

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

INFO-PACK FOR COORDINATORS

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 for Coordinators by email: coordinators@eumayors.eu, or to consult our FAQs.



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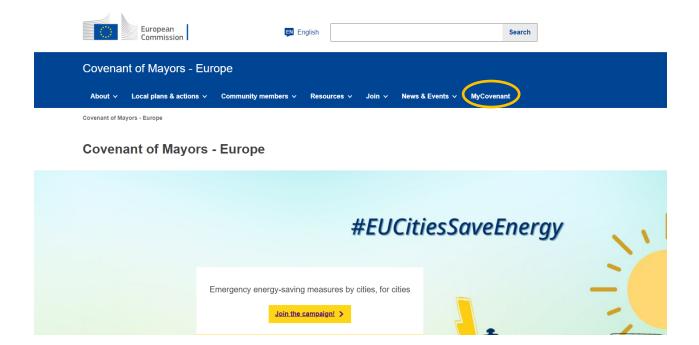
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COVENANT OF MAYORS – EUROPE WEBSITE

This is the homepage of the Covenant of Mayors – Europe <u>website</u>, where you can find your organisation'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 MyCovenant platform by clicking on the related menu item.



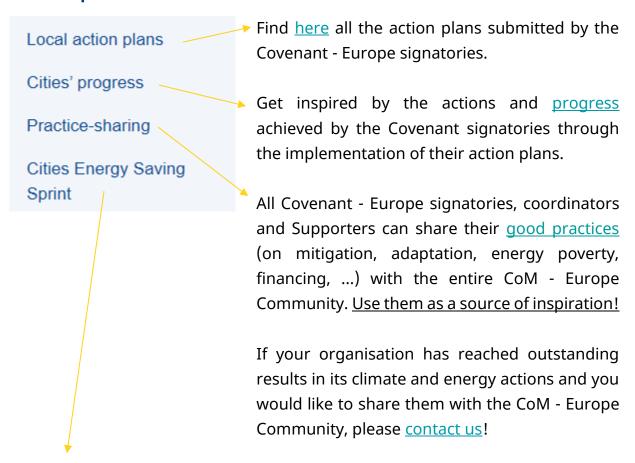


LOCAL PLANS & ACTIONS

Visit both the **Local plans & actions** and the **Resources** sections to follow up on your municipalities' progresses and get inspired by other Covenant members.



The Local plans & actions section includes:



The <u>Cities Energy Saving Sprint</u> is a joint initiative of the European Commission, the Covenant of Mayors – Europe and the European Committee of the Regions to encourage Covenant members to take measures that will immediately reduce their energy consumption.



RESOURCES

The **Resources** section includes:



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 graphic guidelines and find out how you can use our logo and other communication tools! For a successful search, you can filter by author, keyword and publication type.

In the <u>Funding Opportunities</u> 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 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.



Financing opportunities for Sustainable Energy & Climate Action Plans

Search	Support for	Support to	Country	
Search	All	✓ All	✓ All	~
Sectors	Type of funding	Project size	Co-funding	
All	✓ All	∨ All	∨ All	~
Leverage factors	Project partners criteria			
All	✓ All	~		
Shared management funds	European Funding Programmes	Technical assistance and advisory support	Financial Institutions Instruments	Alternative Financing Schemes
Cohesion Fund	Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)	European Energy Efficiency Fund – Technical Assistance Facility (eeef - TAF)	EIB – Municipal Framework Loans	Citizen Cooperatives
EAFRD - European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development	EU renewable energy financing mechanism	Just Transition Platform	InvestEU Fund	Crowd-funding
EMFF - European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund	Horizon Europe	LIFE Technical Assistance Projects	Public Sector Loan Facility	Energy Performance Contracting
ERDF - European Regional Development Fund	Innovation Fund	InvestEU Advisory Hub		Green municipal bonds
ESF+	URBACT IV			On-bill-financing
Just Transition Fund	LIFE			Revolving loan funds
	Territorial Cooperation			Soft loans, guarantees

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. Here you can also find information on the Policy Support Facility of the Covenant of Mayors – Europe.



