

Welcome to the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy – Europe

INFO-PACK FOR SIGNATORIES

This info-pack is meant to guide you through the Covenant of Mayors - Europe (CoM – Europe) website and the dedicated platform, MyCovenant.

For further questions and assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Covenant of Mayors - Europe Helpdesk by email: info@eumayors.eu, or to consult our FAQs.



For a fairer, climate-neutral Europe



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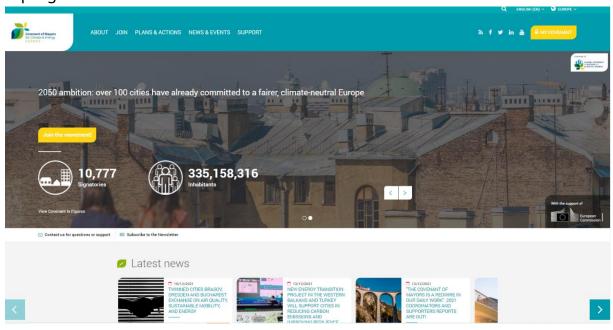
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COVENANT OF MAYORS - EUROPE WEBSITE

This is the homepage of the Covenant of Mayors – Europe <u>website</u>, where you can find your local authority's <u>public profile</u>, many <u>resources</u> on mitigation, adaptation, financing, etc., the latest <u>news</u> from the Community, upcoming <u>events</u> and so much more.

You can access the <u>MyCovenant</u> platform by clicking on the yellow button on the top-right.





PLANS & ACTIONS

Visit both the **Plans and Actions** and the **Support** sections to get inspired by experts and your peers.



The **Plans and Actions** section includes:



All Covenant - Europe Signatories, Supporters and Coordinators can share their good practices (on mitigation, adaptation, energy poverty, financing, ...) with the entire CoM - Europe Community. <u>Use them as a source of inspiration!</u>

If your municipality has reached outstanding results in its climate and energy actions and you would like to share them with the CoM - Europe Community, please <u>contact us!</u>



SUPPORT

The **Support** section includes:

LIBRARY
FUNDING
ADAPTATION RESOURCES
ENERGY POVERTY
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REPORTING

In the <u>Library</u> section you can find many resources to increase your knowledge and capacities on action plan development, mitigation, adaptation, energy poverty, etc., such as the Covenant - Europe core documents, technical publications, thematic leaflets, guidelines, webinar recordings, case studies and many more.

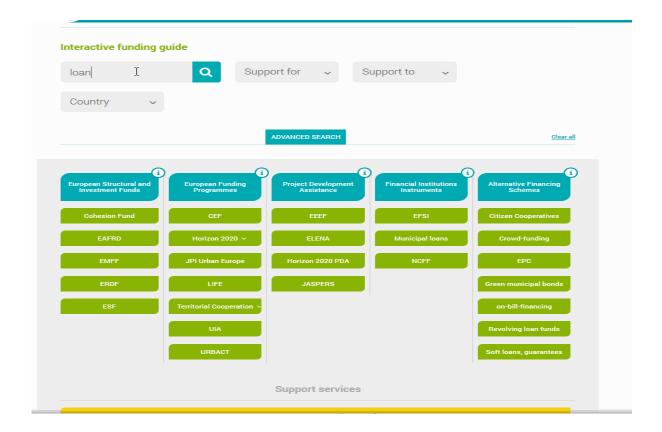
Moreover, you can find there our <u>communication toolkit</u>: check our <u>graphic guidelines</u> and find out how you can use our logo and other communication tools! For a successful search, you can filter by language, type, author, publication date and keyword. For more information, you can watch this <u>video</u>.

In the **Funding** section you can find clear and practical information on European funding and financing opportunities.

The interactive funding guide shows all the European funding programmes and financing schemes available on climate and energy for the members of the Community, in particular for local authorities and examples on how signatories and coordinators are using them.

The guide is regularly updated with the new funding calls and links to financing opportunities, and it is available in all EU languages.





