



**Covenant of Mayors**  
for Climate & Energy



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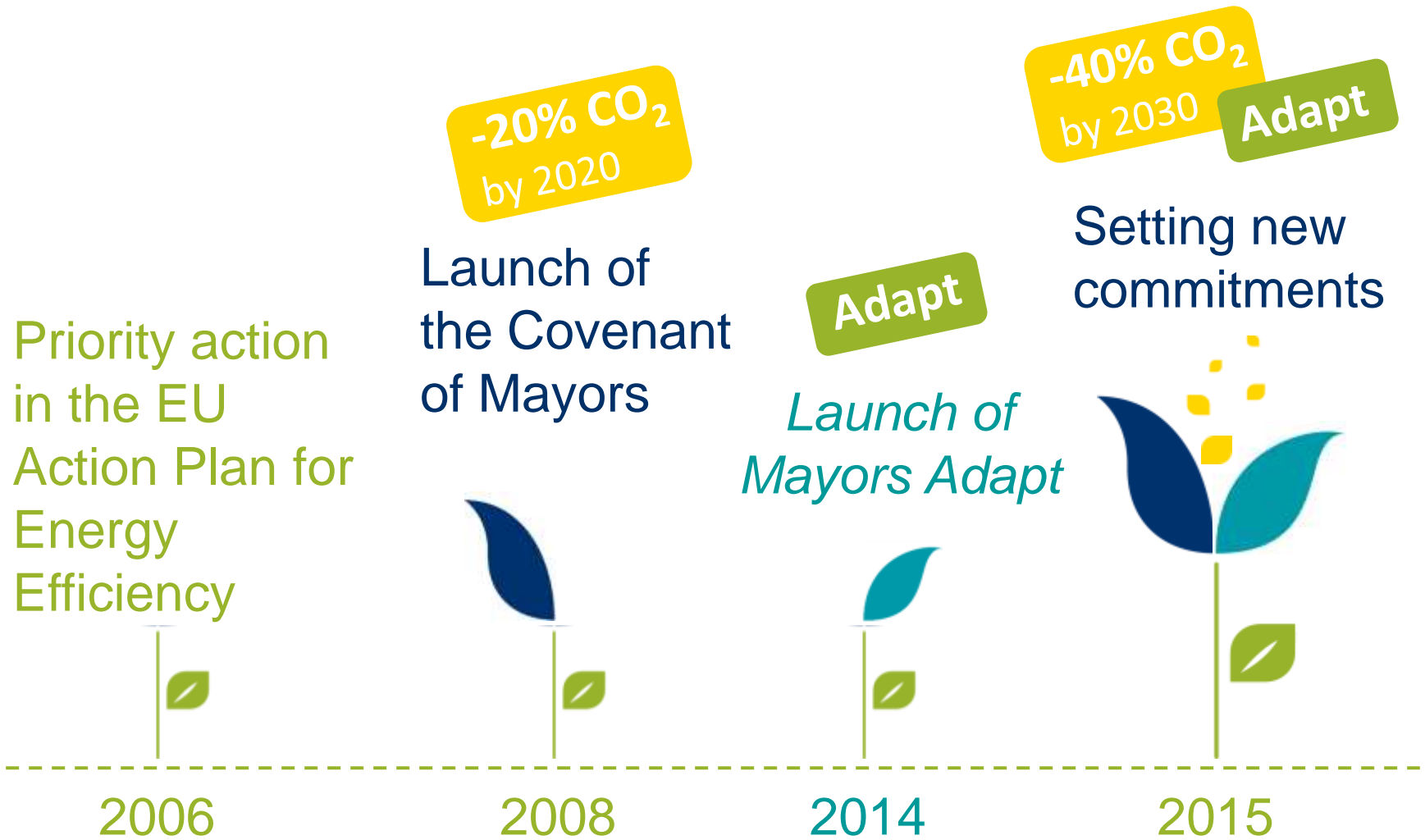
...brings together **local and regional authorities** voluntarily committed to implementing **EU climate and energy objectives** on their territory.

# The Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy



- A **unique bottom-up movement** shaped by cities, for cities
- A shared vision of **decarbonised** and **resilient** cities where citizens have access to **secure, sustainable and affordable energy**
- A **growing and inclusive community** now counting over **7,600** signatories representing over **210 million citizens**

