

## **EU conference: 500 cities pledge to reduce CO2 by more than 20%**

***More than 500 European mayors will commit tomorrow to cut CO2 emissions by more than 20% by 2020. By signing the Covenant of Mayors, they pledge to save energy, foster renewable energy and raise awareness among their citizens. They will sign the declaration in the presence of EU Commission President José Manuel Barroso and José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, Prime Minister of Spain. The Covenant of Mayors is a Commission initiative, supported both by the European Parliament and the Committee of the Regions.***

Günther Oettinger, Commissioner responsible for energy said: "*The Covenant of Mayors has become a key element of the EU sustainable energy policy. Regions and cities are demonstrating that climate mitigation is one of the best economic recovery strategies. Investment into the reduction of CO2 emissions and energy efficiency creates jobs which by their nature cannot be delocalised.*"

At the Covenant of Mayors Ceremony in the European Parliament, more than 500 mayors will sign the declaration. The Declaration commits them to analyse how much CO2 they emit at the moment, outline how they will reach the goal and evaluate their actions. They also commit themselves to raise awareness among citizens and to share best practice. The city of Heidelberg for example has reduced its Co2 emissions by nearly 40% in public buildings through energy monitoring stations and the 'Energy Teams' in the city's schools. The City of Riga utilises the methane gas produced in the city's waste tip to produce electricity and Antwerp uses a refurbished industrial warehouse as showcases sustainable building and demonstration centre for citizens.

Local authorities have a key role in mitigating climate change. Over half of greenhouse gas emissions are created in and by cities. 80% of the population lives and works in cities, where up to 80% of energy is consumed.

### **Background:**

The Covenant of Mayors is an annual conference that has been initiated by the European Commission in 2009. With more than 500 Mayors signing the declaration this year, the number of signatories will raise to more than 1600 signatories in 36 countries representing 120 million citizens.

The European Commission is supporting the initiative by organizing the conference, fostering best practice on the website and helping local authorities to finance their energy actions through programmes such as ELENA which provides funding of Euro 15 million in 2010.

More information on the Covenant of Mayors and the ceremony:

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

Annex:

List of Mayors singing the declaration



## Local Authorities Signing the Covenant of Mayors

### Albania

SHKODER

### Austria

LAXENBURG  
WOLFURT

### Belarus

POLOTSK

### Belgium

HASSELT  
ANTWERPEN  
GENK  
GENT  
LEIEDAL KORTRIJK SIVRY

### Bosnia and Herzegowina

SARAJEVO

### Bulgaria

BALCHIK  
VARNA  
VARNA

### Croatia

ZAGREB  
DUGA RESA  
JASTREBARSKO  
KLANJEC  
RIJEKA  
VELIKA GORICA

ZAPRESIC

### Cyprus

LARNACA  
LEFKARA  
PARALIMNI

### Czech Republic

JESENÍK

### Estonia

KURESSAARE  
RAKVERE CITY GOVERNMENT

### France

BREST MÉTROPOLE OCÉANE  
CHAMONIX MONT-BLANC  
COUDEKERQUE-BRANCHE  
COULAINES  
ECHIROLLES CEDEX  
METZ  
BAYONNE  
CAEN  
CHAMBERY  
ECHIROLLES  
GRANDE-SYNTHE  
LA BASTIDONNE  
L'HAÏ-LES-ROSES  
SETE  
SÈTE

### Germany

BÖHL-IGGELHEIM  
FÜRSTENFELDBRUCK

HAMBERGEN  
LÖRRACH  
MUNICH  
OSTERHOLZ- SCHARMBECK  
TELTOW  
WILLICH

**Greece**

PATRAS  
ACHARNES  
AGIA VARVARA  
AGIOI ANARGYROI  
AGIOS DIMITRIOS  
AGIOS STEFANOS  
ANO LIOSIA  
ASPROPYRGOS  
THERMI  
NEA VYSSA  
PAIANIA  
PALAIO FALIRO, ATHENS  
PANORAMA  
SERRES  
SYKIES  
YMITTOS

