



The Covenant of Mayors and European Funding

CAN Training Conference

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Severn Wye Energy Agency

- Not for profit educational charity
- Sustainable energy and affordable warmth
- Strategy to practical action
- 45 staff
- Out-posted development officers across Wales
- 2 offices – Highnam, Gloucester and Builth Wells



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Very experienced in accessing European Funding

- Set up with EU SAVE funding in 1997
- Worked on 30 projects with 106 partners from 24 countries
- Mainly Intelligent Energy Europe, Interreg, Eracobuild
- Secured approx. £300,000 EU funding in 2010-11
- On the board of the Federation of European Energy Agencies - FEDARENE



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Completed lots of work on Strategy Development

- Affordable Warmth Strategies - Gloucestershire, South Glos, Wiltshire, Cardiff, Caerphilly
- National Indicators – 185, 186, 187, 188
- Local Area Agreements
- Renewable Energy Action Plans



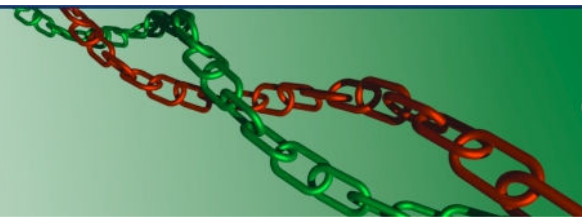
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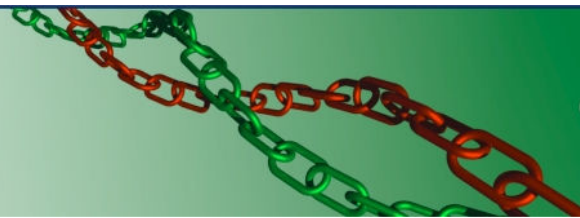


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So if it is not witches, mayors or even mares then...

- What is the Covenant of Mayors?
- Who should join up and why?
- What support is available?
- Who can I contact for further help and info?
- Case study – Bath and North East Somerset
- Workshop session



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What is the Covenant of Mayors?

- ▶ The Covenant of Mayors is a **formal commitment to go beyond the EU 2020 objectives** in terms of reducing CO₂ emissions.
- ▶ The EU Energy for a Changing World package, adopted in 2007, commits the EU to reduce CO₂ emissions by 20% by 2020, as a result of:
 - ▶ a 20% increase in energy efficiency, and
 - ▶ a 20% share of renewable energy in the supply mix .



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Who can join the Covenant of Mayors?

The covenant is aimed primarily at Cities, because:

- ▶ Over half of greenhouse gases are created in and by cities
- ▶ 80% of the population lives and works in cities
- ▶ Up to 80% of energy is consumed in cities

In practice, to sign the Covenant you need to be **the leader of a local authority**: this may be an urban or rural authority, and of any size. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



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3,768 CITIES SIGNED UP

and commit to reduce CO₂ emissions on their territories

by at least **20%** by **2020!**



Simple and FREE to sign up – fill in your ‘adhesion form’ and an online profile and you are in...



www.eumayors.eu

ADHESION FORM

I, [Name of the Mayor or other authorised representative], [Mayor or Job title] of [Name of the city/town/region/territorial unit] inform you that the [City Council or equivalent decision-making body] decided at the meeting on [date] to mandate [me / legal representative: Mayor, President,..] to sign up to the Covenant of Mayors, in full knowledge of all commitments, in particular:

- to go beyond the objectives set by the EU for 2020, reducing the CO₂ emissions in our respective territories by at least 20%;
- to submit a Sustainable Energy Action Plan including a baseline emission inventory which outlines how the objectives will be reached, within one year of the abovementioned date;
- to submit an implementation report at least every second year following the submission of the Action Plan for evaluation, monitoring and verification purposes;
- to organise Energy Days, in co-operation with the European Commission and with other stakeholders, allowing citizens to benefit directly from the opportunities and advantages offered by a more intelligent use of energy, and to regularly inform the local media on developments concerning the action plan;
- to attend and contribute to the annual EU Conference of Mayors for a Sustainable Energy Europe.

[Name and complete address of the city/town/region/territorial unit]

[Name, e-mail and phone number of the contact person]

[Date],



SIGNATURE



What do you have to do?

- ▶ Signing the Covenant commits the signatory to :
 - ▶ Prepare a baseline emissions inventory
 - ▶ Submit a Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP) within 1 year
 - ▶ Submit an implementation report every 2 years after that
 - ▶ Attend the annual Covenant of Mayors conference – not obligatory!
 - ▶ Share experience with other areas
 - ▶ Run Energy Day event with local communities



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2020

-20% CO₂

How do cities proceed?

STEP 1: Signature of the Covenant of Mayors

Creation of adequate administrative structures

Baseline emissions inventory & SEAP development with stakeholders and citizens

1st year

STEP 2: Submission of your SEAP

SEAP implementation

Monitoring and reporting

2nd year & beyond

STEP 3: Regular submission of implementation reports (every 2 years)





Relevance of Covenant of Mayors to existing activity:

- ▶ Supports UK national policy of 80% reduction by 2050
- ▶ Supports national and local fuel poverty targets and action
- ▶ Takes forward local 3 years programmes where these existed such as in relation to local authority national performance indicators:
 - ▶ 185: carbon emissions from public buildings
 - ▶ 186: reduction in carbon emissions per capita
 - ▶ 187: vulnerable households in energy inefficient homes



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Why join the Covenant of Mayors?

- ▶ Make a public statement of commitment to carbon reduction
- ▶ Tie together existing strands of activity on climate change in one plan
- ▶ Realistic plan on future actions needed to meet a 20% + CO₂ emissions reduction target by 2020
- ▶ Quantify the impact of different activities in tonnes of CO₂ and estimate costs
- ▶ Link into a Europe wide network
 - ▶ Benefit from encouragement and example of other pioneers
 - ▶ Share expertise developed in your own area with others



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Supporting structures

Organisations willing to support Covenant, for example by:

- ▶ Promoting the benefits of the Covenant
 - ▶ Helping others to join
 - ▶ Providing technical support for developing SEAP
 - ▶ Providing communications expertise
 - ▶ Providing funds for an energy agency or other expert body



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What is the come2CoM project?

- ▶ A 2 year project to promote and support the Covenant of Mayors initiative
- ▶ Delivered by a European partnership of 12 sustainable energy specialists in 11 countries:

Austria	Belgium	Czech	Denmark
Germany	Italy	Poland	Portugal
Slovenia	Sweden	UK	
- ▶ Supported by the Intelligent Energy Europe programme



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Severn Wye support

- Access to a network of UK and EU signatories
- Case studies and best practice examples
- Promotional material templates including posters, flyers, exhibition stands, press releases
- Help with calculating your Baseline Emissions Inventory
- Support in developing a SEAP using bespoke spreadsheets developed under Come2CoM



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Sustainable Energy Action Plan

Technical support:

- Baseline from 2005 DECC CO₂ emissions data
- Sectors split – domestic, commercial, public/community, transport
- Target setting - technical potential and current activity
- Estimate impact of national policy measures – CERT/ECO, Green Deal, FiT, RHI
- Account for local actions and schemes
- Methodology for monitoring progress



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