# Evolution of the initiative



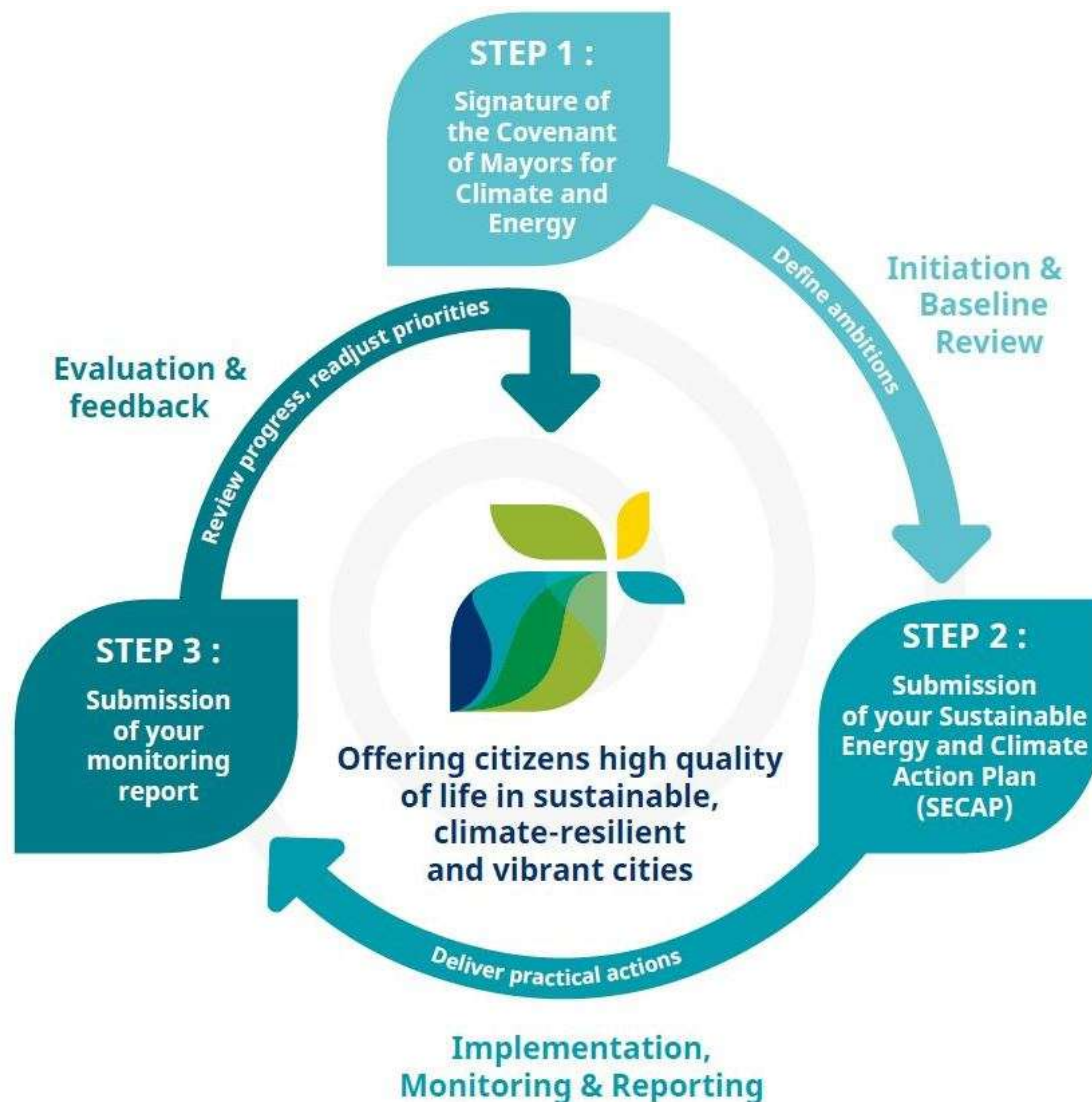
# Commitments



Signatories pledge to:

- Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> (and possibly other GHG) emissions by at least **40% by 2030**
- Increase resilience** by adapting to the impacts of climate change
- Develop measures to increase **access to sustainable and affordable energy**
- Translate their political commitment into local results by developing local **action plans** and **reporting** on their implementation

