they may carry out, according to each National Coordinator's own areas of expertise and competences. It is to be used as a basis for completing the reporting questionnaire, to be sent at least every two years to the Covenant of Mayors Office.

Promote accession to the Covenant of Mayors

- Dissemination of the [Covenant promotional and/or technical materials](#)
- Adaptation/translation of the [Covenant promotional and/or technical materials](#) or development of specific publications on the initiative
- Promotion through own communication tools/channels (e.g. newsletters and blogs, website, mailing lists, social media, etc.)
- Organisation of dedicated [events](#) (e.g. workshops, seminars, conferences)
- Other

Provide technical and strategic assistance to signatory municipalities

- Setting- up of technical working group(s) or equivalent
- Development of technical guidelines or adaptation of the [existing ones](#) (e.g. SECAP Guidebook, [reporting guidelines](#) or other reference guides, [Urban Adaptation Support Tool](#))
- Provision of support to signatories in the development, implementation and monitoring of their SECAPs
- Collaboration with stakeholders for the provision of technical support (e.g. through cooperation agreement(s) with energy/environment agencies or consultancies, universities or research agencies)
- Other

Provide financial support to signatory municipalities

- Through the creation of dedicated funds/subsidies/grants or by making full use of the European funds to support climate and energy action at local and regional level
- By providing information and helping signatories apply for dedicated funds/subsidies/grants/calls for projects, etc.
- By co-ordinating joint projects (e.g. submitting an ELENA-EIB proposal which would bundle small projects...)
- By promoting alternative schemes benefitting municipalities and/or citizens (e.g. use of Energy Performance Contracting, crowdfunding, cooperatives, etc.)
- Through specifically assigned in-house staff
- Other

Support experience and knowledge-sharing between existing and potential Covenant signatories

- Creation of experience-sharing opportunities between signatories (e.g. events, discussion forums, blogs, peer-review and mentoring by experienced signatories)
- Support to the promotion of signatories' activities (e.g. through case studies or news items)
- Suggestion of tools and materials relevant for signatories to be added to the [Covenant Capacity-sharing Corner](#)
- Other

Work in partnership with other Covenant National/Territorial Coordinators and Supporters

- Setting-up of a committee/working group aiming at facilitating the implementation of the Covenant of Mayors in the country
- Definition of cooperation agreements
- Development of joint activities with key stakeholders within the country (e.g. associations and agencies, chambers of commerce, trade unions, citizen organisations, universities and research institutes...)
- Regular exchanges with other Covenant Coordinators and Supporters in the country
- Involvement in the regional/national Covenant of Mayors club(s) or similar exchange platform(s) if any
- Other

Participate in Covenant of Mayors activities and report regularly to the Covenant of Mayors Office

- Submission of good practice examples through the online [catalogue of Benchmarks of Excellence](#)
- Contribution to the [Covenant Capacity-sharing Corner](#) (e.g. resource library, discussion forums)
- Participation in Covenant events (e.g. Covenant ceremonies, capacity-building workshops and webinars)
- Contribution to surveys and other consultations
- Regular exchanges with the Covenant of Mayors Office