**Italy**

AGRATE BRIANZA  
ALBANO S. ALESSANDRO  
ALBINO  
ALMENNO SAN BARTOLOMEO  
ALTINO  
ALZANO LOMBARDO  
ARZAGO D'ADDA  
ATESSA  
ATRI  
AVERARA  
BAGNATICA  
BARBARIGA  
BEDULITA  
BELLUSCO  
BERGAMO  
BERZO SAN FERMO  
BIANZANO  
BISTAGNO

BLELLO  
BOLGARE  
BOMBA  
BORGO DI TERZO  
BORGO SAN GIACOMO  
BORRELLO  
BOSSICO  
BOTTICINO  
BRACCA  
BRANDICO  
BREMBATE DI SOPRA  
BREMBILLA  
BRUGHERIO  
BRUMANO  
CALICE AL CORNOVIGLIO  
CALVENZANO  
CAMERATA CORNELLO  
CANEGRATE  
CANOSA SANNITA  
CARNATE  
CARONA  
CARONNO PERTUSELLA  
CARUNCHIO  
CASALBORDINO  
CASALINCONTRADA  
CASALNUOVO MONTEROTARO  
CASAZZA  
CASIRATE D'ADDA  
CASNIGO  
CASOLI  
CASSIGLIO  
CASTEL FRENTANO  
CASTEL ROZZONE  
CASTELFRANCO EMILIA  
CASTELNUOVO DELLA DAUNIA  
CASTELNUOVO MAGRA  
CASTELNUOVO RANGONE  
CASTIGLIONE MESSER MARINO  
CASTRO  
CAZZANO DI TRAMIGNA

CAZZANO S. ANDREA  
CELENZA SUL TRIGNO  
CELENZA VALFORTORE  
CENATE SOPRA  
CERISANO  
CESENATICO  
CHIETI  
CINISELLO BALSAMO  
CIVITALUP ARELLA  
CIVITELLA MESSER RAIMONDO  
COLLEDIMEZZO  
COMISO  
COMUN NUOVO  
COMUNITA' MONTANA  
DEI LAGHI BERGAMASCHI  
COMUNITÀ MONTANA DI  
VALLE SABBIA  
CONCORDIA SULLA SECCHIA  
CORTENUOVA  
CORZANO  
COSTA SERINA  
COSTA VALLE IMAGNA  
COSTA VOLPINO  
CRECCHIO  
CREDARO  
CUSIO  
DELLO  
DOGLIOLA  
DOSSENA  
ENDINE GAIANO  
ENTRATICO  
FALLO  
FARA SAN MARTINO  
FILETTO  
FOGGIA  
FOPPOLO  
FORMELLO  
FORMIGINE  
FOSSACESIA  
FRANCAVILLA AL MARE  
FRESAGRANDINARIA

GAMBERALE  
GANDINO  
GAVARDO  
GAVERINA TERME  
GEROSA  
GISSI  
GIULIANOVA  
GORLAGO  
GORNO  
GRONE  
GUALDO TADINO  
GUARDIAGRELE  
KUNSILL LOKALI  
LA SPEZIA  
LANCIANO  
LENNA  
LENTELLA  
LONGHENA  
LOVERE  
LUZZANA  
MACLODIO  
MAIRANO  
MARANELLO  
MARANO PRINCIPATO  
MARCALLO CON CASONE  
MEDOLLA  
MEZZOLDO  
MIGLIANICO  
MOIO DE CALVI  
MONASTEROLO DEL CASTELLO  
MONTAZZOLI  
MONTEFERRANTE  
MONTELAPIANO  
MONTENERODOMO  
MONTEODORISIO  
MORENGO  
MORNICO AL SERIO  
MOZZAGROGNA  
ODOLO  
OLMO AL BREMBO

