Mayors Adapt and the new Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy
Mayors Adapt Basics

mayors-adapt.eu

- First pan-European initiative to support cities in leading the way on adaptation to climate change
- Launched in March 2014 by Commission DG Climate Action
- 150 European cities have committed in the 1st year
- Mayors Adapt’s key objectives are
  - to inform and inspire cities, regions and local governments to show leadership on climate change adaptation
  - to support them in developing strategies for concrete action
  - to translate and accelerate action on adaptation to improve local resilience to climate impacts
Covenant of Mayors – Mayors Adapt

- Mayors Adapt follows the **model of the Covenant of Mayors** initiative – it is a parallel exercise for adaptation.

- **Objective**: support local authorities in taking coherent action on both mitigation and adaptation – promoting an **integrated approach**.
The Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy

...brings together local and regional authorities voluntarily committed to implementing EU climate and energy objectives on their territory.
The Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy

- A unique bottom-up movement shaped by cities, for cities
- New target of at least 40% reduction in CO2 emissions by 2030
- Includes both the mitigation and adaptation pillars through the integration of the Covenant of Mayors and Mayors Adapt
  - integrated approach
  - coherence, synergies, efficiency

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Evolution of the initiative

Priority action in the EU Action Plan for Energy Efficiency

-20% CO₂ by 2020
Launch of the Covenant of Mayors

Launch of Mayors Adapt

-40% CO₂ by 2030
Setting new commitments

Climate Alliance and the Covenant of Mayors

Climate Alliance has been engaged in the Covenant of Mayors initiative since its start in 2008 when the Commission – DG ENERGY decided to endorse and support local and regional authorities in the fight against climate change.

Climate Alliance runs the CoMO office in partnership with four local government networks as well as its branch office (CoMO-EAST) for Neighborhood countries, Southern Caucasus and Central Asia regions.
Climate Alliance as member of the Covenant

- Runs the **Covenant helpdesk** and develops the overall framework for the initiative together with the Joint Research Center
- Since 2014 coordinates all the **capacity building** activities for the initiative
- **Monitors** the outcomes of the initiative
  - Covenant in figures
  - Benchmarks of excellence

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The Covenant of Mayors is the result of intensive lobbying by networks such as Climate Alliance.

As **Covenant Supporter** Climate Alliance helps its members to reach their targets and manages several Covenant related projects by using our technical expertise; for ex. SEAP_Alps project; 100% RES communities.

**National Covenant Clubs:**
CA Austria, Catalonia, Germany, Italy
## The Covenant step by step

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<td>2) Strategic target setting &amp; planning</td>
<td>Submitting a Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP) and mainstreaming mitigation and adaptation considerations into relevant policies, strategies and plans within two years following the formal signing</td>
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<td>3) Implementation, monitoring and reporting</td>
<td>Report progress every second year following the SECAP submission in the initiative’s platform</td>
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A reference framework for action

Consistency and transparency thanks to a common reporting framework for all, flexible and adjustable to local realities

High visibility via personalised signatory profiles on the Covenant website

Evaluation of the data reported by the Commission's independent scientific centre (signatories are suspended in case of non-compliance)
Evaluation by the JRC

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### Reporting - SECAP template

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<td>Adaptation commitments defined/integrated into the local climate policy</td>
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<td><strong>STRATEGY</strong></td>
<td>Human, technical and financial resources identified</td>
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<td>Adaptation team (officer) appointed within the municipal administration and clear responsibilities assigned</td>
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<td>Vertical (i.e. across governance levels) coordination mechanisms in place</td>
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<td>Consultative and participatory mechanisms set up, fostering the multi-stakeholder engagement in the adaptation process</td>
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<td>Continuous communication process in place for the engagement of the different target audiences</td>
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<td>Mapping of the possible methods &amp; data sources for carrying out a Risk &amp; Vulnerability Assessment conducted</td>
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<td><strong>RISKS &amp; VULNERABILITIES</strong></td>
<td>Assessment(s) of climate risks &amp; vulnerabilities undertaken</td>
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<td>Possible sectors of action identified and prioritised</td>
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<td>Available knowledge periodically reviewed and new findings integrated</td>
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<td>Full portfolio of adaptation options compiled, documented and assessed</td>
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<td>Adaptation Actions developed and adopted (as part of the SECAP and/or other planning documents)</td>
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<td>Implementation framework set, with clear milestones</td>
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<td>Coordinated action between mitigation and adaptation set</td>
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<td>Monitoring framework in place for adaptation actions</td>
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<td><strong>STEP 6 - Monitoring and evaluating</strong></td>
<td>Appropriate M&amp;E indicators identified</td>
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<td>Adaptation strategy and/or Action Plan updated, revised and readjusted according to the findings of the M&amp;E procedure</td>
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SECAP template - Adaptation

