

I, **Bart Somers, Mayor of Mechelen** have been mandated by the **Gemeenteraad** on **27 maart 2018** to sign up to the **Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy**, in full knowledge of the commitments set out in the official [Commitment Document](#) and summarised below.

Therefore, my local authority principally commits to:

- Reducing CO₂ (and possibly other greenhouse gas) emissions on its territory by at least 40% by 2030, namely through improved energy efficiency and greater use of renewable energy sources;
- Increasing its resilience by adapting to the impacts of climate change.

In order to translate these commitments into action, my local authority undertakes to fulfil the following step-by-step approach:

- Carry out a **Baseline Emissions Inventory** and a **Climate Change Risk and Vulnerability Assessment**;
- Submit a **Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan** within two years following the above date of the municipal council decision;
- Report progress** at least every second year following the submission of the Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan for evaluation, monitoring and verification purposes.

I accept that my local authority shall be suspended from the initiative – subject to prior notice in writing by the Covenant of Mayors Office – in case of non-submission of the above-mentioned documents (i.e. Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan and Progress Reports) within the established deadlines.

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