



Covenant of Mayors
for Climate & Energy



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Covenant key figures



6,800+ signatory cities,

250 regions, provinces & grassroots associations,

25 associated partners

5,130+ Sustainable Energy Action Plans adopted



... average CO₂-emission reduction of about **28%** (by 2020)

Year 2015 = year of change



New EU energy and climate objectives 2030

- a **40%** cut in greenhouse gas emissions compared to 1990 levels (*binding at Member State level*)
- at least a **27%** share of renewable energy consumption (*binding at EU level*)
- at least **27%** energy savings compared with the business-as-usual scenario (*non binding*)

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Cities at the forefront of International Climate and Energy policies



Adoption of the first-ever universal global climate agreement to limit global warming **below 2°C**. Legally binding for the 195 countries of the United Nations, the [Paris Agreement](#) acknowledges the efforts of non-Party stakeholders, including **local and regional authorities**, in scaling-up climate action and calls upon a stronger engagement between Parties and non-Party stakeholders in the framework of the [Lima to Paris Action Agenda](#) (LPAA).

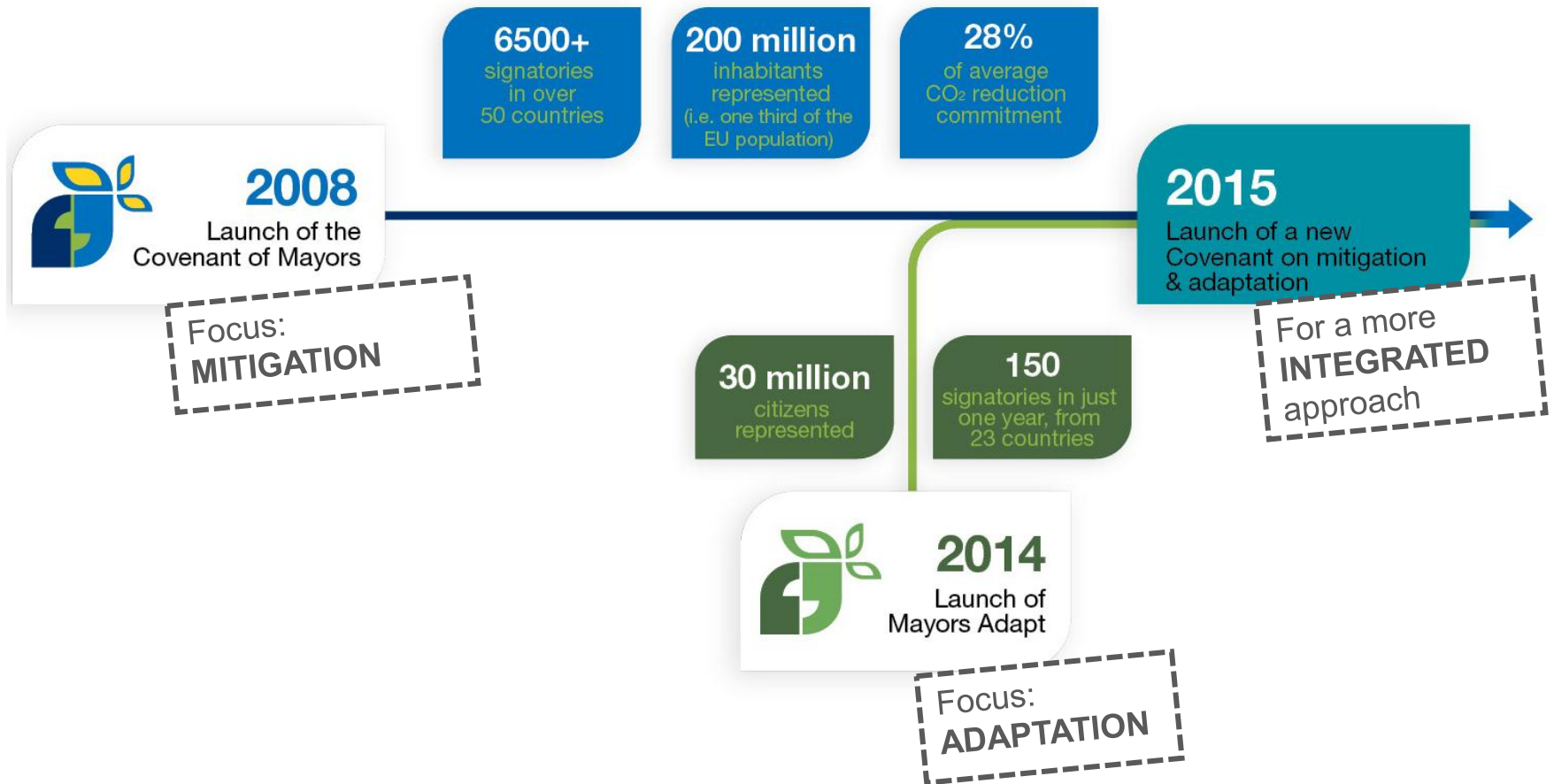
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The launch of the **Global Covenant of Mayors** by the **European Commission**

