



Local authorities for the Energy Security of Europe

High Level Conference of the European Commission in the context of the Covenant of Mayors

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9 October 2014, 14:00 – 19:00

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PROGRAMME

- 14:00-14:30** **Opening statement**
- 🌱 **Günther Oettinger**, *Commissioner for Energy – European Commission* (TBC)
 - 🌱 **Michel Lebrun**, *President – Committee of the Regions*
- 14:30-15:45** **Session 1: Role and actions of local authorities in energy security**
How do Covenant Signatories strengthen energy security through efficiency improvements and smart city solutions?
- 🌱 *Chair:* **Marie Donnelly**, *Director – European Commission, DG ENERGY*
- Panelists:*
- 🌱 **Olga Veidina**, *Deputy Mayor – City of Riga, Latvia*
 - 🌱 **Irina Savina**, *Deputy Mayor – City of Sofia, Bulgaria*
 - 🌱 **Pekka Sauri**, *Deputy Mayor – City of Helsinki, Finland*
 - 🌱 **Raimond Tamm**, *Deputy Mayor – City of Tartu, Estonia*
 - 🌱 **Zbigniew Michniowski**, *Deputy Mayor – City of Bielsko-Biała, Poland*
- 15:45- 16:15** *Coffee break*
- 16:15- 17:30** **Session 2: Financing local energy security**
What innovative financing schemes can help Covenant Signatories finance local actions improving energy security?
- 🌱 *Chair:* **Charlina Vitcheva**, *Director – European Commission, DG REGIO*
- Panelists:*
- 🌱 **Tue David Bak**, *Director of Innovation and Growth – Region Zealand, Denmark*
 - 🌱 **Małgorzata Skucha**, *President – National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management, Poland*
 - 🌱 **Dirk Vansintjan**, *Director – Ecopower, Belgium*
 - 🌱 **Oliver Gajda**, *Chairman & Executive Director – European Crowdfunding Network*
 - 🌱 **Leszek Drogosz**, *Director of Infrastructure Department – City of Warsaw, Poland*
- 17:30-18:00** **Conclusions**
- 🌱 **Jerzy Buzek**, *MEP, Chair of the ITRE Committee – European Parliament*
 - 🌱 **Dominique Ristori**, *Director General – European Commission, DG Energy*
- 18:00- 19:00** **Cocktail**