



Covenant of Mayors

Committed to urban
sustainable energy



Why the Covenant of Mayors?

- 75% of European population live in urban areas
- 80% of energy consumption and CO₂ emissions come from cities
- 1.9% is the growth rate of energy use in cities (vs 1.6% globally)



Mayors have
the power
to act!

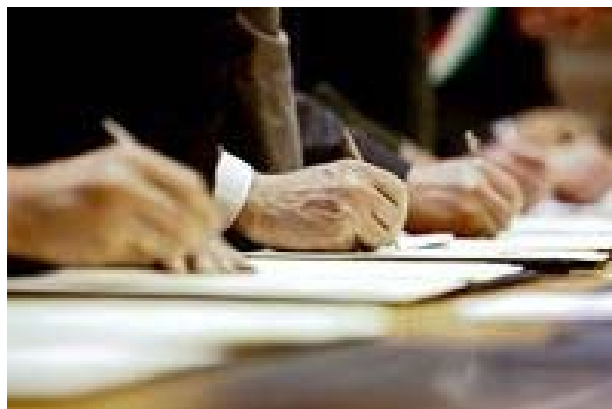


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545 CITIES SIGNED UP!!!



Among the Covenant Signatories are...



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(FR)



Riga
(LV)

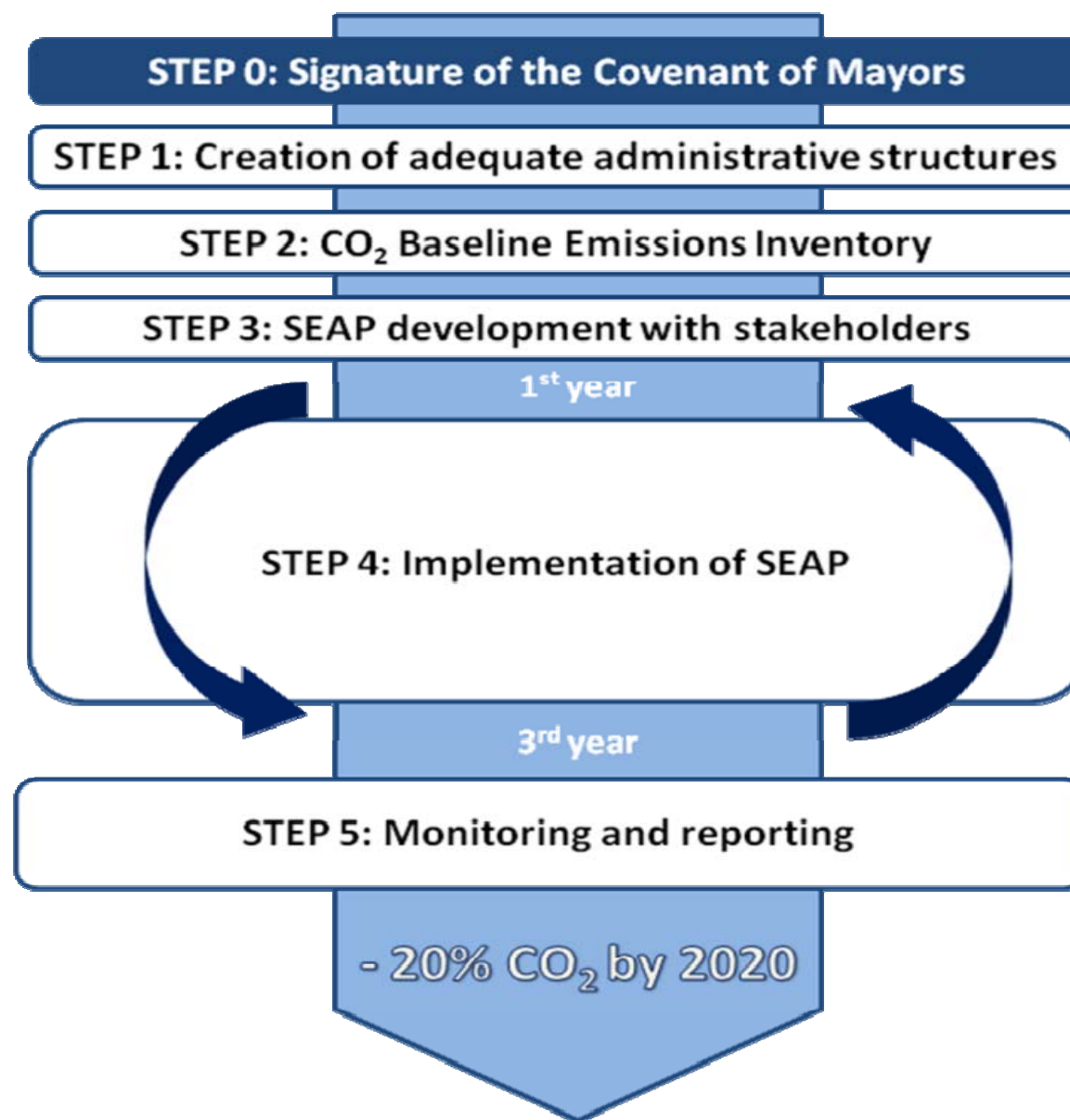


Växjö
(SE)



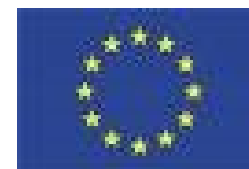
Budapest
(HU)

● Commitments by the Covenant Signatories



Covenant of Mayors and Structural Funds

A win-win situation ?



Project Part-Financed
by the European Union
European Regional
Development Fund

- Sustainable Energy Action Plans in 545 local authorities
- Sustainable energy projects seeking funding
- Strong recommendation that projects are a part of SEAP
- € 8 billion for energy efficiency and renewables

Accelerating the use of the ERDF's 4%
for Energy Efficiency and Renewables in the
Housing Sector

● The European Commission



- Ensures **political recognition** and **visibility** of cities
- Negotiates **support for smaller cities**
- Mobilises **finance**