- [EU flagship event on cities & regions](#) at COP21 in Paris
- **Regional offices** already established or soon-to-be operational in the European Neighbourhood Policy Instrument South region, the Eastern Partnership region, North America, Latin America, Asia, India, Japan >
- Partnership with the **Compact of Mayors** and official data partner of the United Nations' **NAZCA portal** which registers commitments to climate action by companies, cities, subnational regions, and investors (more info: <http://climateaction.unfccc.int/>)

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Future of the Covenant of Mayors: Survey shows cities' strong commitment and ambition!



- Over **820** responses from stakeholders in 45 countries > 56% are cities and towns and 17% regions and provinces
- 97%** of respondents want the Covenant of Mayors to continue after 2020 with more ambitious objectives > **56%** are in favour of a **40% CO₂ reduction** objective
- 84%** call for a voluntary **long-term CO₂ target** which could consist in a CO₂-reduction of **80-95% by 2050** (58%)

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- 81% in favour of energy saving and renewable energy commitments in addition to the already existing CO₂ target, with the view to meet and even go beyond the EU objectives
- 73% indicated that climate mitigation and adaptation should be brought together under one single umbrella initiative.

More info:

Covenant of Mayors Survey – Key Findings: http://www.covenantofmayors.eu/Useful-resources.html?var_mode=calcul

New integrated Covenant of Mayors

Endorsing moment in the hemicycle of the European Parliament,
15 October 2015, Covenant of Mayors Ceremony