If you have doubts about what **Energy Poverty** means, in this page you can find a lot of information and existing publications on it. For further information on energy poverty and how to tackle it, check the **Energy Poverty Advisory Hub**, supporting the Covenant signatories in developing actions in this field.

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:

<u>MyCovenar</u>

MyCovenant Tutorial #1 My Strategy

MyCovenant tutorial #2 Emission inventory

MyCovenant tutorial #3 Risks and vulnerabilities

MyCovenant tutorial #4 My Actions

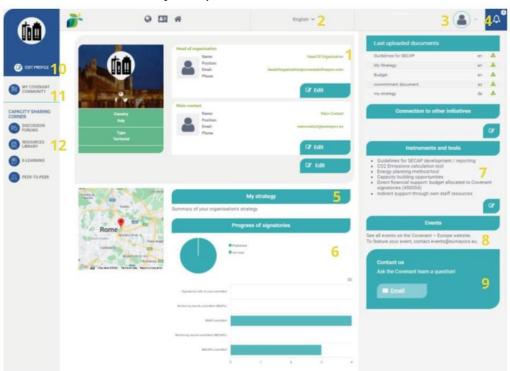


MYCOVENANT

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 organisation (Head of Organisation and Main Contact person), your instruments and tools and the progress of your signatories. It also gives you access to your MyCovenant Community and your organisation profile.

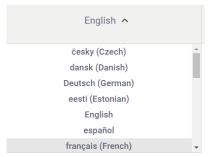


In the central part of the dashboard, you can see and update the **contacts** associated with your organisation (1): Head of Organisation and Main Contact person.



By clicking on the related **Edit** button, you can modify the contact profile of the Head of the Organisation and the Main Contact person.

By clicking on the **Edit** button at the bottom, you can add new contacts, and in case of staff's changes, modify existing profiles or delete the obsolete ones.



Remember that you can change the **Language** (2) of the platform at any time and select it among the 24 EU official languages



At the top-right of the dashboard you can access **Your contact profile** (3), see <u>page</u> 11, and all the automatic **Notifications** you received (4).



At the bottom of your dashboard, you can find the section **My strategy** (5) which includes a brief description of your organisation's strategy.

My strategy

Summary of your organisation's strategy



You can modify it at any time through the related field in the **Edit Profile** (10) section on the left column of the dashboard. By clicking on it, you can also get an overview of **your organisation's profile**, see <u>page 14</u>.



Αt the bottom of the dashboard, you can find the section **Progress** of signatories (6), which shows the status of the signatories from your organisation's community: if they published or suspended (on hold), and the status of their local plans' submission and related monitoring reports. This section is automatically generated and updated by the platform.

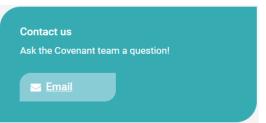


Instruments and tools

- Guidelines for SECAP development / reporting
- Datasets for BEI/MEI preparation
- CO2 Emissions calculation tool



On the right column of your dashboard, you can have an overview of the **Instruments and tools** (7) section, that you can modify from the **Edit Profile**.



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



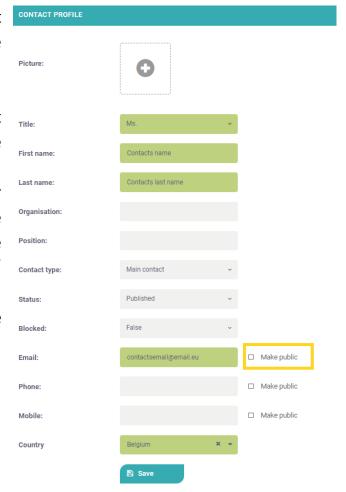
YOUR CONTACT PROFILE



In **My Profile** (3) you can visualise and update your contact details. This drop-down menu appears when you click on the arrow next to the icon:

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

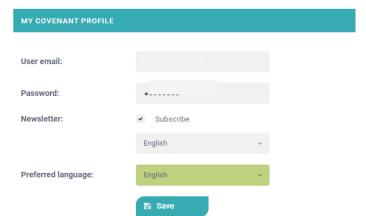
Part of the information provided is kept private and accessible by you and the Helpdesk only; the other part, upon your choice, is displayed on your organisation's public profile on the Covenant of Mayors – Europe website to allow interested municipalities / stakeholders to get in touch with you and increase your visibility among the Community.





