



Covenant of Mayors
for Climate & Energy
EUROPE



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A framework for action



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The Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy



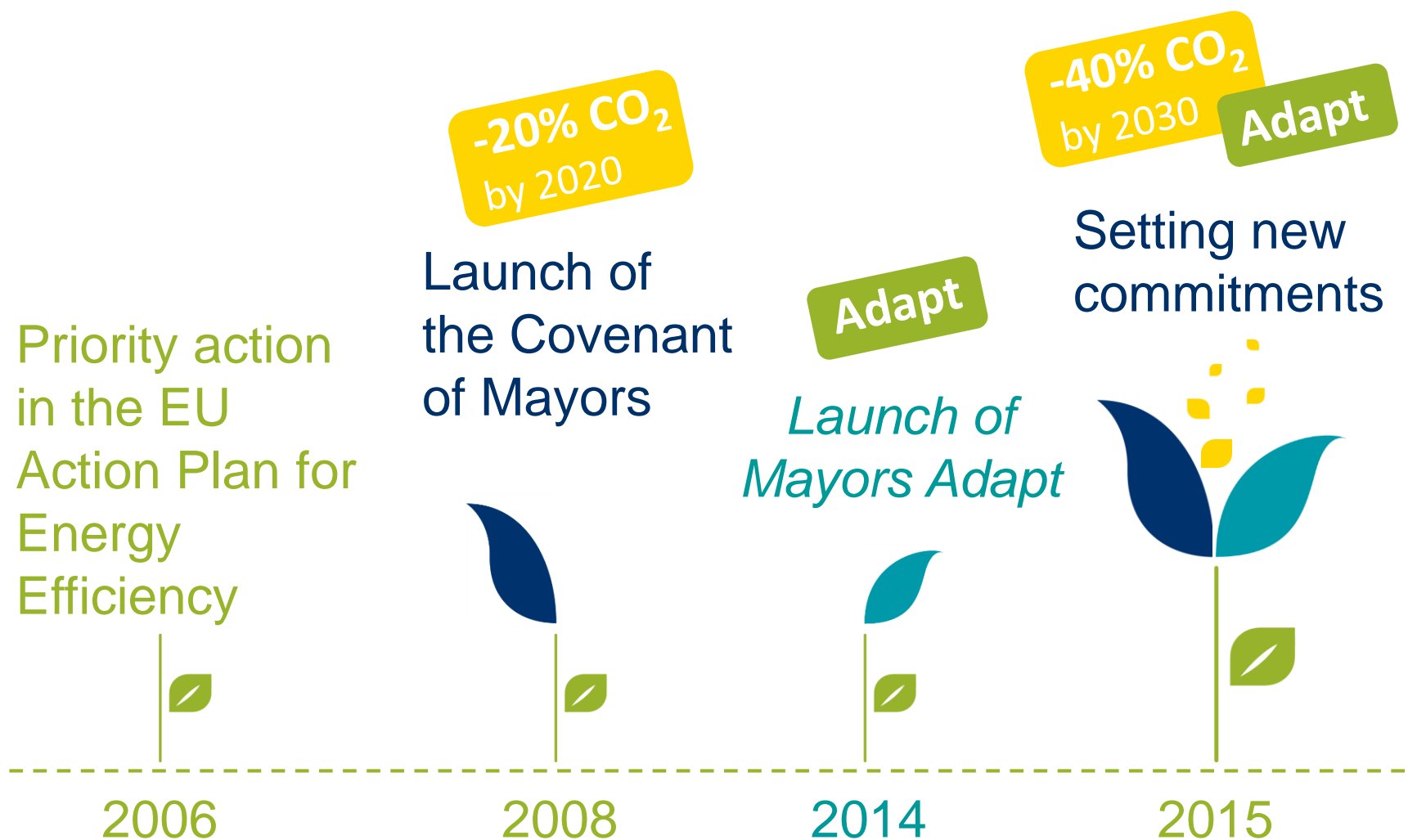
...brings together **local and regional authorities** voluntarily committed to implementing **EU climate and energy objectives** on their territory.

