



MAYORS IN ACTION

FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

EMPOWERING COVENANT OF MAYORS COORDINATORS
AND SUPPORTERS TO ASSIST MUNICIPALITIES IN
IMPLEMENTING AND MONITORING THEIR
SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ACTION PLAN

What is MAYORS IN ACTION?

Over 5700 municipalities representing more than 185 million inhabitants have signed the Covenant of Mayors (CoM) as of May 2014, committing to develop and advance their Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs). However, to advance their SEAPs, local government staff need support and training to achieve these objectives. MAYORS in ACTION empowers Coordinators and Supporters (C&S) of the Covenant of Mayors in effectively assisting their municipalities in implementing and monitoring their SEAPs.



C&S play a key role in giving technical and financial support to municipalities and have been successful in enabling most of them to develop their SEAPs and overcome existing barriers. Through tutoring and coaching schemes for C&S and municipalities, MAYORS in ACTION will allow C&S to feel that they can act confidently at the local level by employing existing tools and experiences in different environments, and support one another towards a common goal.

MAYORS in ACTION is a three-year project, running until February 2017, and is co-funded by Intelligent Energy Europe.

What is the Covenant of Mayors?

The Covenant of Mayors endorses and supports the efforts to implement sustainable energy policies deployed by municipalities in Europe. Municipalities play a crucial role in mitigating the effects of climate change, especially as 80 percent of European energy consumption and CO₂ production comes from urban activity. By their commitment, Covenant signatories aim to meet and exceed the European Union goal of a reduction of 20 percent in CO₂ emissions by 2020.

WHAT ARE OUR OBJECTIVES?

- ▮ To strengthen and build capacity among Covenant Coordinators and Supporters in assisting their municipalities.
- ▮ To transfer good practices from one country to another through training, coaching and peer-to-peer interactions between Covenant Supporters at European level.
- ▮ To assist small and medium-sized cities across Europe to implement and monitor their SEAPs
- ▮ To guarantee that sustainable energy policies are secured in municipalities during and after the lifetime of the project.
- ▮ To widely communicate the results and increase the Supporting Structures in the Covenant of Mayors initiative.

WHO CAN GET SUPPORT?

- ▮ Covenant Coordinators will benefit from a training and capacity-building process focusing on the implementation and monitoring of SEAPs, including peer-to-peer support and coaching.
- ▮ Covenant Supporters can access a range of opportunities for networking and exchanging on political strategies as well as technical and administrative support to CoM members.
- ▮ 40 municipalities will actively participate in the project, receiving training and capacity building for SEAP implementation and monitoring in the six target countries (Belgium, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Poland, and Spain).

WHAT DOES THE TRAINING OFFER YOU?

- ▮ Methods to accelerate the implementation and monitoring of SEAPs through analysis to identify feasible technical and financial solutions.
- ▮ A selection of replicable methodologies, tools and best practices on climate and energy.
- ▮ Means to transmit best practice including trainings, coaching schemes, local workgroups, peer-to-peer tutoring and action-focused initiatives.
- ▮ Information about the financial opportunities for funding energy efficiency investments, as well as the potential legal and financial barriers and how to overcome them.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- ▮ Participate in a tailor-made program to inform participants of strategies for evaluation of SEAPs, methodologies for implementation, methods for triggering financial opportunities, and how to improve communication and support with municipalities. The program includes:
 - International coaching and peer-to-peer schemes for C&S
 - European and National training sessions for C&S
 - Local training sessions for LGs
- ▮ Network and exchange to find out about synergies at national and international levels.

Interested in MAYORS in ACTION?

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