

I, Robert Chkhaidze, the Mayor of the self-governing city of Batumi, inform you that Batumi City Council decided at the meeting on 15th July 2011 to mandate me to sign up to the Covenant of Mayors, in full knowledge of all commitments, in particular:

- to go beyond the objectives set by the EU for 2020, reducing the CO₂ emissions in our respective territories by at least 20%.
- to submit a Sustainable Energy Action Plan including a baseline emission inventory which outlines how the objectives will be reached, within one year of the abovementioned date.
- to submit an implementation report at least every second year following the submission of the Action Plan for evaluation, monitoring and verification purposes.
- to organise energy days, in co-operation with the European Commission and with other stakeholders, allowing citizens to benefit directly from the opportunities and advantages offered by a more intelligent use of energy, and to regularly inform the local media on developments concerning the action plan.
- to attend and contribute to the annual EU Conference of Mayors for sustainable Energy Europe.

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