

Programme of the First Ceremony of the Covenant of Mayors

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10 February 2009, 14:30-18:00

Hemicycle-European Parliament, Brussels

Hemicycle Room	
14:30-18:00	The Covenant of Mayors Ceremony <i>Master of Ceremony: Mr. Alex Taylor</i>
SESSION I: OPENING	
14:30-14:40	Official opening of the Covenant of Mayors Ceremony <i>Mr. Alejo Vidal Quadras, Vice-President, European Parliament</i>
14:40-14:45	<i>Mr. José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission</i>
14:45-15:15	Family picture <i>With Mr. José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission</i>
15:15-16:05	Statements by Mayors of representative signatory Covenant cities <i>Mr. Gabor Demszky, Budapest (HU)</i> <i>Mr. Michel Delebarre, Dunkirk (FR)</i> <i>Mr. Ole von Beust, Hamburg (DE)</i> <i>Mr. Alberto Ruiz-Gallardón Jiménez, Madrid (ES)</i> <i>Mr. Denis Baupin, Paris (FR)</i> <i>Mr. Janis Birks, Riga (LV)</i> <i>Mr. Bo Frank, Växjö (SE)</i>
16:05-16:15	<i>Mr. Guido Sacconi, Chairman, Temporary Committee on Climate Change, European Parliament</i>
16:15-16:25	<i>Mr. Luc Van den Brande, President, Committee of the Regions</i>
SESSION II: OBJECTIVES AND FUTURE OF THE COVENANT OF MAYORS	
16:25-16:35	Keynote speech and presentation of the "Covenant of Mayors Office" <i>Mr. Andris Piebalgs, Energy Commissioner, European Commission</i>
16:35-16:45	<i>Mr. Philippe Maystadt, President, European Investment Bank</i>
SESSION III: A GLOBAL COVENANT OF MAYORS?	
16:45-16:50	<i>Video message by Mr. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of New York, USA</i>
16:50-16:55	<i>Video message by Mr. Bob Parker, Mayor of Christchurch, New Zealand</i>
16:55-17:00	<i>Arq. Daniel Chain, Minister of Urban Development, Government of Buenos Aires, Argentina</i>
SESSION IV: SIGNATURE CEREMONY FOR COVENANT CITIES	
17:00-18:00	<i>The Mayors will sign the Covenant which will be recognised and countersigned by the representatives of the European institutions</i>
18:00	Official closing of the Covenant of Mayors Ceremony
18:00 onwards	Individual interviews with the Covenant signatories <i>Mayors will have various opportunities for one-to-one interviews with interested media</i>