



Towards decarbonised and resilient cities: The Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy

Side-event organised by the Mayors Adapt Office and the European Committee of the Regions
in the European Habitat Conference in Prague

17 March 2016, 9:00-10.30 – Room “Club E”, 1st floor, Prague Congress Centre

[Mayors Adapt](#) – the Covenant of Mayors Initiative on Climate Change adaptation, has been set up by the European Commission to engage cities in taking action to adapt to climate change. In October 2015, Mayors Adapt and the [Covenant of Mayors](#) initiative on climate change mitigation (which brings together more than six thousand local and regional authorities voluntarily committed to implementing EU climate and energy objectives on their territory) merged into one unique [Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy](#). This new initiative brings together mitigation and adaptation and encourages an integrated approach of these two dimensions. Under this new Covenant, cities pledge to reduce their CO₂ emissions by at least 40% by 2030, to increase their resilience to the impacts of climate change, and to increase their cooperation with fellow local and regional authorities in the EU and beyond. The Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy is implemented by a consortium of local and regional authorities' networks, led by Energy Cities, composed of CEMR, Climate Alliance, EUROCITIES and Fedarene, and by ECOFYS, Fresh Thoughts, and IFOK.

[The European Committee of the Regions](#) is the EU's assembly of regional and local representatives from all 28 Member States. Its mission is to involve regional and local authorities in the EU's decision-making process and to inform them about EU policies. The European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission consult the Committee in policy areas affecting regions and cities.

This side event presents the integrated approach of the newly launched Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy as the guiding EU initiative for building more sustainable local authorities. It targets all local authorities that might be interested in joining this voluntary initiative, but also potential supporters of the initiative (energy, environment and water management agencies, national and regional administrations, climate and energy organisations). The main objective is to raise awareness on the co-benefits of addressing mitigation and adaptation jointly in cities. In parallel, the side event seeks, through a debate between city representatives and climate and energy experts, to explore the best ways to foster these co-benefits. These issues and the possible solutions will be illustrated by presentations of practical experiences from the ground, by signatories of the Covenant of Mayors and Mayors Adapt.



AGENDA

Time	Intervention	Twitter
9:00-9:10	Introduction: Presentation of the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy by Anna Lisa Boni, Secretary-General of EUROCITIES (10 minutes)	@EUROCITIEStweet
9:10-9:45	<p>Panel discussion 1: Reaping the co-benefits of urban mitigation and adaptation measures</p> <p><i>This session, held at political level, will show the co-benefits of mitigation and adaptation and the best ways to develop and stimulate these co-benefits.</i></p> <p><u>Moderation:</u> Anna Lisa Boni, EUROCITIES</p> <p>Ms. Katarina Luhr, Vice Mayor of Environment, City of Stockholm</p> <p>Ms. Kata Túttó, rapporteur of the Committee of the Regions on the Covenant of Mayors, Councilor, District 12, Budapest</p> <p>Ms. Ludmila Farkasovska, Deputy Mayor of Bratislava</p> <p>Ms. Dina Silina, DG CLIMA, European Commission</p>	<p>@EUROCITIEStweet</p> <p>@gialuhr</p> <p>@EU_CoR</p> <p>@EUClimateAction</p>
9:45-10:20	<p>Panel discussion 2: Giving value to urban adaptation</p> <p><i>This technical session will discuss the different tools available for local decision-makers to keep adaptation topic high in the cities' policy agenda, (highlighting co-benefits being one of the ways to achieve this).</i></p> <p><u>Moderation:</u> Radim Dvorak, Committee of the Regions</p> <p>Ms. Mária Kazmuková, Senior Consultant, City Development Authority of Prague</p> <p>Ms. Pavla Vidanová, Czech Ministry of Environment</p> <p>Ms. Veronika With, City of Munich</p>	
10:20-10:30	Wrap-up session	

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