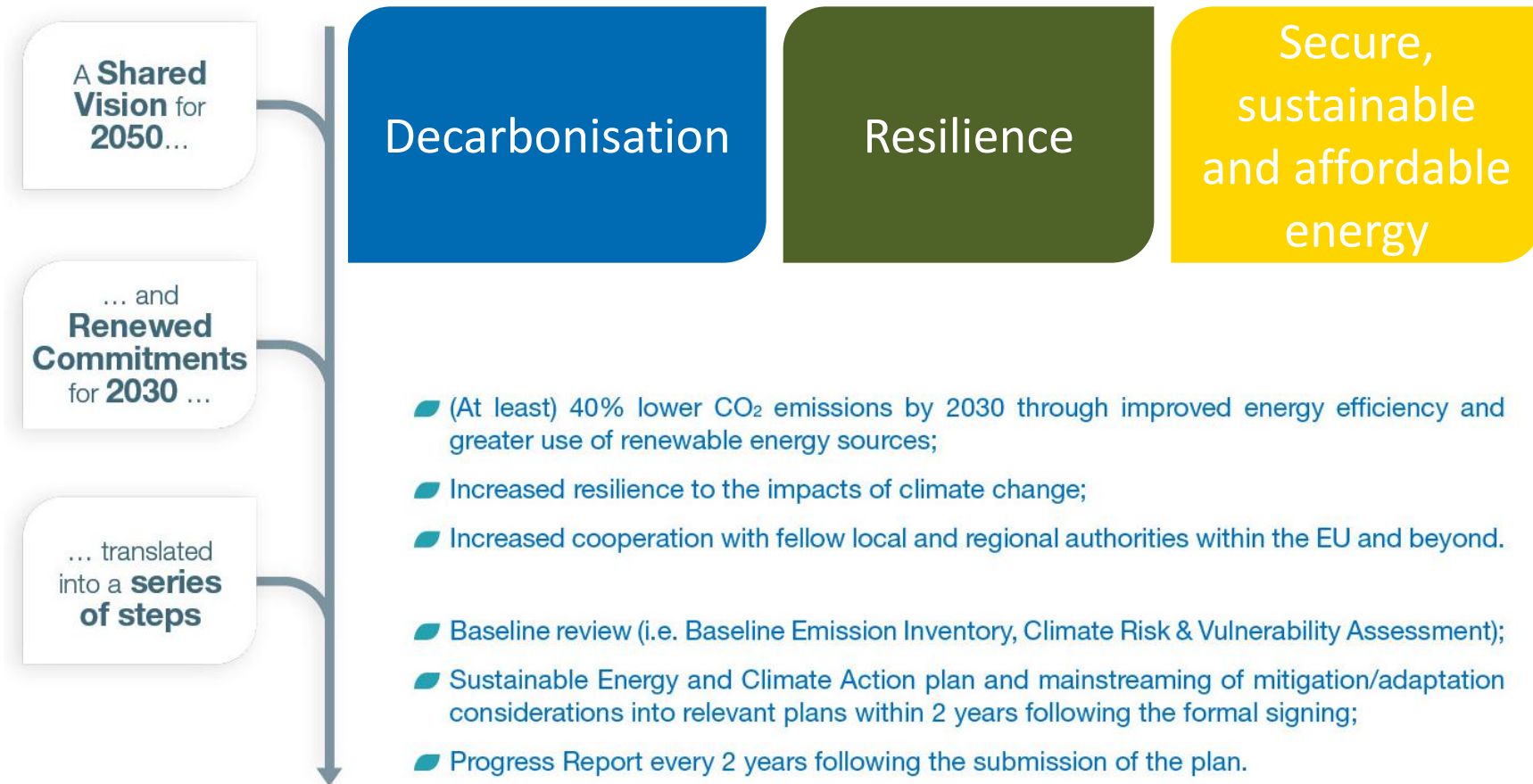


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What the new initiative is about?

(vision, ambition, scope of action)



New Covenant: practical info for SIGN



Existing signatories (*joined before 1 November 2015*)

- **No obligation** for existing Covenant of Mayors and Mayors Adapt signatories to join the new initiative – it remains up to them to decide when to renew their commitment.
- Current commitment (2020) and associated reporting requirements remain **unchanged**.
- If existing SIGN decide to join the **new initiative**, they will need to make new commitments for 2030 (new decision by city council!) and prepare a SECAP as a natural extension of the existing mitigation plan (SEAP) and/or adaptation strategy (if any).
- Information provided under the CoM / Mayors Adapt frameworks will be **transferred and integrated** in the framework of the new initiative > SIGN will be invited to update and complete it according to the new commitments.

New Covenant: practical info for SIGN



New signatories (*joined after 1 November 2015*)

- **No possibility** to sign up to 2020 objectives (“old Covenant”) anymore
- The new Covenant of Mayors **Commitment Document** has to be approved by the City Council and sent to CoMO along with the new **adhesion form**.
- **The adaptation strategy** should be part of the SECAP and/or developed and mainstreamed in a separate planning document(s). Signatories can opt for the format of their choice. The adaptation strategy can be strengthened and readjusted over time.

NOTE: *The main Covenant of Mayors and Mayors Adapt administrative, reporting and monitoring procedures are progressively going to merge in order to avoid dual processes and optimise the use of resources for participating cities.*

The Covenant of Mayors on the ground: Examples of local actions



Burgas (Bulgaria): A transport pioneer in South East Europe (1/2)



- **1st city in Bulgaria** to entirely transform and modernize its public transport system
- Investment of **€65 million**
- New integrated system expected to allow the city to avoid emitting **1,500 tonnes of CO₂** each year
- More attractive, affordable and safer mobility options for citizens.

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Burgas (Bulgaria): A transport pioneer in South East Europe (2/2)



The ambitious city's project includes:

- Replacing outdated bus fleet by 67 modern and eco-friendly vehicles
- 20km of cycling lanes and facilities
- New bus stops with real-time passenger information
- New paying parking zones in the city centre
- A public bike rental systems public transport system

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Munich's flood risk management plan (Germany) (1/2)



The **Isar Plan** is a flood risk management plan that involves the restoration of the formerly canalized Isar River.

The project:

- involved planning and developing the environment, as well as water management and construction
- is part of the city's Strategic Guidelines on Climate Change.

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Munich's flood risk management plan (Germany) (2/2)

Adaptation

Benefits of the project:

- better flood protection
- improved habitat for wild flora and fauna
- improved recreational spaces for the citizens of Munich.



More info on the new Covenant of Mayors:
<http://www.covenantofmayors.eu/The-Covenant-of-Mayors-for-Climate.html>

Thank you!

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