Covenant of Mayors

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A commitment towards Europe's energy and climate policy

City & date

Name speaker
Organisation

Mayors voluntarily commit to…

…go beyond Europe's energy objectives for 2020 by reducing the CO2 emissions in their territories by at least 20% through the implementation of sustainable energy action plans

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Steps

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STEP 1: Signature of the Covenant of Mayors

Creation of adequate administrative structures

Baseline Emission Inventory & SEAP development with stakeholders and citizens

1st year

STEP 2: SEAP & SEAP template submission

Implementation of your SEAP

Monitoring and reporting

3rd year & beyond

STEP 3: Regular submission of implementation reports (every 2 years)

- 20% CO_2 by 2020

Sustainable energy action plan (SEAP)

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Why join?

Battle against climate is won or lost at local level

‘Cities consume 75% of all the energy, emit 75% of all CO2 in Europe, and are the economic engines of the regions’

(source: UNFCCC Environmental Integrity Group (EIG), 2009)

Why join?

Liveable cities, lower energy bills for citizens, comfortable living conditions, pleasant environment, more jobs…

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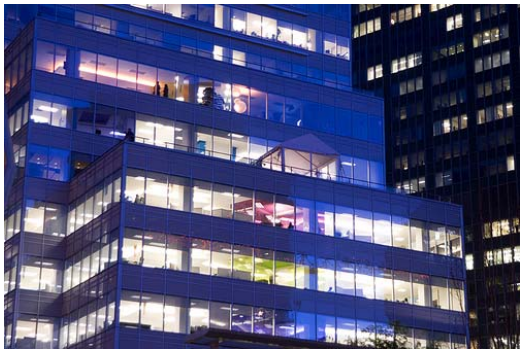
Cost-savings in energy bills

‘in a few months’ time, the Dublin city administration reduced its energy use by 13%, through switching off lights, computer monitors and printers when not in use’



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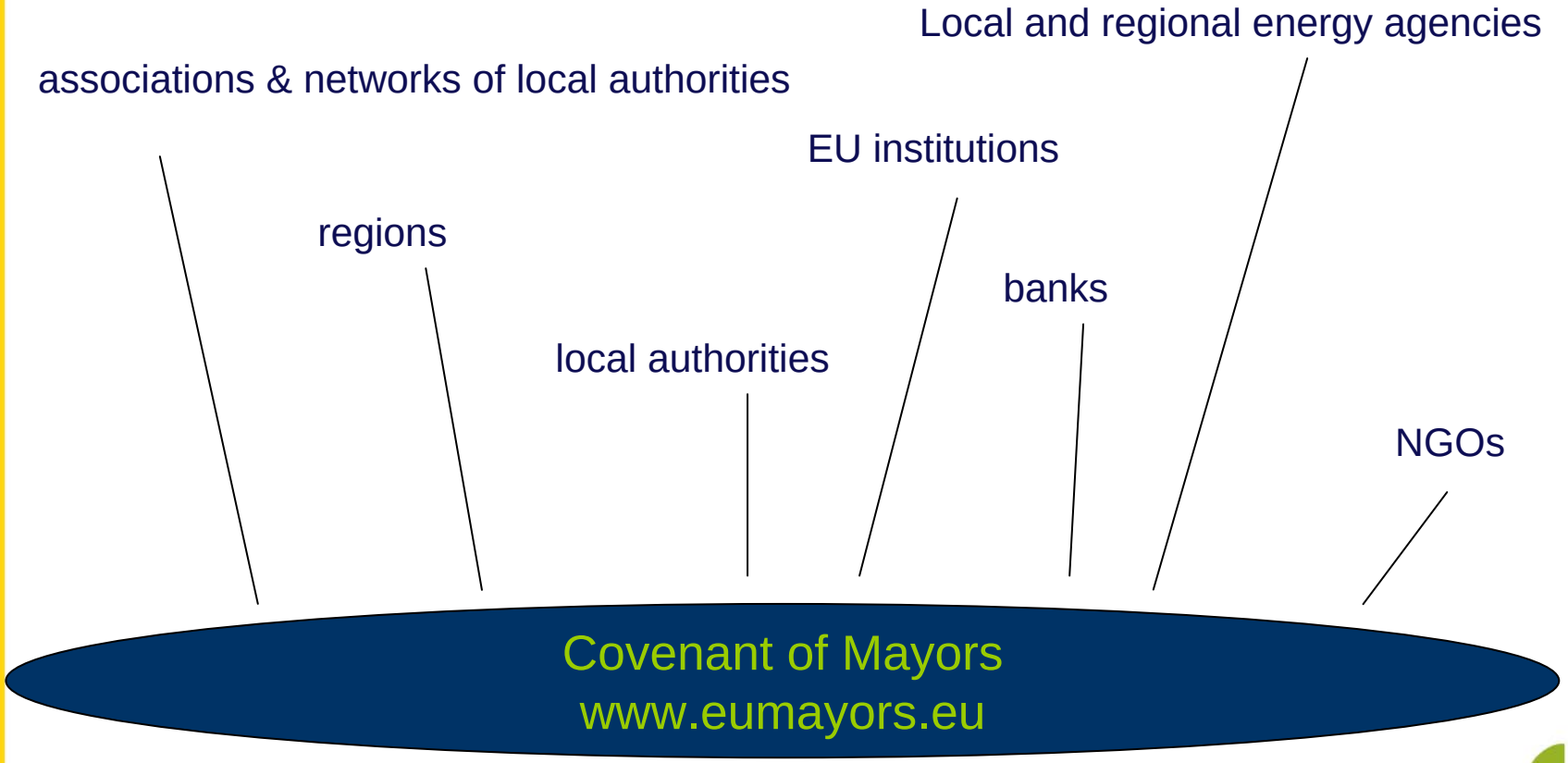