# The Covenant step by step

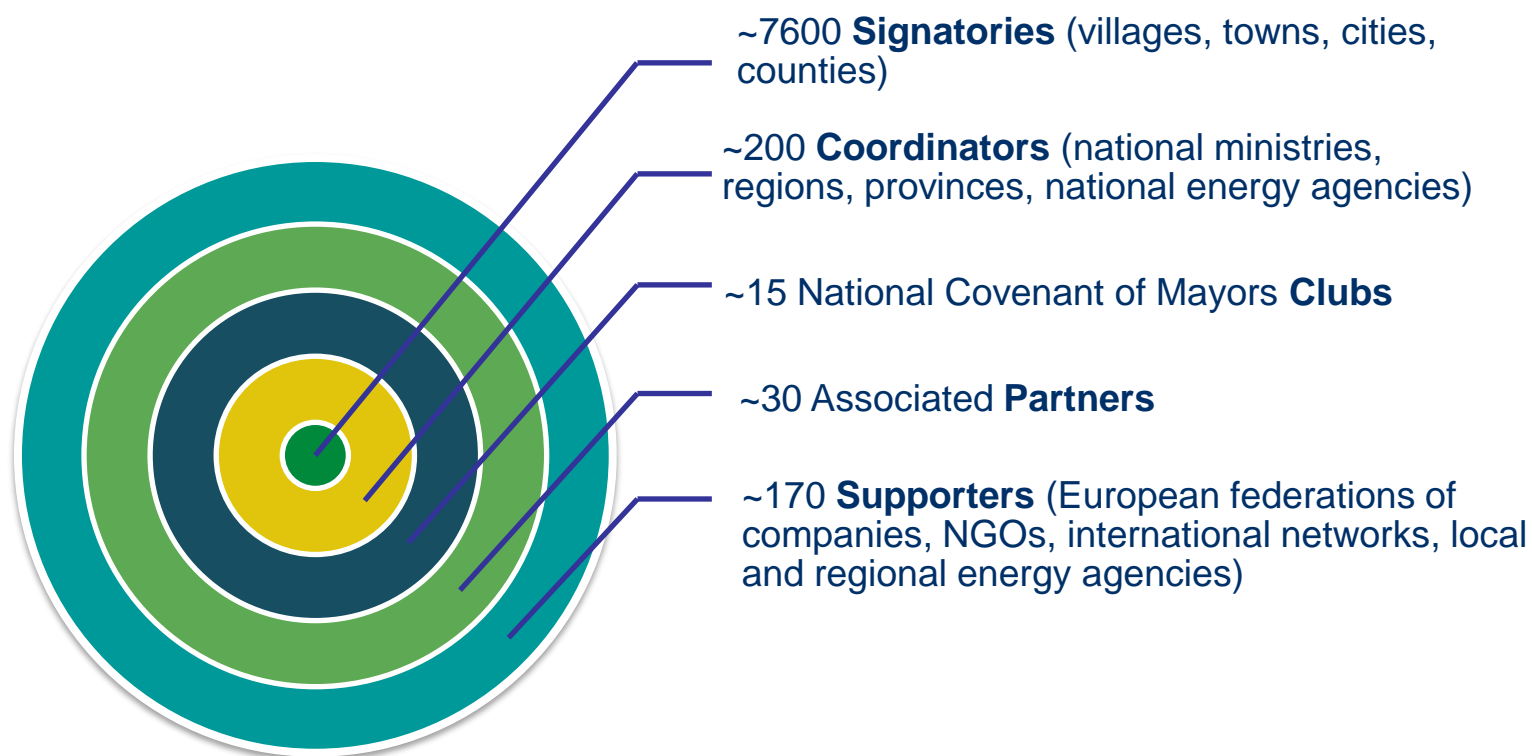




# A reference framework for action

- **Consistency and transparency** thanks to a common reporting framework for all, **flexible and adjustable** to local realities
- **High visibility** *via* personalised signatory profiles on the Covenant website
- **Evaluation** of the data reported by the Commission's independent scientific centre  
(signatories are suspended in case of non-compliance)

# The Covenant of Mayors Community





# The Covenant of Mayors in key figures



**7,600+** signatory cities,

**Incl. 800+** signatories to the new Covenant of  
Mayors for Climate & Energy

**ca. 377** regions, provinces, associations,  
local & regional energy agencies

**41** Associated Partners



**5000+**

Action Plans developed



... average CO<sub>2</sub>-emission  
reduction of about **27%**  
by 2020

# The Covenant of Mayors in Latvia



**21** signatory cities,

**Incl. 2** signatories to the new Covenant of Mayors  
for Climate & Energy

**1** National Coordinator (Latvian Environmental  
Investment Fund)

**1** LAREA (Riga Energy Agency)



**20** Action Plans developed

# Achievements of signatory cities



The Covenant of Mayors is today:

The first-of-its-kind movement **combining bottom-up legitimacy with institutional credibility**

A **growing and inclusive community** based on multi-level governance model

A **mainstream instrument**, gaining prominence in the main EU policies and financial instruments

A **reference framework for action**, flexible and adjustable to local realities

An **innovative platform** to network, share knowledge, capacities and experiences

A unique **success story** in Europe, now being replicated in other regions of the world!