Signatory Scoreboard

Risk-Rating-Matrix

Impact-Rating-Matrix

Reported (Adaptation) Actions by Sector
Climate-ADAPT – a service of the EEA
National service for municipalities

Spanish Ministry of Environment The platform for the exchange and of information on adaptation to climate change (AdapteCCa)
National service for municipalities

Spanish Ministry of Environment developed Guidelines for municipal climate change adaptation strategies
The Covenant Community

**Signatories**
Villages, towns, cities, counties

**Coordinators**
Regions, Provinces, Energy Agencies

**Covenant of Mayors Clubs**

**Academia**

**Associated Partners**
European federations of companies, NGOs, international networks

**Supporters**
Non-profit organisations, associations, agencies

[Diagram showing hierarchical structure of the Covenant Community with labels for Local, Regional, National, and European/global levels]
The Covenant of Mayors in key figures

- 7000+ signatory cities,
- 280+ regions, provinces & grassroots associations,
  - ca. 30 Associated Partners
  - ca. 60 Local & Regional Energy Agencies

- 5,100+ Action Plans developed

... average CO₂-emission reduction of about 28% by 2020
Specific methodological materials

Supporting signatories (1/6)

Guidance materials

Action Plan template & instructions (in Spanish)

Thematic leaflets (in Spanish)
Supporting signatories (2/6)

Funding instruments
Supporting signatories (3/6)

Covenant Capacity-Sharing Corner

- **Discussion Forums** – Exchange With Your Peers
- **Resource Library** – Search, Add and Rate Resources

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Supporting signatories (4/6)

Capacity-building events

- Webinars
- Workshops
- Finance working groups
Helpdesk

- General helpdesk
- Country-specific helpdesks: Italy, Spain, Germany & Austria
Supporting signatories (6/6)

Covenant Clubs
- Covenant Club in Germany, Italy, France, Bulgaria...
- Covenant Club Catalonia

Coordination Commission
Àrea Metropolitana de Barcelona & Network of Municipalities for Sustainability (La Xarxa)

Club Members
City councils, Generalitat de Catalunya, counties, energy agency

Associated Members
Professional associations, University and research centers, Financial institutions, trade union, enterprises
Benefits of joining the new Covenant of Mayors

- Public recognition of action and high visibility at EU level
- Wide-ranging support and innovative knowledge sharing (learning from peers, helpdesk, exchange platform, quick access to expertise and good practice examples, communication)
- Showing strong political leadership
- Creating new local opportunities, helping cities move towards an integrated, sustainable approach on mitigation & adaptation
- Increased financial opportunities (LIFE, structural funds, Horizon 2020...)
- Synergies with other initiatives (Smart Cities & Communities, Climate-ADAPPT)
- Engagement of various stakeholders (provinces, regions, national / thematic agencies or organisations, etc.)
National and European coordination

**EUROPEAN SECRETARIAT**
Operational coordination

**BRUSSELS OFFICE**
EU Follow up & Position taking

**BOARD**
Strategic orientation

**NATIONAL COORDINATIONS**
(AT, CH, DE, HU, IT, LU)
National roots

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Reporting – Mayors Adapt template

Mayors Adapt Monitoring & Reporting Template

Introduction & Background

The template constitutes the monitoring and reporting framework of the Mayors Adapt initiative, now integrated into the “Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy” framework by the Mayors Adapt Office in collaboration with a group of practitioners from local and regional authorities. It assists signatories in presenting and structuring their adaptation strategy and action plan, as well as tracking their implementation progress.

For step guidance, consult the online Adaptation Support Tool available on the CLIMATE-Adapt Portal.

Monitoring & Reporting Procedure

- The template must be filled in English every 2 years following the formal signing of the commitment.
- The completed Excel template (in English), together with the associated planning documents (in national language), will have to be submitted via email to info@climate-adapt.eu.
- The completed template will not be published (unless specified otherwise by the signatory).
- The Mayors Adapt Covenant of Mayors office may contact the signatory directly to ask for the permission to publish parts of the submitted text (e.g. for good-practice examples).
- The Adaptation Strategy and/or Action Plan (SECAP or similar) will be published on the Covenant of Mayors website. Signatories can specify which other submitted documents (e.g. Risk & Vulnerability Assessment) they want to make public in the "Adaptive" tab > "Adaptation Documents" section through the "published" link.

Note: an online submission process may be proposed as a future stage in the Covenant of Mayors website. www.betterplanet.eu / www CLIMATE-Adapt Portal.

Flexibility Approach

- Signatories can adjust/update/complete the data reported in the present template according to the new information as it becomes available.
- Where circumstances outside the local authority’s control delay the completion and submission of the Mayors Adapt (and associated documents) within the established reporting timelines (see below), a 6-month extension may be granted to signatories.

Contact: info@climate-adapt.eu

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