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 **6,500** signatories representing over **210 million citizens**

Evolution of the initiative



2015: New commitments



Signatories now pledge to:

- Reduce CO₂ (and possibly other GHG) emissions by at least **40% by 2030**
- **Increase our resilience** by adapting to the impacts of climate change
- Translate their political commitment into local results by developing local **action plans** and **reporting** on their implementation

Link with EU policy frameworks



Created **by** local governments and **for** local governments
– supported by the EU Commission

Well **embedded in EU policy frameworks**

- Implementing EU objectives on the ground
- Regulation on the Governance of the Energy Union
- Long term GHG emissions reduction strategy (2050)

Mention in **EU policy documents and strategies** (Clean Energy Package, Clean Mobility Package, EU adaptation strategy, ...)

CoM action plan - condition to apply for **Smart Cities lighthouse** calls

Covenant of Mayors Board



Local and Regional elected representatives to:

- **campaign** for enabling frameworks
- raise **awareness** about local needs amongst European and national decision makers
- **discuss** strategic orientations
- **foster the dialogue** between the European Covenant Community and the EU institutions.



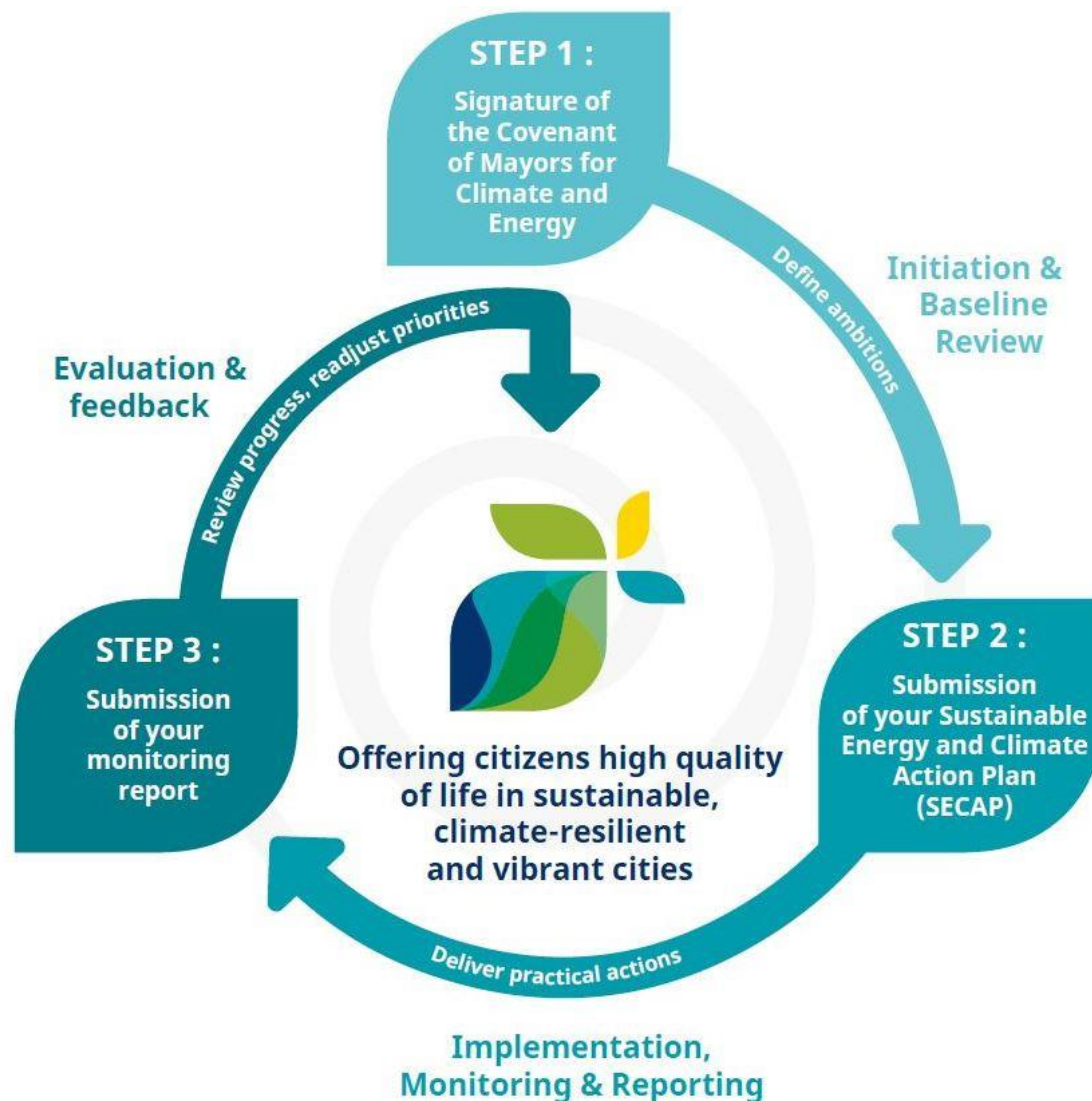
Brussels, 11 June 2018

Open letter to European Energy Ministers to revise the Energy Union Governance Regulation incorporating the needs of local and regional governments

Dear Energy Minister,

We have entered a phase of unprecedented global efforts to tackle climate change to keep average global warming well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels, as stipulated by the Paris Agreement. As members of the political board of the European Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, we strongly believe cities can make a crucial contribution to these efforts.

The Covenant step by step





The SE(C)AP

How to implement the political vision

- Assessment of the current situation (baseline emissions inventory + Risk and Vulnerability Assessment)
- Identifying goals and targets
- Timeframes, impacts, responsibilities

