



Annex to the Commitment Document of the Covenant of Mayors - Europe

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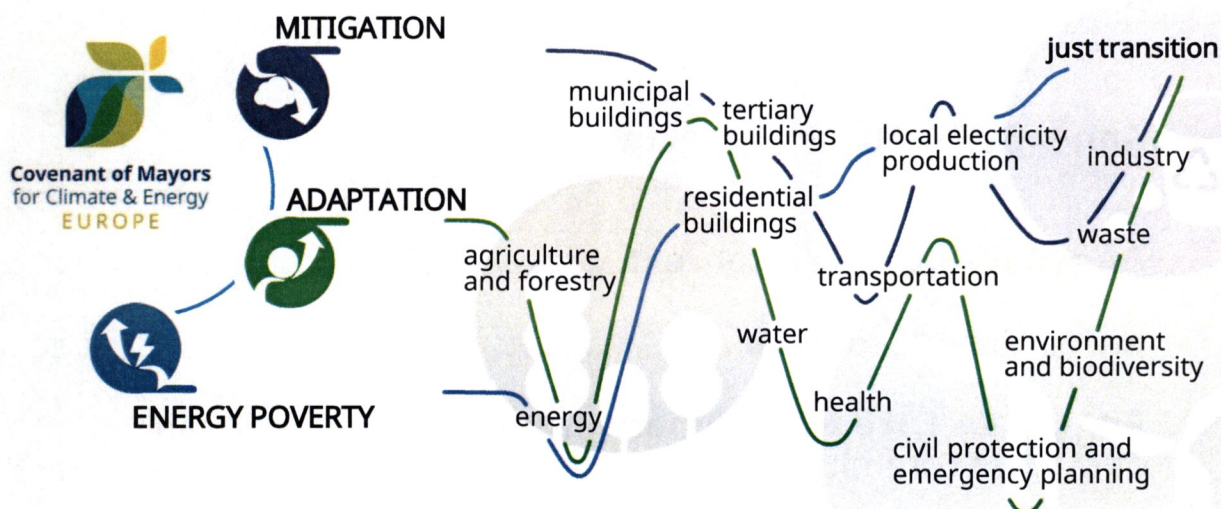


Annex I – Practically speaking

Overview of the Covenant of Mayors - Europe



THREE PILLARS that translate to action in reducing GHG emissions, strengthening resilience, tackling energy poverty and ensuring a just transition.



COMMIT



Adopt the Covenant commitments by municipal council decision

Register on eumayors.eu and upload signed commitment text

ACT



Set city targets and goals

Complete inventories and assessments for mitigation and adaptation pillars

Develop Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP)

Implement actions, monitor, and report on a Covenant-Europe platform

ENGAGE



Develop a local climate pact or similar

Mobilise pledges from citizens, businesses, and government at all levels

Ensure stakeholder participation in both development and implementation of climate action

