



## THE NEW INTEGRATED COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR CLIMATE AND ENERGY

On 15 October 2015, the European Commission announced the launch of the New Integrated Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy. This new Covenant merges the existing EU initiatives on urban climate change mitigation (the Covenant of Mayors) and adaptation (Mayors Adapt).

### Context

So far:

- Covenant of Mayors signatories committed to reducing their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by at least 20% until 2020
- EU Mayors Adapt signatories committed to developing an urban adaptation strategy or to integrating adaptation into broader existing strategies

### What is it about?

The new initiative includes three pillars:

- **2030 horizon:** signatories will commit to reducing their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by at least 40% until 2030.
- **Integration of mitigation and adaptation:** signatories will commit to develop a joint approach to tackling mitigation of climate change and adaptation to its effects. They will draft a Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan progressively including adaptation measures.
- **International dimension:** Signatories will support the vision of an initiative extended to a more global scope.

### What's in it for cities and regions?

- Lower administrative burden: cities can sign up and report to one EU climate initiative instead of two different ones.
- Renewed ambitions and commitments to maintain the pioneering role of signatories.
- Opportunity to better exploit synergies between mitigation and adaptation, and guidance to do so.

### What's happening now?

Cities willing to join the new initiative - even those which are already Covenant of Mayors and/or Mayors Adapt signatories - will need to present the new Covenant of Mayors Commitment Document to their municipal Council for adoption. The final version of this Commitment document will be available soon in all EU languages. EURO CITIES will continue informing you on the modalities of adherence to the new initiative, which are currently still being discussed. Up-to-date information will be progressively uploaded on the [FAQ](#) on the Covenant of Mayors website.

Cities that have signed the former Covenant of Mayors and/or EU Mayors Adapt and do not want to join the new initiative right away will remain in the Covenant and/or EU Mayors Adapt respectively until 2020.

### More information

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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