

Our CONURBANT Project



Think Globally, Act Locally!

- We think that big changes start in small towns.
- We believe that people want to live in a greener world.
- We want to give our children a better future.
- The CONURBANT project has the goal to involve more municipalities in that initiative.
- We do believe that all of you can contribute to our efforts for a brighter future.

HOW WE WILL DO THAT?

- We will persuade more municipalities that signing the Covenant of Mayors is the first step towards sustainable development, economic recovery and creation of jobs.
- Our project will show municipalities and citizens that small towns and villages have the same importance as big cities when it is up to common actions against climate change.
- Within the CONURBANT project we will make sure that less experienced municipalities are trained by experienced ones which have already developed their Sustainable Energy Action Plans.

HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

- Implementation of successful Plans, Strategies and Actions on local level can be successful only if there is good collaboration between municipalities, policy makers, supporting structures and citizens.
- Citizens have to realize their importance on global and local level.
- Citizens have to realize their benefits from development and successful implementation of Sustainable Energy Action Plans - economic recovery, creation of more jobs.

What is the Covenant of Mayors?



The Covenant of Mayors is the mainstream European movement involving local and regional authorities, voluntarily committing to increase energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources on their territories. By their commitment, Covenant signatories aim to meet and exceed the European Union 20% CO2 reduction objective by 2020.

After the adoption, in 2008, of the EU Climate and Energy Package, the European Commission launched the Covenant of Mayors to endorse and support the efforts deployed by local authorities in the implementation of sustainable energy policies. Indeed, local governments play a crucial role in mitigating the effects of climate change, all the more so when considering that 80% of energy consumption and CO2 emissions is associated with urban activity.

2,717 Signatories

128,379,950 Inhabitants



What is SEAP?

A Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP) is the key document in which the Covenant signatory outlines how it intends to reach its CO2 reduction target by 2020. It defines the activities and measures set up to achieve the targets, together with time frames and assigned responsibilities. Covenant signatories are free to choose the format of their SEAP, as long as it is in line with the general principles set out in the Covenant SEAP guidelines.

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"Some might say that the efforts of a single city are all well and good in symbolic terms, but irrelevant in global terms. To those cynics I say: there are now more than 1,600 Covenant cities and regions, involving a population - within the EU - of over 120 million people. If your action plans are fully implemented, as I am sure they will be, you will be contributing one fifth of the total effort needed for the whole EU."



José Manuel Durão Barroso
President of the European Commission

What does the project do for Conurbations?

- Strengthen their capacity
- Help them implement sustainable energy policies
- Support the creation of network between conurbations and transfer of good practices between them

Why Conurbations?

- In 2007 for the first time in history more than half of world population lived in urban areas
- Conurbations and centres of economic growth, symbol of growing cities but at the same time they face concentration of social, environmental and economic problems.
- Nature of Conurbations facilitates the implementation of innovative energy strategies because of the higher demand for such.

Which are the benefits of targeting Conurbations for sustainable energy matters?

- Solving crucial energy problems at the beginning of their appearance.
- Opportunity for application of inductive approach starting at local level and contributing for more energy sustainable world.
- Targeting people at local level with their specific needs and not putting them in the same bracket.

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