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. To change it, please contact the <u>Helpdesk for Coordinators</u>.

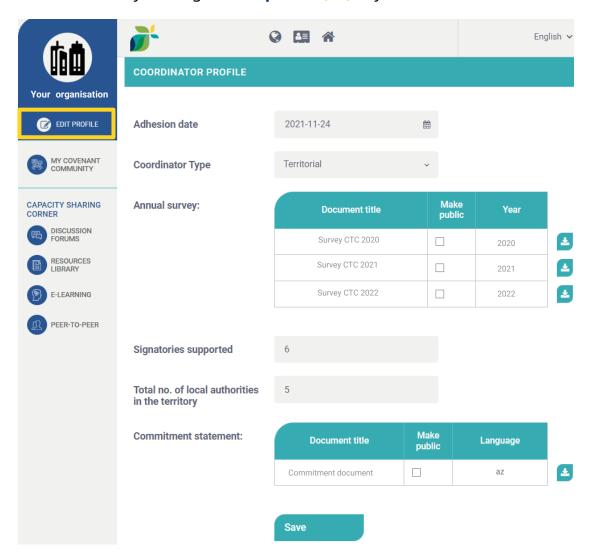


For further information, please check our data policy.



THE COORDINATOR'S PROFILE

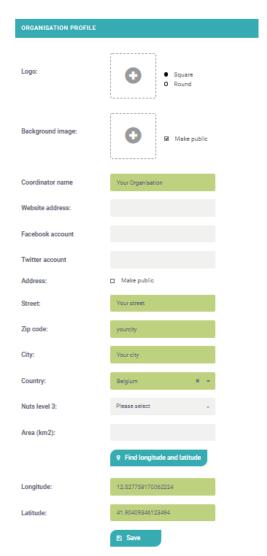
The **coordinator's profile** includes relevant information on your organisation. You can access it by clicking on **Edit profile** (10) in your dashboard.



Here you can visualise the **commitment date** to the Covenant of Mayors – Europe, as well as the coordinator type (national or territorial coordinator).

You can also download the **surveys** submitted by your organisation, as part of its annual reporting to the Covenant of Mayors - Europe. Each survey is made public or kept private on the basis of the choice made within the related questionnaire.



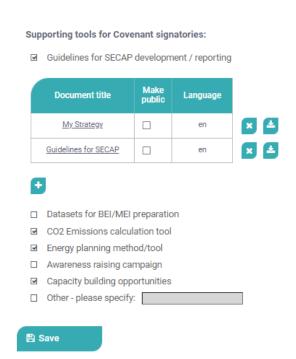


You can modify your organisation's data (logo, background image, address, area, etc.) at any time.



INSTRUMENTS AND TOOLS

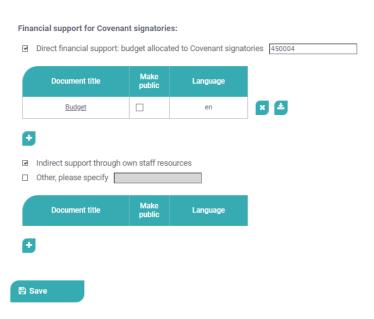
In the coordinator's profile page, you can also access the **Instruments and tools** section (7) also displayed on the Dashboard (see page 10).



In the **Supporting tools** section, you can promote the tools and services offered by your organisation to the Covenant signatories in your territory.

The tools / services clicked are displayed on your organisation's public profile on the Covenant of Mayors – Europe website.

In the **Financial support** section, you can promote the funds and financing sources that your organisation offers to Covenant signatories, if any. The types of financing clicked are displayed on your organisation's public profile on the Covenant of Mayors – Europe website.