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 Community



Signatories

Villages, towns, cities, counties

Coordinators

*Regions, Provinces, Ministries,
national energy agencies*

Academia

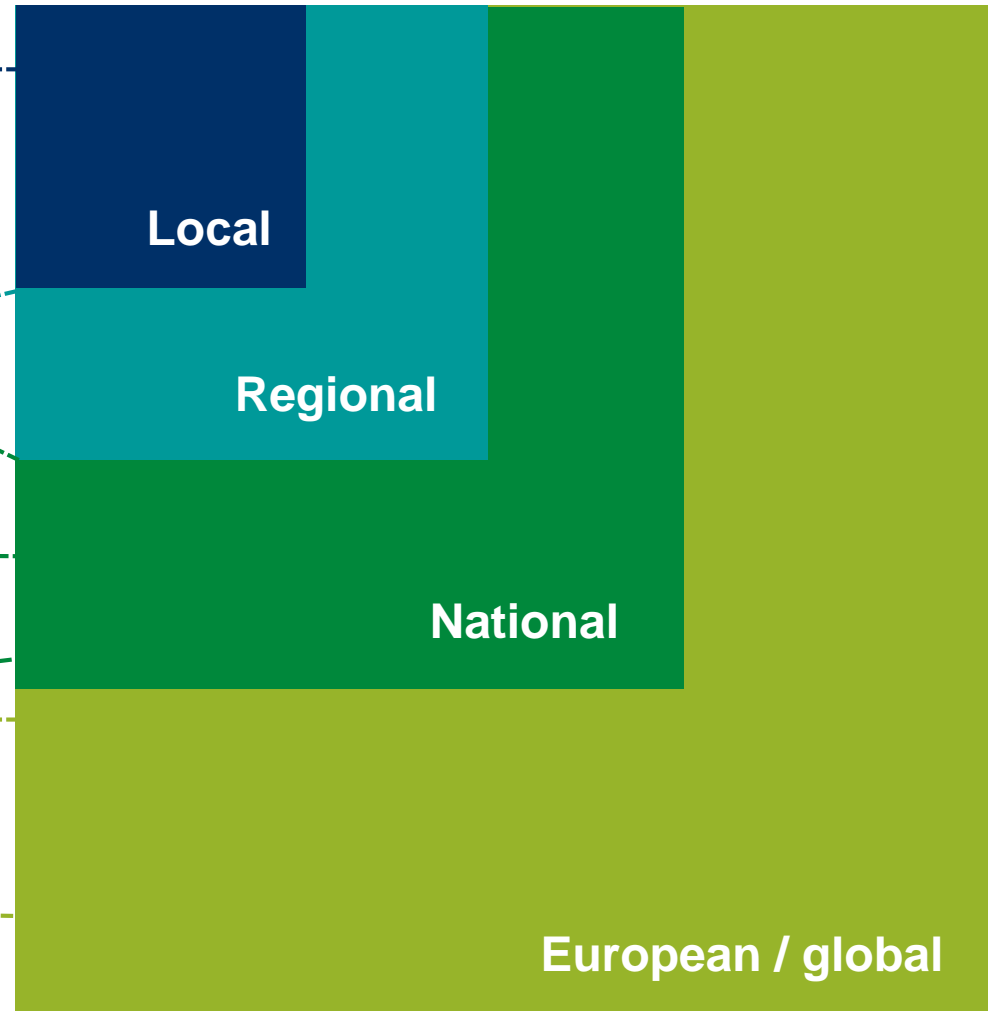
Supporters



*Associations of local and regional governments,
agencies, non-profit organisations*

Associated Partners

European federations of companies, NGOs



The Covenant of Mayors in key figures



7,700+ signatory cities,

Incl. 1000+ signatories to the new Covenant of
Mayors for Climate & Energy

ca. 350 regions, provinces, associations,
local & regional energy agencies, Associated
Partners



6000+

Action Plans developed



... average CO₂-emission
reduction of about **27%**
by 2020



The Covenant of Mayors in Finland



Supporters: Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities, Climate Network of the Finnish Mayors, Energy Agency of South Ostrobothnia Thermopolis Ltd

+ **NEW!** Coordinator: Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council; + 6 new signatories in the process of joining the 2030 objectives

Achievements of signatory cities Projections



By **2020**,

- reduce CO2 emissions by 27%,
- decrease energy use by one fifth
- increase local energy production by 90%, exceeding the European Union's 2020 milestone

European Covenant of Mayors municipalities will have contributed nearly **a third of the EU's 2020 GHG emission reduction target.**