In the <u>Adaptation Resources</u> section you can find many resources to increase your knowledge. For example, you can find the link to the "<u>Urban Adaptation Support Tool</u>" jointly developed by the Covenant of Mayors – Europe Office and the European Environment Agency, which is the main adaptation resource for the Covenant Community. It takes you through all the steps needed to develop and implement an adaptation strategy and refers you to valuable guidance materials and tools.

If you have doubts about what **Energy Poverty** means and what it covers, you can go to this section, where you can find a lot of information and existing publications on energy poverty.



In the frequently asked question section (FAQs), you can find answers to the most common questions about the Covenant of Mayors – Europe. The FAQs are updated on a regular basis to reflect the most relevant questions coming from the Covenant Europe Community.

FAQs

Check also the terminology used by the Covenant of Mayors – Europe in our Glossary of terms.

In the **Reporting** section, you can find information on the Common Reporting Framework (CRF) of the <u>Global Covenant of Mayors</u>, used as reference by the Covenant of Mayors – Europe.

Moreover, you can download the guidebook, developed by the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, on how to develop a Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP), as well as guidelines and other practical tools.

You can also find a series of video tutorials to help you filling in the online reporting template in MyCovenant:

MyCovenant Tutorial #1 My Strategy



MyCovenant tutorial #2 Emission inventory



MyCovenant tutorial #3 Risks and vulnerabilities



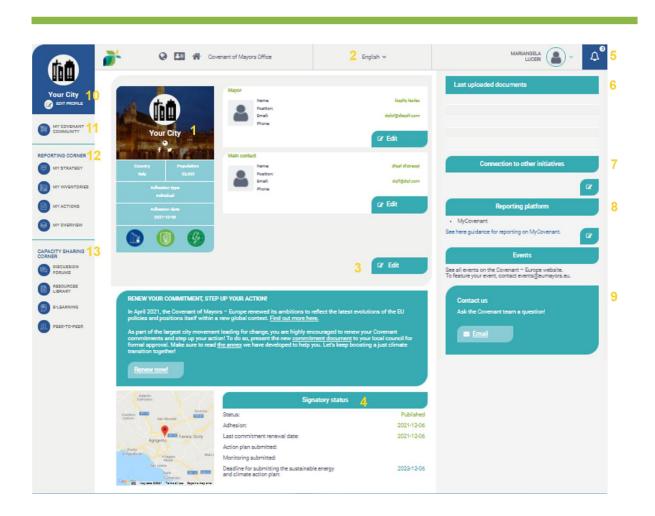
MyCovenant tutorial #4 My Actions



MYCOVENANT

Access to MyCovenant platform is restricted to registered Signatories, Coordinators and Supporters of the Covenant of Mayors - Europe Community.

THE DASHBOARD



This is the dashboard of MyCovenant. Here, you have access to all the sections and features offered by the platform.

The dashboard shows the contacts associated with your organization (Mayor and Main Contact person), the achieved Covenant badges and your Covenant status. It also gives you access to your MyCovenant Community, the Reporting Corner and the Capacity Sharing Corner.



In the central part of the dashboard, you can find the basic information on your organization: country, population, the type of adhesion, and the contact details of the mayor and of the main contact person (1).

Remember that you can change the language of the platform at any time (2), selecting it among the 24 EU official languages.



By clicking the related **Edit** button (3), you can modify the contact profile of the mayor and the main contact person.

By clicking the **Edit all** button, you can add new contacts, and in case of staff changes, modify existing profiles or delete the obsolete ones. \$blue

Within the Covenant of Mayors – Europe initiative, signatories commit to cutting their GHG emissions (mitigation pillar), increasing their resilience to climate change (adaptation pillar) and tackle energy poverty (energy poverty pillar). Once your local authority successfully submits an action plan, it is rewarded with

the **Global Covenant of Mayor badges**, which are updated every time a milestone is reached.

These badges are assigned in line with the <u>Common Reporting Framework</u> of the Global Covenant of Mayors.