OLTRE IL COLLE  
ONETA  
ORNICA  
ORSOGNA  
ORVIETO  
ORZINUOVI  
ORZIVECCHI  
OSTRA VETERE  
PAGLIETA  
PARZANICA  
PEDRENGO  
PEIA  
PENNADOMO  
PERANO  
PERTICA ALTA  
PERUGIA  
PESCARA  
PESSANO CON BORNAGO  
PIAZZA BREMBANA  
PIAZZATORRE  
PIAZZOLO  
PIETRAMONTECORVINO  
POGGIOFIORITO  
POLLUTRI  
POMPIANO  
PONTE NOSSA  
PONTERANICA  
PRESEZZO  
PROVINCE OF PERUGIA  
QUADRI  
QUINZANO D'OGLIO  
RANZANICO  
REZZATO  
RIPA TEATINA  
ROCCASPINALVETI  
ROÈ VOLCIANO  
RONCOBELLO  
RONCOLA  
ROSETO DEGLI ABRUZZI  
ROTA D'IMAGNA  
SAN BONIFACIO

SAN DONATO MILANESE  
SAN FELICE SUL PANARO  
SAN GIOVANNI ILARIONE  
SAN GIOVANNI LIPIONI  
SAN PAOLO  
SAN PAOLO D'ARGON  
SAN PELLEGRINO TERME  
SAN POSSIDONIO  
SAN SALVO  
SAN VITO CHIETINO  
SANTA BRIGIDA  
SANTA MARIA IMBARO  
SANTO STEFANO DI MAGRA  
SANT'OMERO  
SARNICO  
SCANZOROSCIATE  
SCHIAVI DI ABRUZZO  
SEDRINA  
SOAVE  
SOLIERA  
SOLTO COLLINA  
SPINONE AL LAGO  
SULBIATE  
TALEGGIO  
TASSAROLO  
TAVERNOLA BERGAMASCA  
TERAMO  
TORNARECCIO  
TORRE BOLDONE  
TORREBRUNA  
TORRICELLA SICURA  
TORRITA TIBERINA  
TORTONA  
TORTORETO  
TRAVEDONA MONATE  
TREGLIO  
TRESORE BALNEARIO  
TUFILLO  
UBIALE CLANEZZO  
UBOLDO

VACRI  
VAL CAVALLINA  
VALBREMBO  
VALLEVE  
VALTORTA  
VARESE LIGURE  
VEDESETA  
VIGANO SAN MARTINO  
VILLA DI SERIO  
VILLA SANTA MARIA  
VILLACHIARA  
VILLALFONSINA  
VILLANUOVA SUL CLISI  
VILLONGO  
VIMERCATE  
VIRGILIO  
VITTUONE  
VOBARNO  
ZANDOBBIO  
ZEVIO  
ZOGNO

**Latvia**

JEKABPILS CITY COUNCIL

**Lithuania**

KAUNAS  
PANEVEZYS  
VILKAVIŠKIS REGION  
MUNICIPALITY

**Macedonia**

SKOPJE

**Malta**

BIRKIRKARA  
QRENDI  
SAN LAWRENZ  
SANTA VENERA  
SWIEQI  
XEWKIJA

BALZAN  
HAL-GHAXAQ  
IKLIN  
MARSASKALA  
PEMBROKE  
SAN GILJAN  
SANTA LUCIJA  
SLIEMA  
TA' XBIEX  
XAGHRA, GOZO  
MDINA  
KALKARA  
SAN PAWL IL-BAHAR

**Montenegro**

PODGORICA

**Netherlands**

HEERHUGOWAARD

**Norway**

STAVANGER

**Poland**

LODZ  
DZIERŻONIÓW  
LUBIANKA  
RACIECHOWICE

**Portugal**

BEJA  
FERREIRA DO ALENTEJO  
SANTIAGO DO CACÉM  
SANTO AMADOR

**Romania**

CRAIOVA  
GIURGIU  
AVRIG  
BISTRITA  
RM. VALCEA  
VASLUI

**Slovakia**

MOLDAVA NAD BODVOU

## **Spain**

ABRERA  
AGRES  
AGUILAR DE SEGARRA  
ALCALALI  
ALCOCER DE PLANES  
ALCOI  
ALMASSORA  
ALMORADI  
ALQUERIA DE AZNAR  
ARENYS DE MAR  
ASPE  
BARCELONA  
BENIARRES  
BENIDORM  
BENIFALLIM  
BENIFATO  
BENIMARFULL  
BENISSA  
BERGA  
BIAR  
BURRIANA  
CALDES DE MONTBUI  
CALDES D'ESTRAC  
CALLOSA DE SEGURA  
CALP  
CANYELLES  
CARDEDEU  
CASTELLÓN  
CENTELLES  
CORBERA DE LLOBREGAT  
DAYA VIEJA  
EL CAMPELLO  
EL RAFOL D'ALMUNIA  
ELCHE  
ESPARTINAS  
ESPLUGUES DE LLOBREGAT  
FAMORCA  
FIGUERES