NETWORK



Prepare good practice examples of action implemented

Participate in global and regional advocacy activities

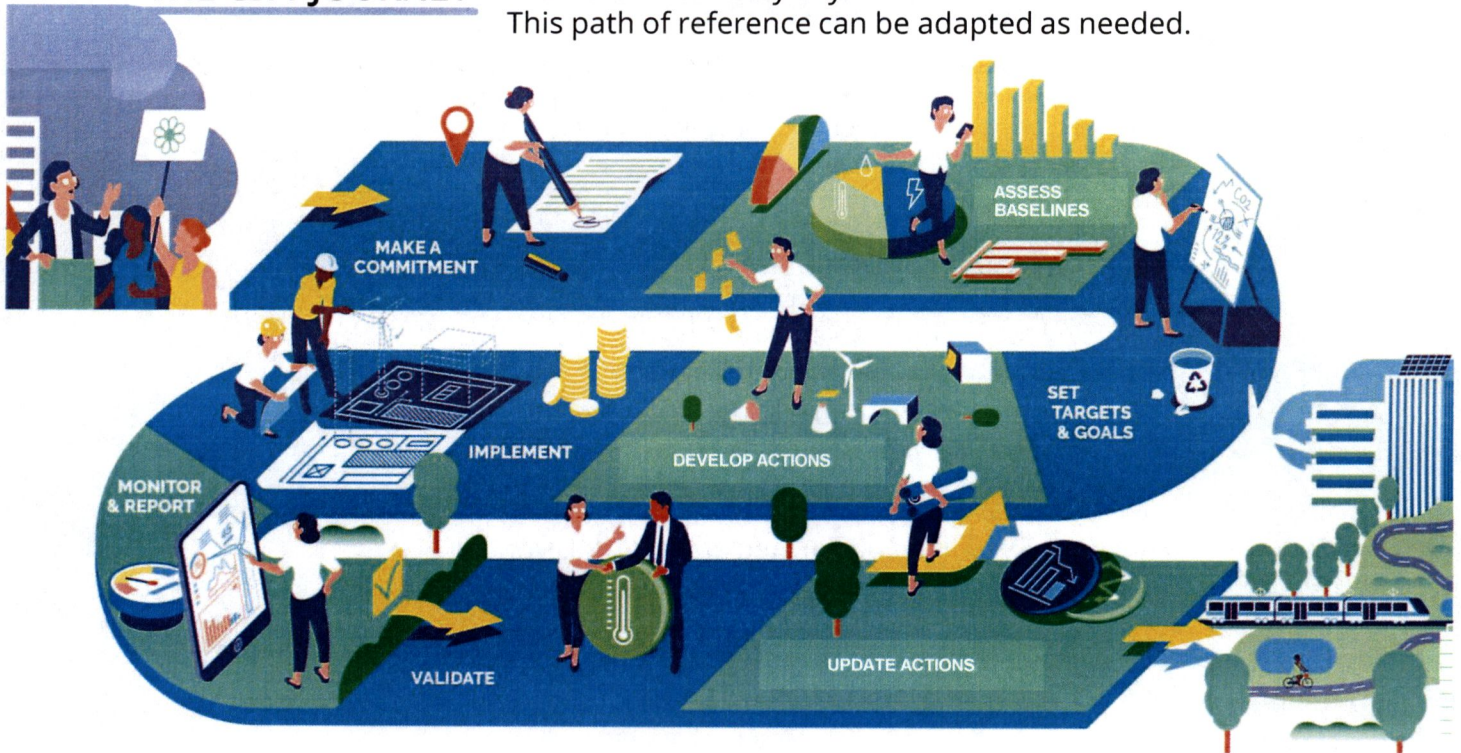
Reference and encourage participation in the Global and EU Covenant of Mayors movement as well as related initiatives