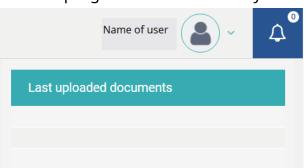




(4) Here you can see your **Signatory status**, the latest submitted document and your next deadlines.

Signatory status		
Status:	Published	
Adhesion:	2016-09-29	
Last commitment renewal date:	2016-09-29	
Action plan submitted:	2021-07-23	
Monitoring submitted:		
Deadline for submitting the next monitoring report:	2023-07-23	
Deadline for submitting the next monitoring emission inventory:		

At the top-right of the dashboard you can:

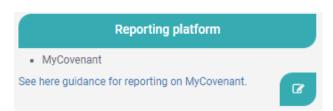


- (5) See all the automatic notifications received by your municipality.
- (6) Find the latest documents uploaded.



(7) By taking action to fight climate change, the European Union welcomes you in several EU initiatives, including the Covenant of Mayors – Europe. Here,

you can indicate your participation to other EU and International initiatives. Your responses can be edited at any time after the registration, via your dashboard or in your signatory's profile



(8) As signatory of the Covenant of Mayors - Europe, your local authority automatically joins the <u>Global</u> <u>Covenant of Mayors</u> (GCoM).

The GCoM has two officially recognised reporting platforms, both aligned with the Common Reporting Framework:

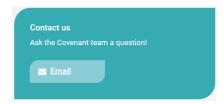


Unified Reporting System of CDP/ICLEI.



Here you can choose your reporting platform. You can change it at any time, we simply ask you to keep us informed.

Find out more on the 2 platforms in the dedicated <u>FAQs</u>.



(9) Through the **Contact us** form you can send an email to the Helpdesk if you have any questions.

YOUR CONTACT PROFILE



My Profile refers to the contact details of the user. Part of the information provided is kept private and accessible only by the user and the Helpdesk via MyCovenant; the other part, upon your choice, is displayed on your municipality's profile in the Covenant of Mayors – Europe website to allow

interested municipalities / stakeholders to get in touch with you and increase your visibility among the Community.

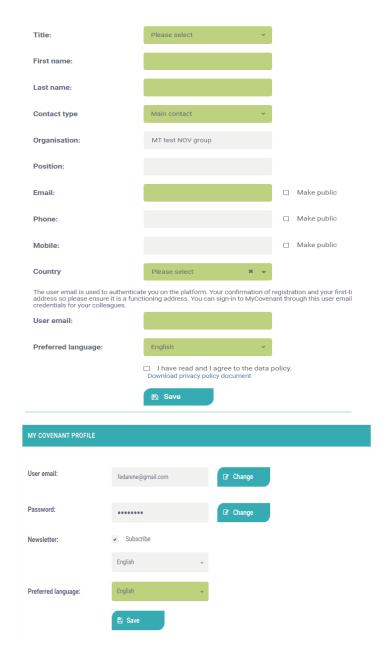
You can edit your contact information (name, position, phone number) and add your photo.

If you click "make public" your information will be made public on your municipality's public profile.

Your profile is linked to 2 email addresses:

- Contact Profile email: this email is used for automatic notifications and newsletters
- User email: this email is used for your login. For changing it, please contact the Helpdesk: info@eumayors.eu.





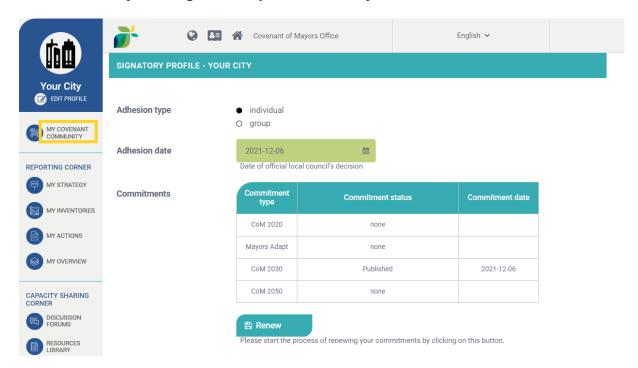
We kindly inform you that your data are shared with the Global Covenant of Mayors Secretariat on a regular basis in order to keep both your public profiles (on the <u>Covenant of Mayors Europe website</u> and on the Global Covenant of Mayors website) updated.

