



PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN
DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR ENERGY
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND
ALLIANCE FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLES



**Commitment of Alliance for Energy Efficiency and Renewables of Republic of Moldova as
Supporter of the Covenant of Mayors**

THIS AGREEMENT IS MADE BETWEEN

The Directorate General for Energy of the European Commission (hereinafter DG ENER), at Rue de Mot 24, BE-1040 Brussels, Belgium represented by Klaus-Dieter Borchardt, Director for the Internal Energy Market, and the Alliance for Energy Efficiency and Renewables (hereinafter – AEER), at 78 Alecsandri str., 510 A office, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, MD-2020, represented by Tanya Daniel Lujanskaya, President.

WHEREAS

The European Commission launched in 2008 the Covenant of Mayors, open to cities and municipalities of all sizes in Europe, with the aim of involving local authorities and citizens in the development and implementation of the European Union energy policy. The Covenant consists of the commitment of the signatory cities to go beyond the EU objectives for reducing CO₂ emissions through energy efficiency measures, actions related to renewable energy sources and clean transport.

The European Commission recognises the entities acting as Covenant Supporters as its main allies in conveying the message and increasing the impact of the Covenant. These Covenant Supporters are defined as those networks of local authorities that leverage their lobbying, communication and networking activities to promote the Covenant of Mayors initiative and support the commitments of its signatories.

AEER TM has among its main purposes to represent and to defend the interests of the local authorities at national and European level, and to foster exchange of experiences and best practices between its members. In particular AEER TM works on local sustainable energy policies and climate protection promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy use.



AEER has considered very positively the Covenant of Mayors and its potential results since its launch; it is for that reason that it has decided to strengthen the promotion of the Covenant of Mayors among its members and other local authorities and to support those that have formalised their commitment to the Covenant.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS

I

DG ENER acknowledges that AEER is an important actor in the Covenant, in its quality as Covenant Supporter for local authorities, members of NGOs, local communities and the business sector.

II

The AEER is committed to carry out the following tasks among its members:

- a) Promote accession to the Covenant of Mayors (adaptation and translation of Covenant promotional materials in the national or regional context, newsletters, website, mass media, conferences, round tables, workshops during National Conferences and General Assemblies) and to provide support and coordination to those members signing up (helping them to organise public events aimed at raising awareness on these issues) upon the municipalities accession to the Covenant of Mayors.
- b) Publicly recognise the Covenant of Mayors as a key element of its policy.
- c) Liaise with its members and facilitate the exchange of experience between signatories and candidates to the Covenant of Mayors.
- d) Defend common interest both in the national and/or European context in order to facilitate the accession to the Covenant of Mayors and the implementation of its requirements.
- e) Play an intermediary role between AEER members and the Covenant of Mayors Office, and with the national (or regional) media.
- f) Help identify relevant events where the Covenant of Mayors could be promoted.
- g) Provide feedback on the implementation of actions by members of the Covenant of Mayors and participate in discussions on the strategic implementation of the initiative proposed by the Commission.

- h) Report to the Covenant of Mayors Office on the actions undertaken by AEER in the framework of the Covenant of Mayors.

AEER acknowledges that the Covenant of Mayors cannot be used for commercial purposes.

III

DG ENER in turn undertakes to:

- a) Provide visibility support to major conferences and events that AEER organises in relation to the Covenant of Mayors.
- b) Share and debate available information to make progress in achieving the common goals.
- c) Provide information on new developments in the Covenant process.

IV

This agreement does not imply any legal and/or budgetary commitment between the Commission and AEER.


This agreement shall be renewed automatically every year unless otherwise decided by either of the parties hereto.

The parties shall co-operate and work together on equal terms for their mutual benefit, towards the achievement of the objectives summarised herein. Should any provision or provisions of the present prove to be impracticable, the parties agree to prepare new alternatives for contributing to the aims of the Covenant.


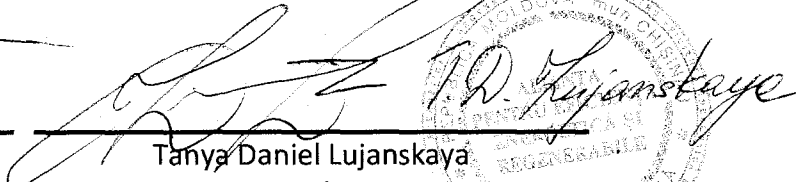
This Agreement is signed in duplicate.

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Alliance for Energy Efficiency and
Renewables



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