Annex I – Practically speaking Operational commitments

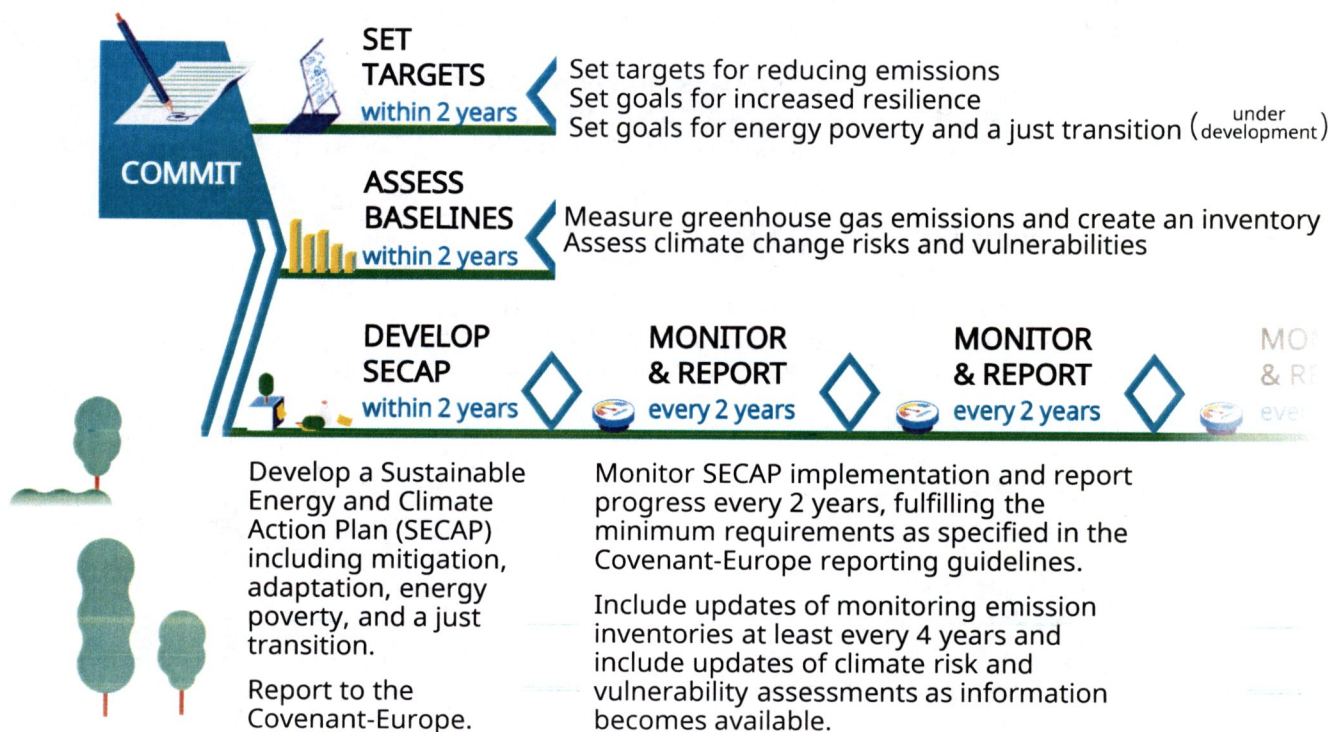


THE CITY JOURNEY

is different for every city.
This path of reference can be adapted as needed.



Within the city journey, certain **TIMEFRAMES** must be kept to stay compliant with the Covenant-Europe minimum requirements. Signatories accept suspension should documents fail to be submitted.



Annex I – Practically speaking

Support framework for signatories



QUESTIONS can always be directed to



the Central Helpdesk
for general issues and reporting in MyCovenant

info@eumayors.eu
+32 2 646 84 24

Covenant Coordinators

for assistance from authorities in the national context and language
Find the full list of coordinators on [the Covenant of Mayors - Europe website](#).

Covenant Supporters

for assistance opportunities that may synergise with existing initiatives
Find the full list of supporters on [the Covenant of Mayors - Europe website](#).

the Technical Helpdesk

for issues on monitoring, reporting, and evaluation

JRC-COM-TECHNICAL-HELPDESK@ec.europa.eu
JRC-COM-ADAPT@ec.europa.eu
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SECAP VALIDATION will be performed after submission by

the European Commission Joint Research Center

with a robust, consistent, transparent, and harmonised evaluation framework to ensure the reliability of the Covenant of Mayors - Europe. Tailored feedback will be provided to signatories.



ENGAGEMENT & SUPPORT tailored to city needs are planned by

the Covenant of Mayors - Europe Office

that promotes opportunities for networking, cooperation, and knowledge exchange as well as capacity building activities such as peer learning programmes and trainings, all listed on the [online calendar of events](#)

Coordinators, Supporters, and other partners

that offer support for collaboration across all levels of government and sectors of society to accelerate climate action

ADVOCACY & VISIBILITY is provided by

Covenant of Mayors – Europe governance bodies and the EU institutions

such as the Covenant of Mayors Europe Board, the Committee of the Regions and its Covenant of Mayors ambassadors, and the European Commission

other flagship EU initiatives

with which the Covenant of Mayors – Europe partners to provide signatories with further avenues of engagement on related themes, such as the [European Climate Pact](#), the [New European Bauhaus](#), and the [Smart Cities Marketplace](#)

the Global Covenant of Mayors

that gives signatories a unified voice at the global level

City progress is made publicly available via the signatory profile on the Global Covenant website and related platforms.



