

WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT THE COVENANT?



FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF EU INSTITUTIONS...

José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission:

*"From the local level you are building a European and global initiative, **in the most genuine expression of European democratic values.**"*

Brussels, 4 May 2010

Andris Piebalgs, EU Commissioner for Development:

"I would like to propose that we build on this success with a new chapter in the Covenant of Mayors. It should allow decentralised co-operation between the European signatories of the Covenant and cities or regions in developing countries."

Brussels, 30 March 2011

Mercedes Bresso, President of the Committee of the Regions:

"So far, the Covenant of Mayors has been a success story, since it is translating a European political agenda into, firstly, political commitments at local level, then into Sustainable Energy Action Plans, and, in some cases, into practical projects on the ground. And it is doing all this by shaping a truly European community of best practices."

Brussels, 2 March 2011

Connie Hedegaard, Commissioner for Climate:

"Under the Covenant of Mayors, more than 2300 local authorities have gone beyond the 2020 targets. That is really a substantial contribution, a substantial effort to deliver on this."

Brussels, 12 April 2011



...AND COVENANT OF MAYORS ACTORS

Giuseppe Castiglione, President of the Union of Italian Provinces:

*"Contrary to the usual trend, whereby opposition movements are created out of the rejection of European policies and orientations, the Covenant of Mayors is a **voluntary** initiative led by local and regional decision-makers in **full support and recognition** of EU objectives."*

José Juan Díaz Trillo, Regional Environment Minister of Andalusia, Spain:

*"Within the Covenant of Mayors framework, the Andalusian government has **supported over 500 municipalities** in their commitment to mitigate climate change and improve the quality of life of citizens."*

Milan Bandić, Mayor of Zagreb, Croatia:

*"Through the Covenant, a **new experience-sharing platform** is born, where all information is made public and signatories, coordinators and supporters share successes and lessons learnt, inspiring each other to develop innovative and replicable solutions."*

Bo Frank, Mayor of Växjö, Sweden:

*"The Covenant was the **first European movement to officially recognize** and support the crucial **contribution of local authorities** in the fight against climate change."*

Hep Monatzeder, Deputy Mayor of Munich, Germany:

*"The Covenant of Mayors' methodology relies on a **sound technical and scientific basis**. Flexible and adapted to local realities, it provides a **unique, common framework** against which local authorities can benchmark themselves."*

Luís Filipe Menezes, Mayor of Vila Nova de Gaia:

*"Due to its unprecedented success, the Covenant of Mayors is playing an increasingly **important role in the definition of EU programmes** and initiatives, and has fostered the development of several financing instruments for energy sustainability at local level."*