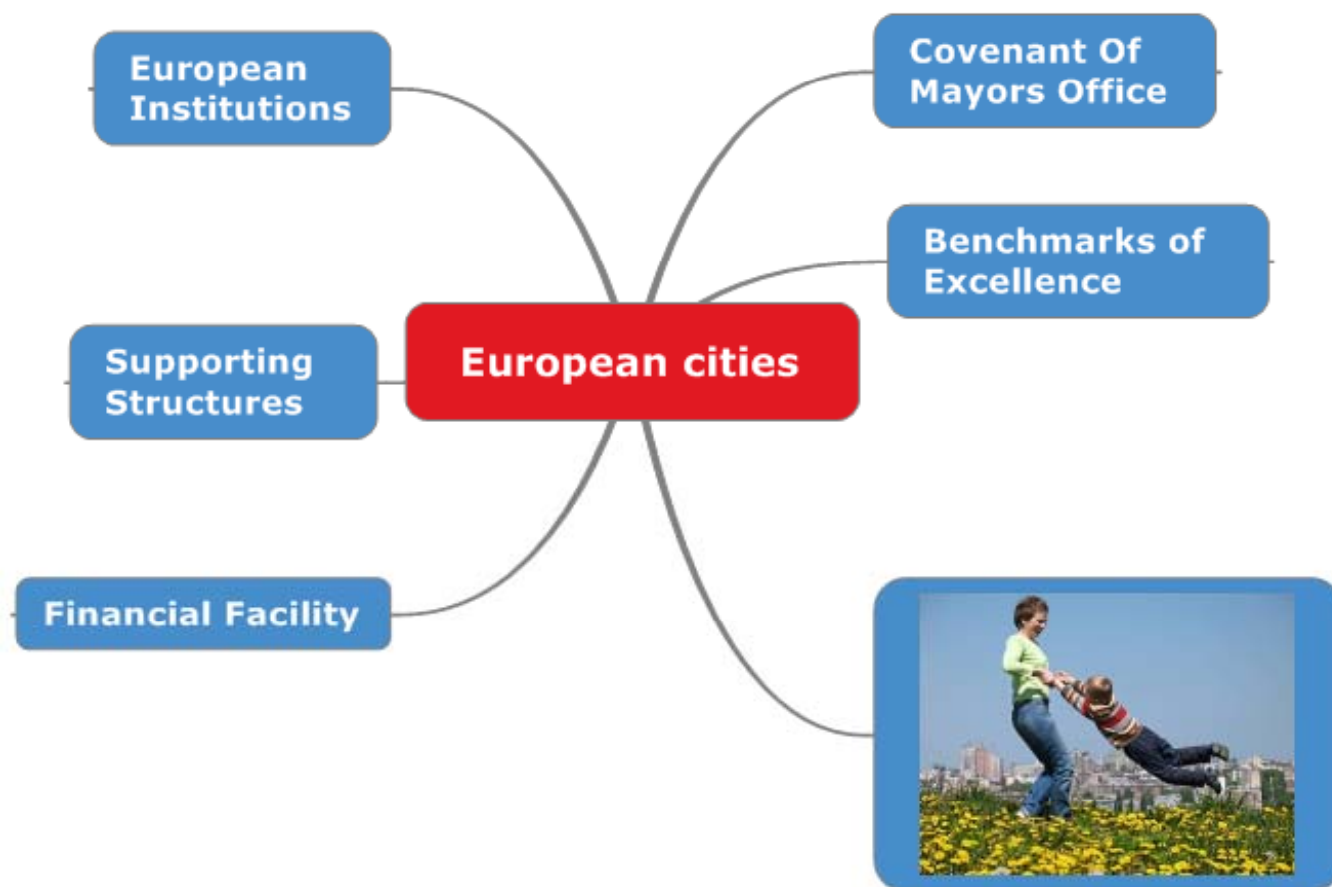
Co-operation
with EIB



IEE II: Grants
available for
sustainable energy
communities



Who supports the Covenant cities?



● Conclusions

Covenant of Mayors cities and Supporting Structures:

- Are committed to tackle climate change in a strategic way
- Need the structural funds and the cohesion fund for implementation of their sustainable energy projects
- Want to answer their citizens' demand for a better quality of life

The European Commission and EU Member States

- Implement the Cohesion Policy
- Support Covenant cities and Supporting Structures
- Earmark more funds for the energy efficiency and renewable energy



Structural
Funds help to
tackle climate
change!

Thanks to the commitment of
hundreds of Covenant signatories,
millions tons of CO₂
can be saved.



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● STEP 1: Creating adequate administrative structures

- **Adapt** the city **structures**
- **Allocate** sufficient **human resources** in order to undertake the necessary actions



● STEP 2: CO₂ inventory

- Determine the baseline for the CO₂ reduction target:
at least **20% reduction of CO₂ emissions** by 2020
- **Baseline year:** to be defined by the signatory (>1990)
- **Guidelines** based on practical experiences of cities,
developed in co-operation with Joint Research Centre





● STEP 3: Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP)