# Achievements of signatory cities



*As of 2015:*

**-23%** greenhouse gas emissions

**-14%** energy consumption

**x4** share of renewable energy sources in  
final energy consumption (**14%**)

**x3** local renewable energy production

# The Covenant of Mayors going global



2008



Launch of the Covenant of Mayors (CoM)

2011



CoM Office for Eastern Europe

2012



CoM extends to South Mediterranean (CES-MED)

2014



Mayors Adapt (sister initiative on adaptation)

2015



New framework (merger w/ Mayors Adapt)

2016



Going global!  
CoM Office for Sub-Saharan Africa

2017

Launch of the **Global Covenant of Mayors** for Climate & Energy



# Supporting signatories

## Specific methodological materials:



Guidance materials

Action Plan template & instructions



Thematic leaflets

## Funding instruments

European Structural and Investment Funds	European Funding Programs	Private Development Resources	Financial Institutions Instruments	Alternative Financing Schemes
ERDF	ERDF	ESF and ERDF	AFR	APC
ERDF Fund	ERDF Recovery Action	ERDF APF	Municipal Loans	Urban Leasing
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## Covenant Capacity-Sharing Corner:

- Discussion Forums – Exchange With Your Peers
- Resource Library – Search, Add and Rate Resources

[www.eumayors.eu](http://www.eumayors.eu)  
> 'My Covenant'



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## Capacity-building events:

- Webinars
- Workshops
- Finance working groups
- City-twinning programme

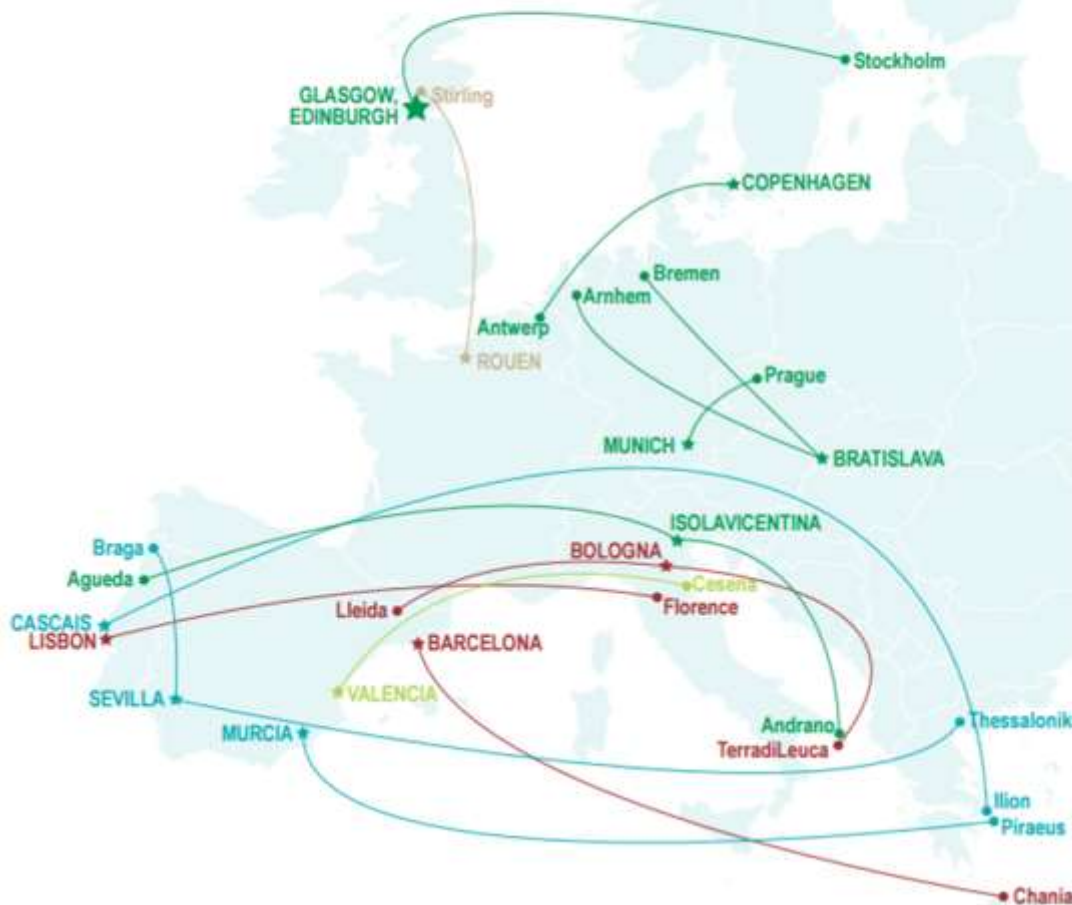




# CITY TWINNINGS ON CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

2015-2016

**13**  visits    **31**  cities



The twinning programme connects learning cities that are starting their adaptation work to mentor municipalities that have already developed successful strategies to make their territories more resilient.





# What do cities get from twinnings?

- Knowledge transfer and support
- Visibility and networking
- Exchange of best practices



Also not part of the Covenant of Mayors yet (under the condition that they join the initiative before their first twinning visit)

The next edition will be launched in June 2018



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Thank you!  
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