FINESTRAT  
GARGANTILLA DE LOZOYA  
GATA DE GORGOS  
GAVÀ  
GELIDA  
GRANJA DE ROCAMORA  
GRANOLLERS  
JIJONA  
LA ROMANA  
L'ALFAS DEL PI  
LES FRANQUESES DEL VALLÈS  
LES MASIES DE VOLTREGA  
LLEIDA  
LLIÇÀ D'AMUNT  
LOS MONTESINOS  
MARTORELL  
MONTORNÈS DEL VALLÈS  
MURO DE ALCOY  
NAVÀS  
NULES  
ONDA  
ONDARA  
ORBA  
ORDIS  
ORIHUELA  
PALAU-SOLITÀ I PLEGAMANS  
PALLEJÀ  
PARCENT  
PARETS DEL VALLÈS  
PEDREGUER  
PETRER  
PINOSO  
PREMIÀ DE MAR  
PUERTO LUMBRERAS  
REUS  
RIBESALBES  
RIUDECANYES  
ROJALES  
SALINAS  
SANT CUGAT CITY HALL

SANT CUGAT SESGARRIGUES  
SANT JOAN DESPÍ  
SANT LLUÍS (MENORCA)  
SANT QUIRZE DEL VALLÈS  
SANTA COLOMA DE GRAMENET  
SANTA EUGENIA  
SANTA MARIA DEL CAMÍ  
SANTANDER  
SELLA  
SENTMENAT  
TERRASSA  
TOLLOS  
VALENCIA  
VALL D'ALBA  
VILADECANS  
VILA-REAL  
VILASSAR DE DALT  
VILASSAR DE MAR  
VILLENA  
VINARÒS  
VITORIA-GASTEIZ

### **Sweden**

BORÅS  
FINSPÅNG  
JOKKMOKK  
VÄXJÖ

### **Ukraine**

LUTSK  
MOHYLIV-PODILSKY

### **United Kingdom**

ABERDEEN

## **Supporting Structures signing the Covenant of Mayors**

CLIMATE ALLIANCE

COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN MUNICIPALITIES AND REGIONS

ENERGY-CITIES

EUROCITIES

FEDARENE

LOCAL AUTHORITIES NETWORK (BELGIUM)

UNION OF BULGARIAN BLACK SEA LOCAL AUTHORITIES (BULGARIA)

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN CROATIA

REGION SJÆLLAND (DENMARK)

VERBAND REGION RHEIN-NECKAR (GERMANY)

ASSOCIATION COORDINAMENTO AGENDE 21 LOCALI ITALIANE (ITALY)

ASSOCIAZIONE BORGHI AUTENTICI D'ITALIA (ITALY)

CITTASLOW INTERNATIONAL (ITALY)

PROVINCE OF BERGAMO (ITALY)

PROVINCE OF CHIETI (ITALY)

PROVINCE OF LA SPEZIA (ITALY)

PROVINCE OF MILANO (ITALY)

PROVINCE OF MODENA (ITALY)

PROVINCE OF PESCARA (ITALY)

PROVINCE OF ROME (ITALY)

PROVINCE OF TERAMO (ITALY)

PROVINCE OF TORINO (ITALY)

PROVINCIA DI BENEVENTO (ITALY)

REGION ABRUZZO (ITALY)

LOCAL COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION (MALTA)

BALEARIC ISLAND GOVERNMENT (SPAIN)

PROVINCE OF ALICANTE (SPAIN)

PROVINCE OF BARCELONA (SPAIN)

PROVINCE OF CASTELLÓN (SPAIN)

ASSOCIATION OF ENERGYEFFICIENT CITIES OF UKRAINE