- Submission within **1 year after signing**
- Document **formally approved by City Council**
- Concrete measures leading to **20% reduction of CO₂ emissions** by 2020
- Scope: **public and private sector actions**
- **Free choice of methodology** but:
 - **SEAP template** to be used by all signatories -

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● The Covenant of Mayors Office

- Provides guidance and support
- Monitors the implementation of Action Plans
- Facilitates liaison among Covenant cities
- Supports signatories in organising **local energy days**
- Promotes **Covenant cities** at European level



● Supporting Structures



WHY?

- **To assist** local authorities lacking skills & resources to fulfil Covenant requirements

WHO?

- Regions, counties, provinces, agglomerations
- Networks of local authorities

HOW?

- Provide **guidance and support** for the SEAPs
- **Disseminate** concepts of the Covenant
- **Monitor implementation** of the Action Plan
- **Liaise** with the European Commission

● Benchmarks of Excellence



WHY?

- To **valorise and replicate** sustainable energy model initiatives

WHO?

- **Methods and tools** promoted by public or public equivalent bodies
 - Endorsed by Mayors of Covenant cities
 - Evaluated and approved by the European Commission

HOW?

- **Share experience** and present the model initiative
- Facilitate **transfer of knowledge**
- **Disseminate** information
- Help **implement similar approaches**