For further information, please check our data policy.



THE SIGNATORY PROFILE

The **Signatory profile** includes relevant information on your local authority. You can access it by clicking on **Edit profile** (10) in your dashboard.

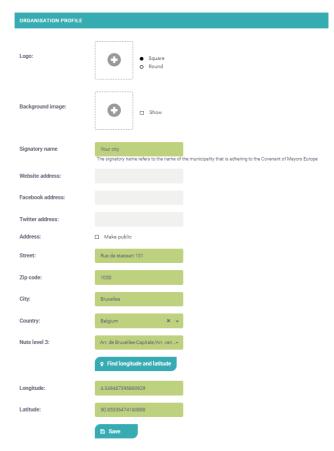


The table "Commitments" show the Covenant of Mayors steps:

- **CoM 2020** aimed at signatories committing to mitigation targets to 2020. It is no longer possible to join this step.
- The **Mayors Adapt** initiative no longer exists. Former Mayors Adapt signatories automatically joined the Covenant of Mayors Europe when the two initiatives merged back in 2014.
- **CoM 2030** refers to the Covenant of Mayors Europe path launched in October 2015 (with a GHG reduction target of 40% by 2030).
- **CoM 2050** refers to the latest Covenant of Mayors Europe chapter launched on the 21st of April 2021 (with the objective of reaching climate neutrality by 2050). Learn more <u>here</u>.



You can modify your municipality data (logo, background image, population data, area, etc.) at any time.



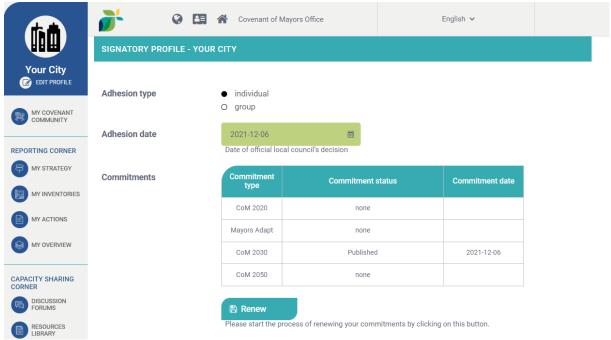


RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT

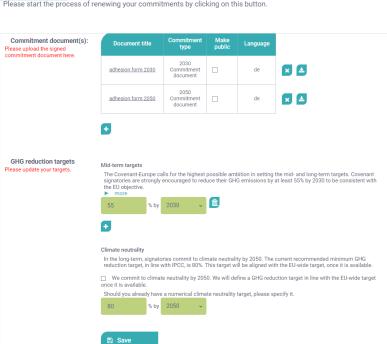
Step up your ambition: Renew your commitments and join the 2050 Community!

For renewing your commitments and/or further increasing your targets click the **Renew** button.

For further information on the 2050 chapter, please check our <u>FAQs</u>.

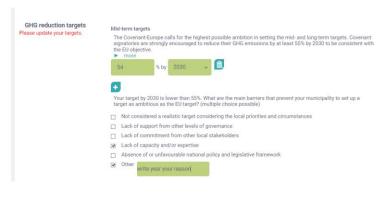


After clicking **Renew**, you are requested to upload the signed <u>commitment</u> <u>document</u> and define your mid-term and long-term targets for mitigation.

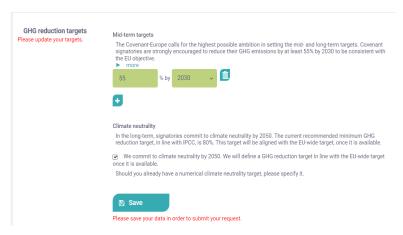




The Covenant - Europe invites Signatories to commit to reducing GHG emissions by at least 55% by 2030. In case Signatories cannot commit to such ambitious target, they can commit to a lower target but a reason is requested.



