Covenant of Mayors
for Climate & Energy

Klimabündnis Österreich

COVENANT OF MAYORS SUPPORTERS' COMMITMENT STATEMENT
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WHEREAS

The European Commission launched the Covenant of Mayors in 2008 to endorse and support the efforts deployed by local authorities in the implementation of sustainable energy and climate policies.

The Covenant and Mayors for Climate and Energy is a bottom-up movement that brings together municipalities of all sizes which voluntarily commit to implement EU climate and energy objectives through an integrated approach to climate change mitigation and adaptation.

WE, COVENANT SUPPORTERS,

Are not-for-profit organisations (associations of local and regional authorities, networks, thematic agencies …) with the capacity to **promote the Covenant of Mayors and to mobilise and support** our members and/or local authorities to attain the Covenant of Mayors' objectives. We take action within our territory and areas of expertise (e.g. energy, environment, water, air…), and at different levels of governance (e.g. European, national, and regional/local),

Endorse the Covenant of Mayors vision towards **decarbonised and resilient** territories, where citizens have access to **secure, sustainable and affordable energy**,

Acknowledge that our commitment implies working using **a cross-sectoral** and **multi-level cooperation** approach,

Stand ready to support Covenant signatories in the delivery of concrete and long-term measures towards a healthy, socially-fair and economically-viable environment for present and future generations.

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TO THIS END WE COMMIT, WITHIN OUR TERRITORY AND/OR AREAS OF EXPERTISE, TO:

- **Promote** the Covenant of Mayors initiative, mobilising existing and potential signatories
- **Support and advise** Covenant of Mayors signatories
- **Support exchanges and share** knowledge, experiences, best practices, tools or resources relevant to Covenant signatories
- **Work in partnership** with other Covenant Supporters and National/Territorial Coordinators to foster joint action and promote a coordinated approach
- **Participate** in Covenant of Mayors activities
- **Report regularly**, and not less than every two years, to the Covenant of Mayors Office on the activities carried out in the framework of the initiative.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:

- The Covenant of Mayors cannot serve commercial purposes
- This statement shall be renewed automatically every year unless decided otherwise by our organisation
- Our participation in the initiative will be suspended by the Covenant of Mayors Office in case of non-compliance with the above-mentioned commitments.

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[Signature / Stamp]

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ANNEX – COVENANT SUPPORTERS' ACTIVITIES

Covenant Supporters are required to report regularly on their activities using an online questionnaire. This annex provides examples of activities they may carry out, according to their own areas of expertise and competence. It is to be used as a basis to complete the reporting questionnaire, to be sent at least every two years to the Covenant of Mayors Office.

Promote the Covenant of Mayors, mobilise existing and potential signatories

- Inform members and other local authorities of the territory about the initiative, and encourage them to join
- Disseminate Covenant promotional and/or technical materials, translate/adapt them to national or regional context or develop specific publications on the initiative
- Organise dedicated events (e.g. workshops, seminars, conferences), announce them on the Covenant website, and help the Covenant of Mayors Office to identify events where the initiative could be promoted
- Leverage own communication tools (e.g. newsletter and blogs, publications, website, mailing lists, social media, etc.)
- Act as an intermediary between own members and the Covenant of Mayors Office, and with the regional or national media
- Trigger synergies amongst existing and potential signatories in their territory
- Other

Support and advise Covenant of Mayors signatories in your areas of expertise

- Support the activities of own members and local authorities on sustainable energy and/or climate issues
- Help them mobilise financial support, inform them about potential financing sources
- Provide/develop technical guidelines or adapt the existing ones (e.g. SECAP Guidebook, Reporting Guidelines or other Reference Guides, Urban Adaptation Support Tool)
- Organise technical, capacity-building events and working groups
- Inform own members and local authorities about potential synergies in the national, regional, and local context
- Provide information about European projects and help local authorities to get involved
- Other

Support experience and knowledge-sharing

- Create experience-sharing opportunities amongst signatories (e.g. discussion forums, blogs)
- Include the Covenant of Mayors in the agenda of own events, working groups, committees, and other relevant fora

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- Support peer-review, mentoring, and promotion of signatories' activities
- Suggest relevant tools and materials for signatories to add to the Covenant Capacity-sharing Corner
- Other

Work in partnership with Covenant Supporters, National/Territorial Coordinators, and any other stakeholders with relevant competences

- Act as an intermediary between own members and other stakeholders with relevant expertise in the energy and/or climate fields
- Develop joint activities and collaborate with Supporters, Coordinators, and other key stakeholders in the territory and fields of expertise concerned
- Provide feedback on the implementation of own commitments on the territory
- Other

Participate in Covenant of Mayors activities and report regularly to the Covenant of Mayors Office

- Contribute to the Covenant Capacity-sharing Corner (e.g. resource library, discussion forums)
- Submit good practice examples through the online catalogue of Benchmarks of Excellence
- Participate in Covenant events (e.g. Covenant ceremonies, capacity-building workshops and webinars)
- Regular exchanges with the Covenant of Mayors Office
- Contribute to surveys and other consultations
- Other