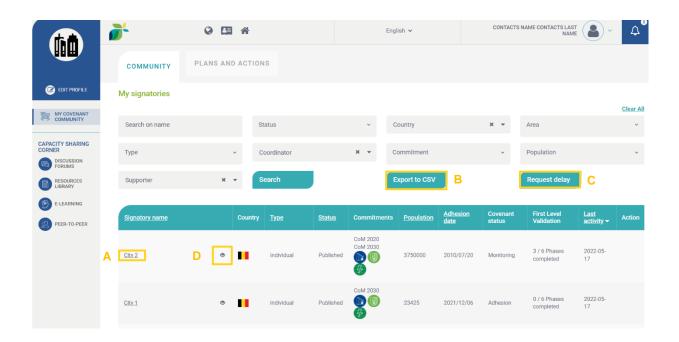


MY COVENANT COMMUNITY



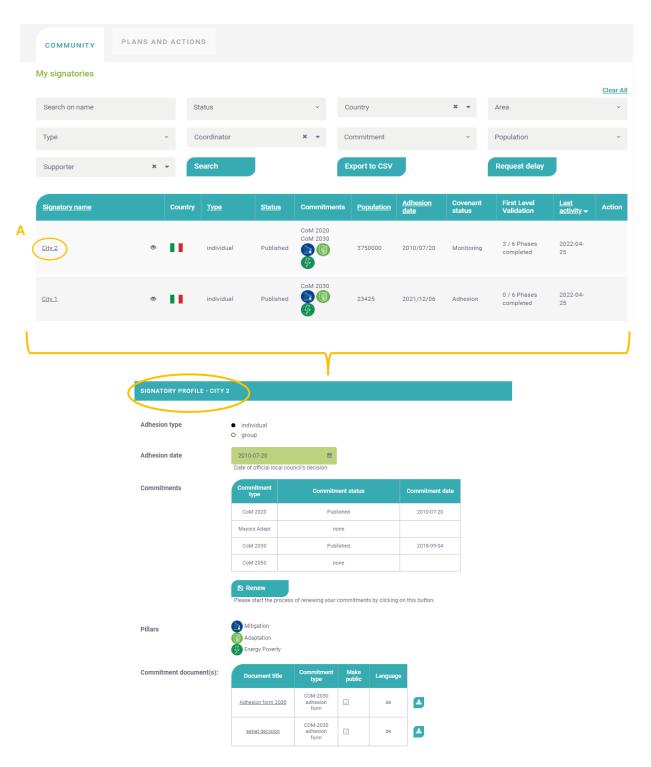
In **My Covenant Community** (11) you can find the list of signatories you are connected to, with useful information such as: status of adhesion, commitments, population, adhesion date, etc.

You are not allowed to automatically add new municipalities to your Community, but signatories can link their profile to your organisation and grant you access to their data. For further information, please check the info-pack for signatories.



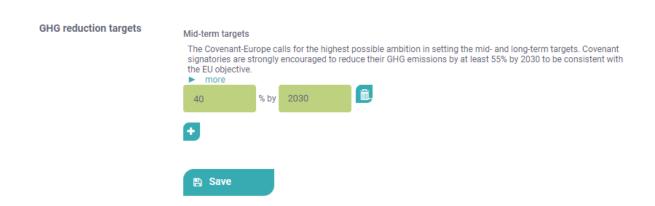


As coordinator, you can click on the municipality's name to check their profile (A) and modify their information.





You can check their adhesion type and date, as well as the commitments pledged, and the related GHG reduction targets.