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

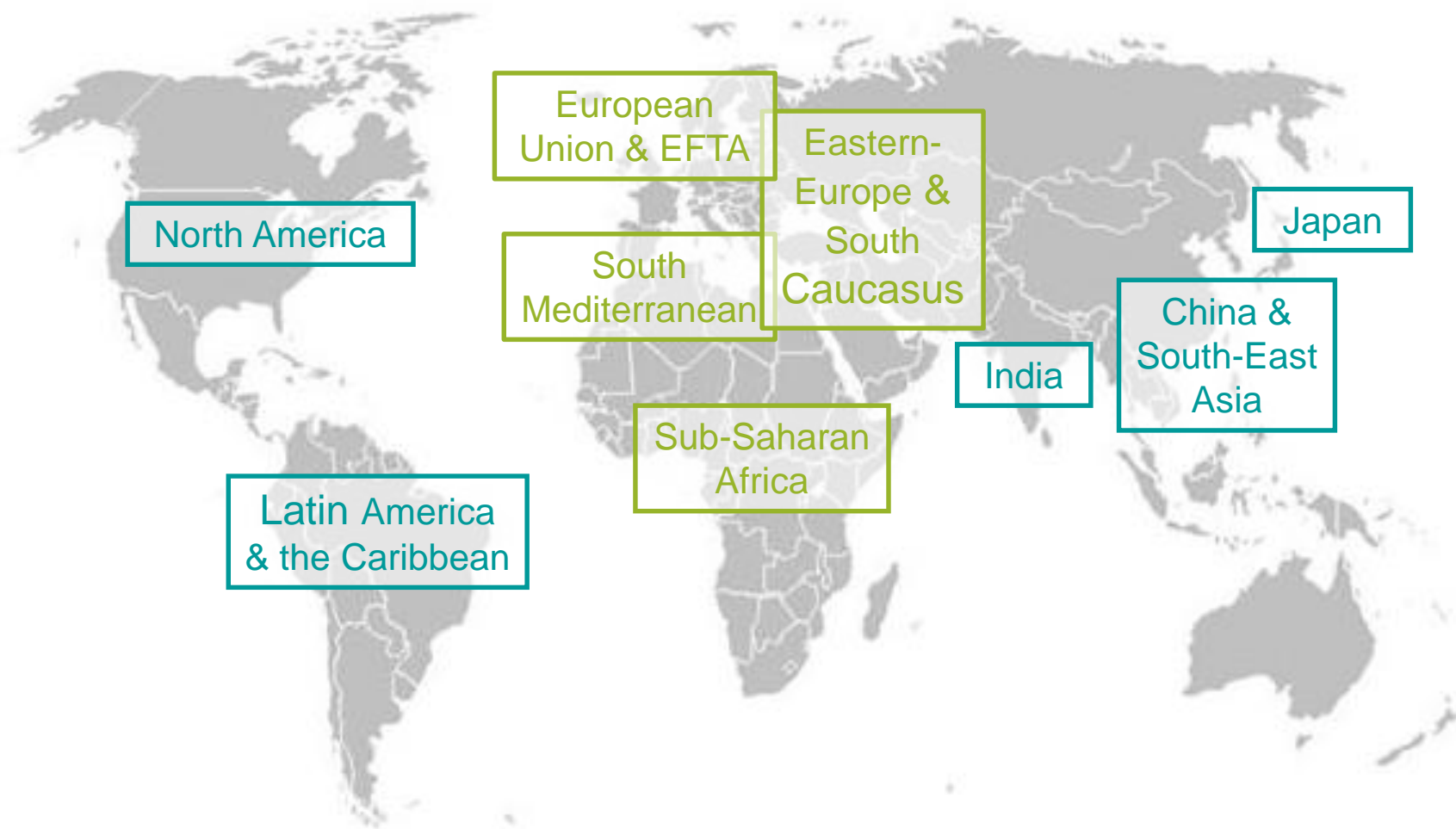


Going
global!
CoM Office
for Sub-
Saharan
Africa

2017

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

The Covenant of Mayors going global



International Urban Cooperation

<http://www.iuc.eu/>



1 City-to-city cooperation on sustainable urban development

By pairing up EU with non-EU partner cities, the IUC boosts access to expertise in urban development policy, helping cities promote smart, green and inclusive

2 Sub-national action under the Global Covenant of Mayors initiative

Cities consume two-thirds of the world's energy. The Covenant of Mayors initiative promotes local actions and facilitates city-to-city cooperation to reduce CO2 emissions, adapt to climate change and ensure access to clean and



3 Inter-regional cooperation on innovation for local and regional development

Cities and regions can generate growth by innovating and sharing expertise on clustering, global value chains and Smart Specialisation Strategies. This is important in Latin America where governments are trying to diversify their commodity-driven economies.



International Urban Cooperation



SEARCH FOR THE CITY PAIRINGS				
All Topics (10) All SDGs (17) All Countries (50) <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Search"/>				
CITY PAIRINGS SEARCH RESULTS - 64				
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 	BELFAST		MEDELLÍN	
 	WOLVERHAMPTON		SHIMLA	
 	ALMERÍA		ARMENIA	
 	FRANKFURT AM MAIN		YOKOHAMA	
 	HAMBURG		GUADALAJARA (METROPOLITAN)	
 	BOLOGNA (METROPOLITAN)		AUSTIN	
 	ALBA IULIA		BENEDITO NOVO	
 	BELFAST		SANTIAGO DE CALI (VALLE DEL CAUCA)	
 	BERLIN-NEUKÖLLN		SAN PEDRO DE LA PAZ	
 	WEST ATHENS (ASSOCIATION FOR DEVELOPMENT)		MÉRIDA	
 	GRAZ (METROPOLITAN)		IBAGUÉ	

Development of local action plans in cooperation with peers

Linked to local implementation of SDGs

Supporting signatories



Specific methodological materials:

Action Plan template & instructions



Guidance
materials



Thematic leaflets

Thematic leaflets



ASSOCIATION OF FINNISH LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES, FINLAND

