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PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF ENERGY AND TRANSPORT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND ASSOCIATION ENERGY EFFICIENT CITIES OF UKRAINE



European Commission

Covenant of Mayors among Association "Energy Efficient Cities of Ukraine" members and other Eastern European municipalities

Brussels, 06/07/2009

THIS AGREEMENT IS MADE BETWEEN

The Directorate General for Energy and Transport of the European Commission (hereinafter DG TREN), at Rue de Mot 24, B-1040 Brussels, Belgium represented by Fabrizio Barbaso, Deputy Director General for Energy, and Voluntary Alliance of Local Governments — Association "Energy Efficient Cities of Ukraine" (hereinafter EECU), 2 Pletentsky St. Office 1, 79020 Lviv, Ukraine represented by Antaoliy Kopets, Executive Director.

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 'Supporting Structures' as its main allies in conveying the message and increasing the impact of the Covenant. These structures are defined as those networks of local authorities that are in a position to provide strategic guidance and technical support to municipalities with the political will to sign up to the Covenant of Mayors, but lacking the skills and/or resources to meet its requirements, namely the preparation, adoption and implementation of the Sustainable Energy Action Plans.

The EECU has among its main purposes to represent and to defend the interests of the local authorities at the national and European levels, and to foster exchange of experiences and best practices between its members and other local authorities in Ukraine and other Eastern European Countries. In particular, EECU works on local sustainable energy policies and climate protection promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy use.

The EECU 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 cities and to support those cities that have formalized their commitment to the Covenant.





IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS

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DG TREN publicly acknowledges the EECU as a major player in the Covenant, in its quality of Supporting Structure of the European Commission for local authorities in Ukraine and other Eastern European Countries.

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The EECU is committed to carry out the following tasks in Ukraine and other Eastern European Countries:

- a) Promote among its members and other Ukrainian cities accession to the Covenant of Mayors (adaptation and translation of Covenant promotional materials to the national or Eastern European context, newsletters, website, workshop during National Conference and General Assembly) and to provide support and coordination to those members signing up (helping them to organise public events aimed at raising awareness on these issues).
- b) Publicly recognise the Covenant of Mayors as a key element of its policy,
- c) Liaise with its members and facilitate exchange of experience between signatories and candidates to the Covenant of Mayors.
- d) Defend common interest both at the national and/or European fora in order to facilitate the accession to the Covenant of Mayors and the implementation of its requirements.
- e) Play an intermediary role between the EECU 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) Follow-up the implementation of the Covenant of Mayors by its members and other cities.
- h) Regularly report to DG TREN of the European Commission on the results obtained by EECU, its members and other Ukrainian cities, and participate in discussions on the strategic implementation of the Covenant proposed by the Commission.

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DG TREN in turn undertakes to:

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



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

This agreement shall be renewed automatically every year unless otherwise decided by either or 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 and translated into both languages. The parties hereto agree that in the event of any divergence in interpretation between the two versions, the English language text shall in any event prevail.

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