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Share experiences

Covenant events bring mayors together

Covenant workshops facilitate in-depth discussions

New contacts established

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Further information

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Available in all the official EU languages

Questions:

Practical and technical: info@eumayors.eu

Territorial coordinators: support@eumayors.eu

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Covenant – European Union

Covenant of Mayors office

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- Promotes the initiative in the EU and beyond
- Provides administrative and technical support to signatories

- Monitors the implementation by signatories and supporting structures
- Facilitates exchange of experiences and networking
- Liaises with other EU initiatives and actors

Helpdesk

- Jointly operated by the Covenant of Mayors Office (CoMO) and by the European Commission Joint Research Centre (JRC)
- Provides personal assistance, administrative and technical support
- Develops in collaboration with signatories guidelines for:
  - -methodology
  - -baseline emission inventory
  - -SEAP
  - -monitoring

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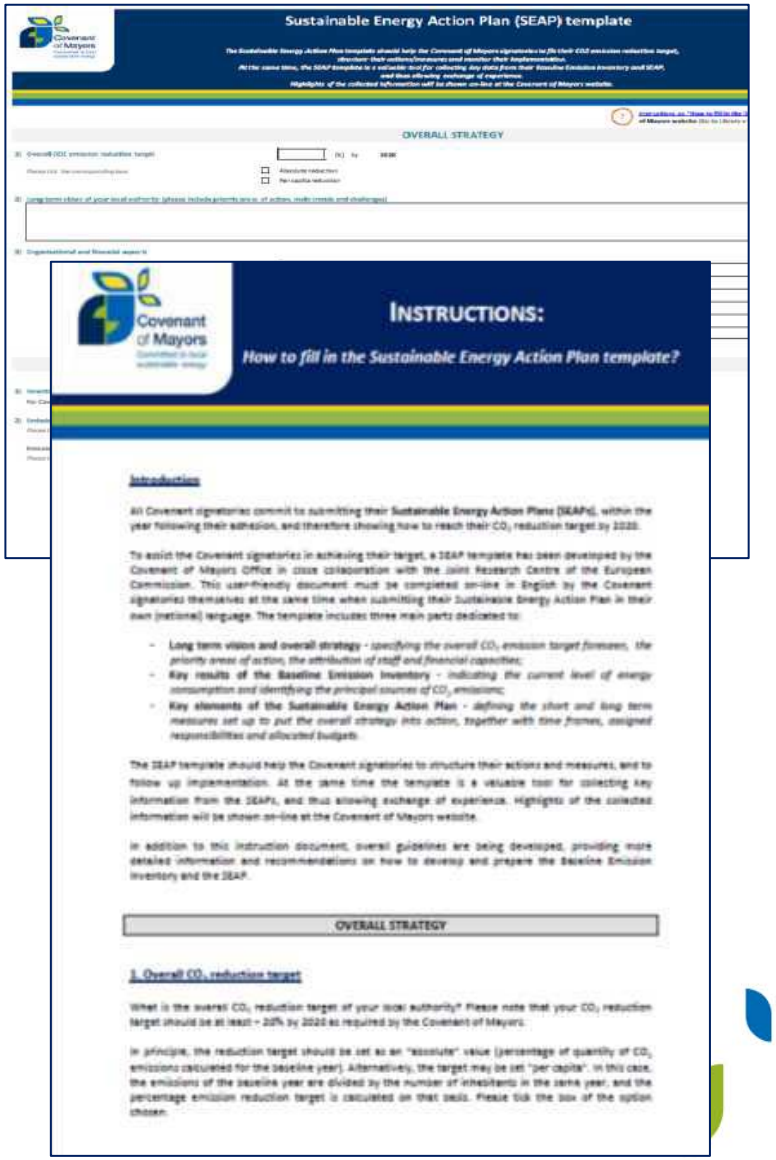
SEAP template and instructions

- First aid for completing the SEAP template
- Explains what is requested in the fields
- Important for a concise delivery
- Developed in collaboration with local authorities



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Territorial coordinators

Who? Public administrations, national, regional, provinces, counties, mentor cities

What? Provide technical, strategic and administrative support to a group of local authorities lacking the skills and resources to set up an action plan

Why?

>Because they have the expertise and financial means to help local authorities

>Such collaboration is sometimes mandatory in national contexts

>To qualify and apply more often for European funding

>To better channel and allocate European funds

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Supporters

- **Other supporters:**
  - networks of local authorities
  - associations
  - knowledge institutes
  - scientific centres
  - local and regional energy agencies

- **Role:**
  - promote the Covenant to their members
  - facilitate exchange of information, eg. events
  - monitor progress of the members

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