Supporting cities to prepare for extreme weather-related circumstances

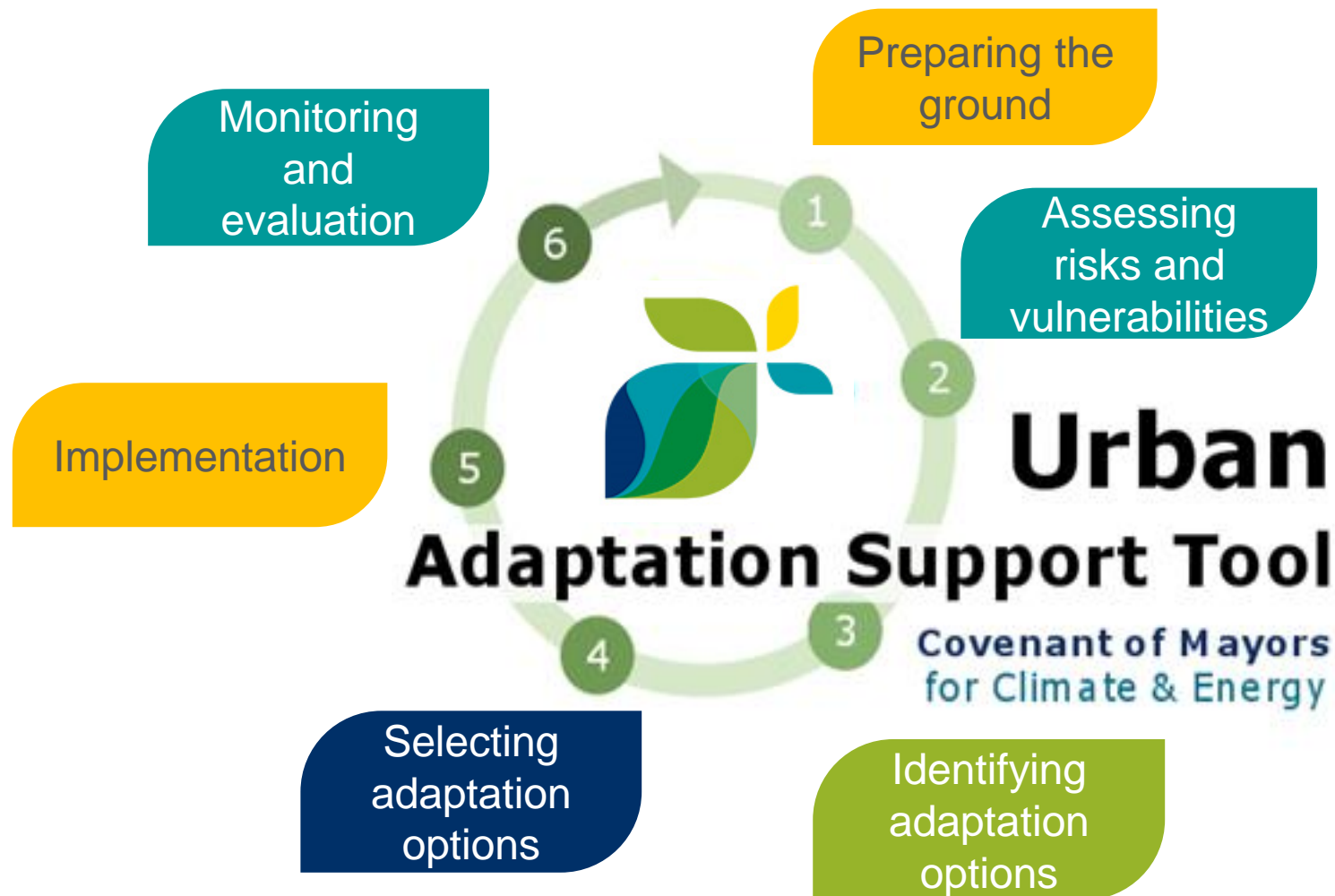


Supporter since
2011

Provides support
to 12 Covenant
signatory cities

In order to be prepared for extreme circumstances, many of them weather-related like storms, floods, or heavy snowfalls, the Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities took action. With the goal to allow Finnish cities and provinces to keep carrying out their essential tasks related e.g. to health, education, rescue and technical services in all exceptional situations, the association produced a number of tools to support the development of preparedness strategies and to ensure citizens' well-being and safety.