In the long term, Signatories shall commit to reaching climate neutrality by 2050. They shall commit to a minimum reduction of GHG emissions of 80% by 2050. If Signatories have not set their long-term target yet, they can define them on a later stage.



Finally, click **Save** to submit your request. An automatic notification is received by the mayor and the main contact person when the request is processed by the Covenant of Mayors - Europe Office.



MY COVENANT COMMUNITY

In **My Covenant Community** (11) you can find the Covenant Coordinators and Supporters either associated with or supporting your local authority, if any. You can also add new Coordinators and Supporters at any time. Check the list of <u>Coordinators</u> and <u>Supporters</u>.



NB: Connecting Coordinators to a signatory's profile allows them to **access data** and have an overview on the progress achieved by the signatory.

What are the ...?

Covenant Coordinators are national, regional and sub-regional public authorities that are in a position to provide strategic guidance, technical and financial support to Covenant of Mayors signatories in their territory.

Covenant Supporters are associations of local authorities, European networks, thematic local and regional agencies, and not-profit organisations with the capacity to promote the Covenant of Mayors and to mobilise and support their members and/or local authorities to attain the Covenant of Mayors - Europe objectives.

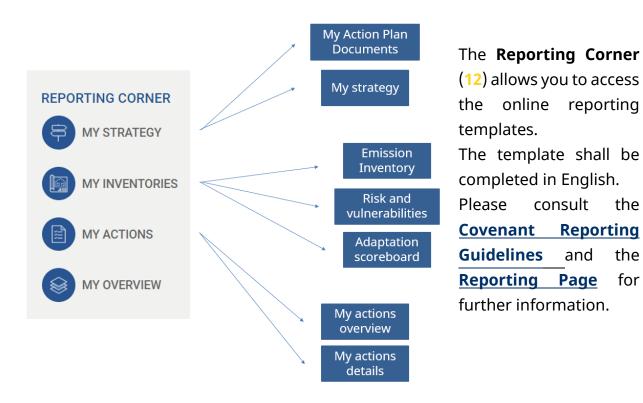


THE REPORTING CORNER

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DELAY REQUEST

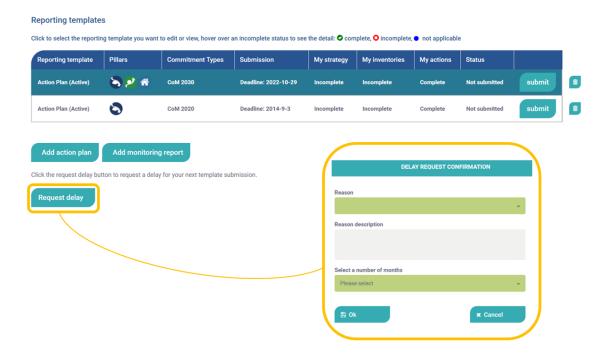
The Covenant of Mayors – Europe Office recognizes the efforts of its signatories in being on track with their reporting requirements, as well as the difficulties and challenges they may encounter.

For this reason, signatories are entitled to request an extension of up to 9 months for the submission of their action plan / monitoring report. For further information, please check our FAQs.

To submit a delay request, go to My Overview and click Request delay. Add the reason for the delay and the months needed and submit.



The request is automatically approved and an automatic notification with the new deadline is received by the main contact person(s).





THE CAPACITY SHARING CORNER

The **Capacity Sharing Corner** (13) consists of 4 different sections for capacity building and interactions with the Covenant - Europe Community. Here, you can share your documents with the European Community and increase your knowledge on mitigation, adaptation, energy poverty and financing.



- 1) Where you can share experiences with your peers.
- 2) Where you can find a collection of relevant documents related to the activities of Covenant members.
- 3) Where you can follow our e learning modules to increase your capacities on mitigation, adaptation, energy poverty (coming soon) and financing.
- 4) Where you can collaborate with other municipalities or gain experience from a mentor.

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