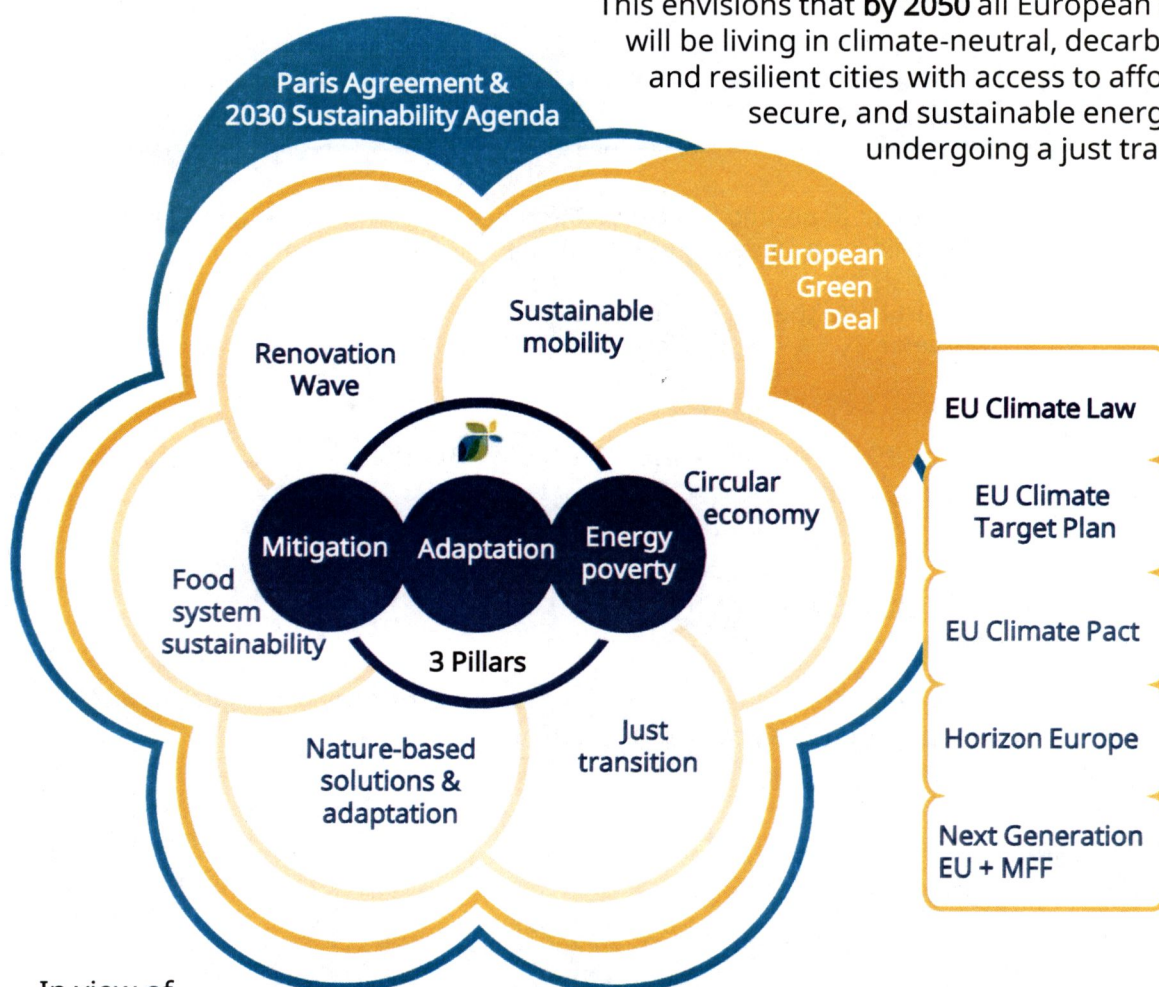
Annex II – EU policy context

Renewed ambitions



As Europe and the world enters the decade leading up to 2030, the Covenant of Mayors – Europe continues to ensure that the three pillars (mitigation, adaptation and energy poverty) are turned into the overarching priority of our times and that ambitious action follows.

This envisions that by 2050 all European citizens will be living in climate-neutral, decarbonized, and resilient cities with access to affordable, secure, and sustainable energy while undergoing a just transition.



In view of the forthcoming decades, the European Union has renewed its ambition by championing the adoption of the European Green Deal. This sets a reduction target of greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030 and a long-term vision to reach climate neutrality by 2050.

These objectives - as enshrined in the 2030 Climate Target Plan and the European Climate Law - are to be achieved through a transformational change happening in all sectors of our society. A transformational change that involves all levels of governance.

The Covenant of Mayors – Europe is uniquely placed to embrace these renewed commitments and step up action.