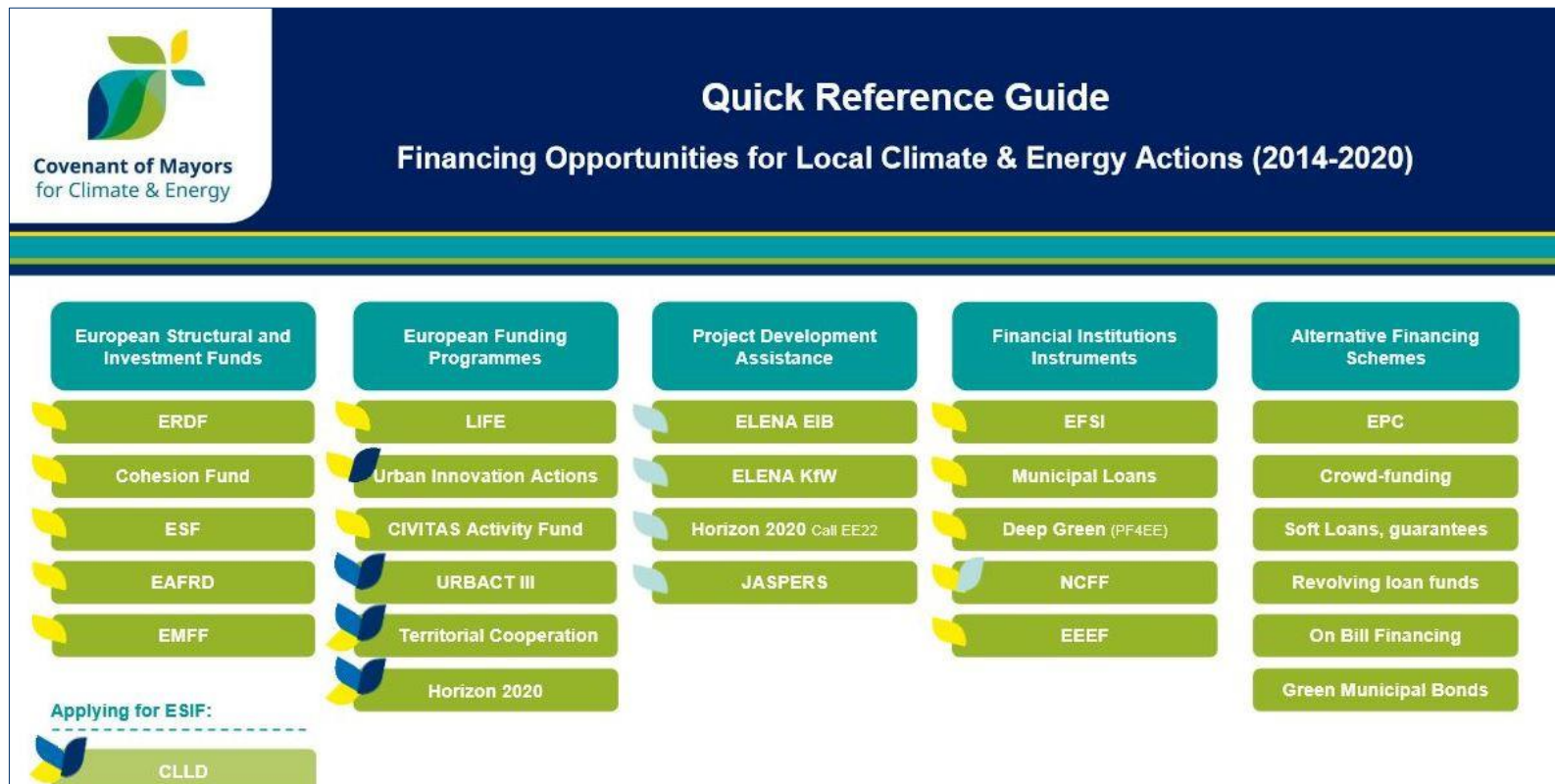
Supporting signatories



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Funding instruments



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Covenant of Mayors workshops:

- **Capacity-building** workshops
- **EU** awareness raising workshops
- **National** awareness raising workshops

Covenant Capacity-Sharing Corner:

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

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Thank you!
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