



MAYORS ADAPT

THE COVENANT OF MAYORS INITIATIVE
ON ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Local authorities are working at the forefront of implementing solutions for a changing climate. Adaptation action brings new opportunities to enhance the quality of life, promote sustainable urban development, stimulate investment and innovation, reinforce stakeholder participation and multi-stakeholder cooperation. By adopting resilient thinking and investing in climate preparedness, EU Mayors and Political Leaders make their local authorities more attractive, healthier and safer.

Mayors' Commitment

I, **Joan Puigdollers i Fargas, Councillor for Environment and Urban Services of Barcelona** inform you that the **[Municipal Council (Plenari del Consell Municipa)]** decided at the meeting on **25 July 2014** to mandate me, **Councillor for Environment and Urban Services**, to sign up to the Mayors Adapt Initiative – the Covenant of Mayors' Initiative on Adaptation to climate change, in full knowledge of all commitments outlined below and specified further in the full 'Commitment Document'.

In particular I commit to contributing to the overall aim of the EU Adaptation Strategy and creating a more climate-resilient Europe. This means enhancing the local authority's preparedness and our capacity to respond to the impacts of climate change by:

- [Developing a comprehensive (independent) local adaptation strategy for our local authority; **and/or**];
- [Integrating adaptation to climate change into our existing relevant plans.¹]

Regardless of the option selected, I undertake to fulfil the following **step-by-step approach**:

- Assess potential climate change risks and vulnerabilities as a basis to prioritise adaptation actions ;
- Identify, assess and prioritise adaptation actions through the development and submission of a local adaptation strategy (1) or the respective relevant adaptation documents (2), including the results of the vulnerability assessment, identifying clear responsibilities and resources, and outlining adaptation actions, within two years following the formal signing of the Commitment;
- Implement local adaptation actions;
- Regularly monitor and evaluate progress;
- Report every second year according to the framework of the initiative;
- Adjust the local adaptation strategy accordingly.

I declare my local authority up to the challenge, and ready to mobilise sufficient resources and capacities to strengthen its climate change resilience.

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¹ Please choose your desired option(s), remove the non-selected one (if any).