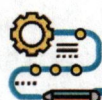


Annex III – Resources

Guidance and capacity building

Over the years, the Covenant of Mayors – Europe Office has developed numerous resources highlighting the experiences of Covenant signatories.

All resources are publicly available in the [library](#) of the Covenant website. Below is a snapshot of the main types of resources that can be found there.



METHODOLOGICAL GUIDANCE

Covenant Reporting Guidelines and video tutorials on reporting to the Covenant

Quick Reference Guides on joint action plans, monitoring implementation, and grouped SECAP analyses

JRC Guidebook on methodological principles, procedures, and best practices to develop action plans



Compilation of all [methodological guidance](#)

CAPACITY BUILDING



Webinars dedicated to a variety of climate and energy topics, featuring practical experiences and lessons learned



energy efficiency
heating and cooling
sustainable mobility
climate change adaptation
nature-based solutions
circular economy
energy poverty
funding and financing
citizen engagement

Workshops including country-specific meetings tailored to the needs of signatories

Peer learning programmes tailored to signatories at various stages of the climate adaptation and mitigation journey



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Knowledge sharing and tools



KNOWLEDGE SHARING

Case studies

to share and learn from the experiences of Covenant signatory cities

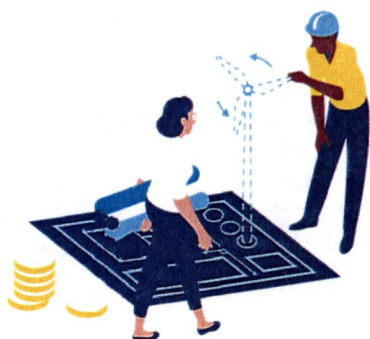


Thematic publications on

Financing and funding opportunities compiled in a series on innovative schemes, project development assistance, EU funding, and financial institution instruments

Adaptation measures to prepare for floods, heatwaves and other climate change impacts

Energy poverty resources and experiences of Covenant signatory cities



TOOLS



Interactive Funding Guide ⇒ funding and financing opportunities in one place

Urban Adaptation Support Tool ⇒ guidance on the entire adaptation cycle and references to resources

E-learning platform ⇒ thematic modules in MyCovenant on the Covenant commitments

Visit the **news** section on the Covenant website to keep abreast of all things related to the Covenant as well as other climate and energy initiatives.

Check out the calendar of **events** to get an overview of all exchange, knowledge sharing, and capacity building opportunities.

Annex IV – Turn your Covenant of Mayors commitment into a pledge to the European Climate Pact and more



ABOUT THE EUROPEAN CLIMATE PACT

Launched as part of the European Green Deal, the European Climate Pact is an opportunity for people, communities, and organisations to participate in concrete climate and environmental action, supporting efforts to help Europe become the world's first climate-neutral continent by 2050. The Climate Pact is promoting real collaboration between cities and a whole range of other actors, including business, not-for-profits and citizens, with the aim of achieving common goals and accelerating the climate transition. Signatory cities to the Covenant and their mayors can get involved in the European Climate Pact in many ways.

PARTICIPATE IN THE CLIMATE PACT

Make your commitment count as a pledge.

Signatories of the Covenant can register their commitment to a fairer, climate-neutral and resilient future as a pathway pledge¹ under the Climate Pact. Your city will be profiled on the Climate Pact website and you will get the opportunity to connect with other stakeholders, support deliberative engagement with citizens, and enable further pledges together with your citizens.



Apply to be an ambassador.

Your city's mayor (or another relevant representative) can become an ambassador to inform, inspire and support climate action across the Climate Pact community. This role is recognised by the European Commission and can bring greater visibility to the climate action that your city is taking.



Support deliberative engagement.

A number of deliberative formats are developed in the Climate Pact, including Peer Parliaments and other forms of prototyping for action, which can empower citizens to make their voices heard in the climate policy discourse. Engage your citizens by encouraging them to take part and show your commitment to listen and collaborate.



For more information, visit the [European Climate Pact's website](https://euclimatepact.eu) or get in touch at contact@euclimatepact.eu.

¹ Pathway pledges represent actions that cover a wide range of climate-friendly activities. They can represent a first commitment or an umbrella statement to climate action, including a more expansive and diverse set of activities that local authorities can choose to help address climate change, environmental degradation, and sustainability more generally.



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