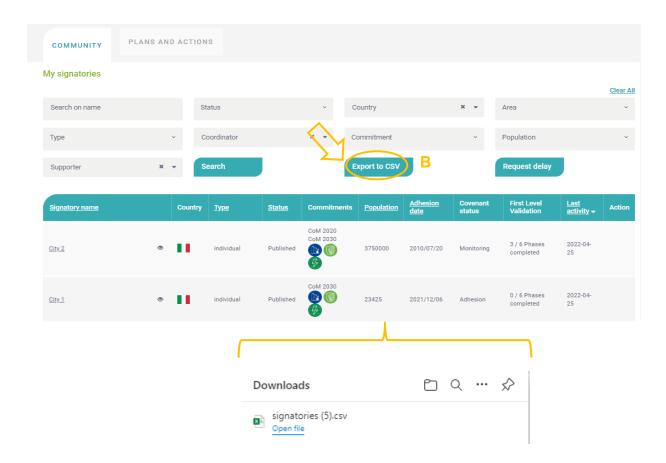
If a municipality wishes to renew its commitment to our 2050 vision, you can submit the request on their behalf.

Here, you can also visualise their profiles information (logo and background image, name, address, etc.).

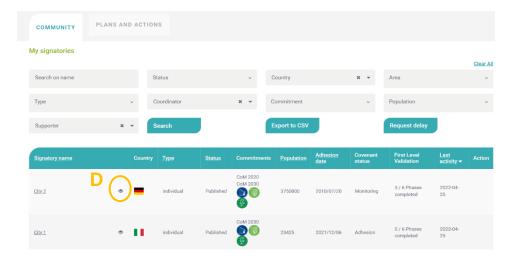
To find out more please check the info-pack for signatories.



You can also **extract** (B) the list of your signatories in .csv.



If you wish to **impersonate the signatory** (act on its behalf) (D), you shall click on the eye icon next to its name. In this way, you can access the signatory's dashboard and its **Reporting Corner**.

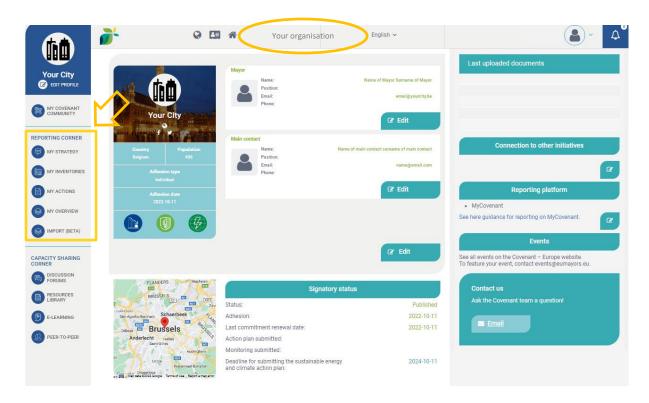




The reporting corner allows you to access the online reporting templates submitted or under developments by the signatory.

Please consult the <u>Covenant Reporting Guidelines</u> and the <u>Reporting Page</u> for further information.

To go back to your own dashboard and leave the signatory's one, click on your name on the top bar.





GOOD PRACTICES

In the menu "Plans and Actions" you can find the **good practices** section. There, you can find and manage all the good practices submitted by your organisation and promoted on your organisation's public profile on the Covenant of Mayors - Europe website.



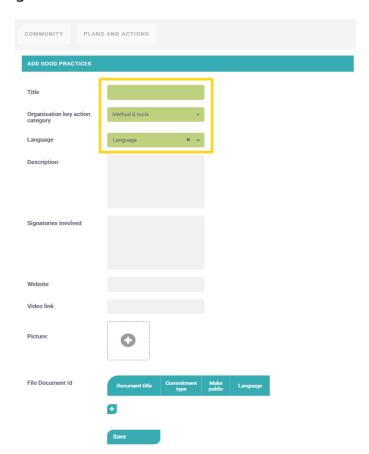
You can submit a new good practice by clicking on the button "add".

Good practices title Area Country





To publish a good practice, remember to complete all the mandatory fields in green.



In the organisation key action category, you can choose 4 types of activities:



The following mandatory section is the language. In the next sections you can also add the signatories connected to the activity, if any, attach a document or add a link to further information. When you add a good practice, it is automatically published on the website on the <u>Practice-sharing</u> page.

Remember to save all the changes.

