We, Mayors and Leaders of EURÓCITIES acknowledge that:

- The Green Shift is critical to reaching the 2020 climate change targets for sustainable growth and must be incorporated into the work of cities, in partnership with stakeholders and citizens;
- European good practice for low carbon solutions is widely available, and cities are well placed to share this experience with each other;
- Cities can lead Europe in reorienting the potential for ICT to deliver on climate change commitments and opportunities;
- The role cities have to play in achieving Europe-wide climate change targets, in partnership with EU institutions and Member States, is increasingly recognised, and the Green Digital Charter is one example of this.
- The cities and regions involved in the wider Green Shift Europe initiative. This demonstrates that, through visionary leadership and the commitment of public authorities, cities can lead on climate change issues.

We, therefore, declare our commitment to:

- Deliver the Smart 2020 vision by accelerating the development and use of new and innovative ICT applications and services, to enable new and different ways of delivering public services, and to support the wider Green Shift Europe initiative.
- That ICT solutions facilitate energy-efficient, “smart” processes by:
  - Increasing energy efficiency, reducing energy consumption and emissions; and improving the energy efficiency of buildings by applying common standards for new buildings and for retro-fitting existing buildings.
- The ICT Green Digital Charter is launched to:
  - Increase the energy efficiency of buildings by delivering innovative technical solutions and services.
  - Increase the energy efficiency of ICT by delivering innovative technical solutions and services.
  - Ensure that ICT-enabled climate change initiatives will go hand in hand with city-level carbon initiatives, and the long-term changes they propose.
  - Promote IT solutions for climate change mitigation which emphasize the benefits for the local communities and will reduce.

We aim to achieve this by ensuring:

- That ICT is a green Digital Charter that:
  - Reduces carbon footprint by delivering innovative technical solutions and services.
  - Ensures that ICT-enabled climate change initiatives will go hand in hand with city-level carbon initiatives.
  - Promotes ICT innovation for climate change mitigation which maximises the benefits for local communities and businesses.
  - Promotes inclusive sustainability by encouraging behaviours which are all in line with the environmental and social standards.

We agree to:

- Pursue the Smart 2020 vision by:
  - Accelerating the development and use of new and innovative ICT applications and services, to enable new and different ways of delivering public services, and to support the wider Green Shift Europe initiative.
  - Increase the energy efficiency of buildings by applying common standards for new buildings and for retro-fitting existing buildings.
  - Increase the energy efficiency of ICT by delivering innovative technical solutions and services.
  - Ensure that ICT-enabled climate change initiatives will go hand in hand with city-level carbon initiatives, and the long-term changes they propose.
  - Promote IT solutions for climate change mitigation which emphasize the benefits for the local communities and will reduce.
- Develop “smart” energy grids to support greater use of low carbon technologies and to reduce carbon emissions.
- Develop a strategy to promote green connected cities, making sure these ideas work and are economic.
- Demonstrate that cities can lead Europe in reorienting the potential for ICT to deliver on climate change commitments and opportunities.
- The cities and regions involved in the wider Green Shift Europe initiative. This demonstrates that, through visionary leadership and the commitment of public authorities, cities can lead on climate change issues.
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