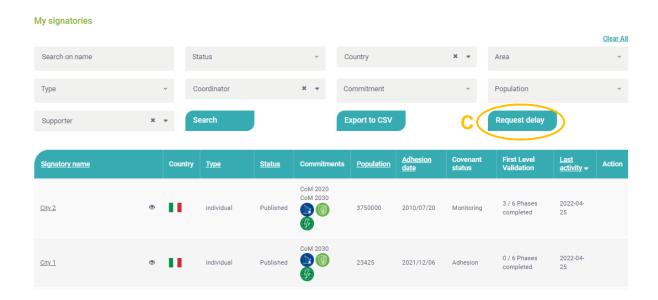


DELAY REQUEST

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, coordinators are entitled to request an extension of up to 18 months for the submission of the signatories' action plan / monitoring reports. For further information, please check our FAQs.

To submit a delay request, click on **Request Delay** (C) in your **My Covenant Community**. Add the reason for the delay and the months needed and select the Signatory(ies) you are requesting the delay for: you may select more than one signatory or even all of them, if necessary.





In case signatories have both their 2020 final monitoring report's template and their 2030 action plan's one open, you can choose the template you are asking the delay for.

Please notice that if such template is not open or does not exist for a given municipality, the request is not received.

Please notice that delay requests are not cumulative. If a signatory has already requested an extension, Reason

Reason description

Select a number of months
Please select
Signatories
Please select
Signatories
Please select
Select all

Templates

2020 final monitoring report

Cancel

you can only request the remaining months up to 18.

The request is automatically approved and an automatic notification with the new deadline is received by the main contact persons of the municipality and your organisation.

You can also request the delay of up to 9 months from the **My overview** section in the signatory's reporting corner. For further information, please check the infopack for signatories.

If your organisation has allocated funds for the development / monitoring of local action plans connected to the Covenant's reporting framework and part or all your municipalities may run into delays above the 18 months, please inform the Helpdesk for Coordinators and agree on a new common deadline for all or part of your municipalities.

Please remember that signatories that do not meet the timeline of the Covenant's reporting framework may be suspended. For further information, please check the <u>FAQs</u>.



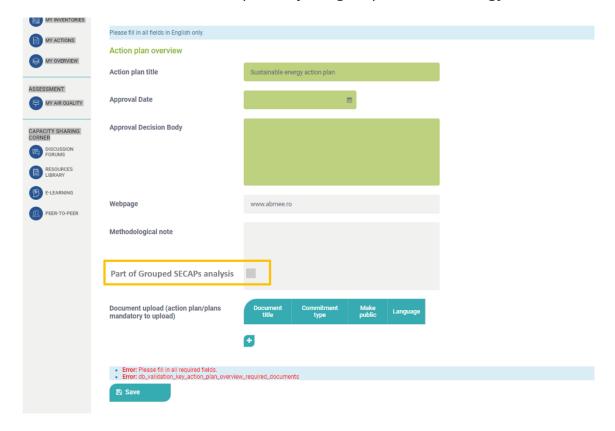
GROUPED SECAPS ANALYSIS

The Grouped SECAPs Analysis was launched in 2013 and it consists of an in-deep analysis of the methodology and related reference SECAPs by the Joint Research Centre. Active coordinators or supporters of the Covenant of Mayors – Europe can request the evaluation of their own methodology for SECAPs development.

Once the methodology is accepted, all action plans for municipalities with less than 50.000 inhabitants supported by the concerned coordinators or supporters and submitted via MyCovenant platform, are automatically accepted by the Joint Research Centre. Please find further information in the <u>Reference Guide for Grouped SECAPs Analysis</u>.

SECAPs included in the action shall be submitted via MyCovenant, within 2 years from the adhesion or renewal of commitments of concerned signatory municipalities. For further information on how to submit an action plan via MyCovenant, visit our <u>reporting page</u> or contact our <u>Helpdesk</u>.

These SECAPs shall be marked as part of your grouped methodology.





THE CAPACITY SHARING CORNER

The **Capacity Sharing Corner** (12) 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.



The **Peer-to-peer learning tool** allows you to find peers around Europe who work on similar issues. You can share your skills and experiences with others, or learn from them on fields you might be less knowledgeable on.

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