



2012 Activity Report



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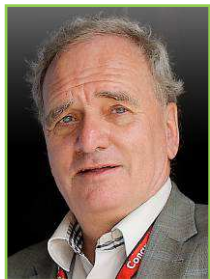


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A more decentralised energy system will enable better use of local energy resources close to where energy is consumed. This in turn will help to create more jobs and to ensure greater security of energy supply. That's Climate Alliance's basic approach and that is what its members are committed to for many years now. This energy transition is on the agenda of more and more countries in Europe and we are proud, that Climate Alliance is closely involved in these processes in all countries where we have a national coordination.

To emphasize the local contribution, but also to look carefully in which way we will need to adapt our local policies to implement such decentralisation processes, our Annual Conference has the motto **"Together in Transition"**. The transition must be made to empower local action and enable citizens and municipalities to pursue sustainable and innovative ideas for energy savings and efficiency.

One of the main debates during the Annual Conference focuses on the future of our energy system. All levels are together in this transition process, so also the EU. The future energy policy should strongly support demand-side management and increase the share of renewable energy. The Covenant of Mayors just celebrated its 4th birthday, but at the same time the recently launched Green Paper on a 2030 framework for climate and energy policies doesn't even mention local governments. So, dear colleagues, you can see that we have a long list of activities for 2013. I would like to thank you for your commitment and action to realise the energy transition everywhere.



Once again, another year was marked by negative headlines from Amazonia. Climate change shows more and more its impacts with floods in large parts of the Amazon Basin. Extreme weather events, mainly droughts and floods) repeat themselves in always shorter periods of time. Especially we, the indigenous peoples, who live in and from the forest, are extremely hit by these incidents. Additional threats come from impacts of large infrastructure and resource exploitation projects in various countries. In Bolivia, a project for a street through an indigenous reserve and a national park (TIPNIS) led to violent disputes. In Peru, a conflict around the extension of a gold mine in the district of Cajamarca (Conga) escalated, concerning many indigenous groups in the Andes. And in Brazil, the large dam of Belo Monte leads to more and more hassles. But these are only the conflicts which come to the attention of the international audience. The run on the last resources, also in the name of climate protection, threatens many indigenous communities by destroying their means of livelihood. COICA is therefore reinforcing more and more its activities in the international policy processes on climate and biodiversity. COICA presented its strategy of the **Indigenous REDD+** both during the 11th Convention of Biological Diversity in Hyderabad, India, and the 18th COP in Doha, Qatar. A strategy which is also supported by Climate Alliance! I would like to thank all members for this support.

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President of Climate Alliance

Diego Escobar
Coordinator for the Environment and
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Vice-President of Climate Alliance

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2012



Welcome to St.Gallen

Beyond Growth: Steps towards a 2000 Watt Society

The Annual Conference 2012 in St.Gallen was kind of a kick-off for Climate Alliance to work on the topic of sufficiency. Around 200 participants followed the debates and inputs from high-ranked speakers. Dr. Irmi Seidl of the Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research and pioneer in the approach of a **post-growth society** and Roland Stulz of the 2000 Watt Society Competence Center presented challenges and first approaches.

Alberto Acosta, economist and former Minister of Energy and Mines in Ecuador introduced the concept of **Buen Vivir**. Climate change and the financial and poverty crises drive the search for alternatives to the growth compulsion – and that in Latin America too. “Buen Vivir” (good life) relates to indigenous traditions and values. While the concept has hardly been given any serious thought in Europe, the right to a good life has been written into the constitution in Ecuador and Bolivia.

The conference participants contributed actively in forums on topics like the concept of 2000-watt society, adaptation to climate change, the Millennium Development Goals, and funding schemes for local climate action. In form of a project atelier activities and projects of member municipalities were presented. An interesting closure of the conference was held by informative study visits and excursions in the surroundings of St.Gallen.

Resolution on the Millennium Consumption Goals

The General Assembly of Climate Alliance adopted the resolution “The Millennium Consumption Goals – a crucial completion of the Millennium Development Goals”, which re-affirmed its commitment for resource conservation and poverty reduction. The Millennium Consumption Goals (MCGs) complement the Millennium Development Goals to which already many municipalities in Europe have committed themselves. The MCGs will also be on the agenda of the Rio+20 Conference. Therefore, Climate Alliance appeals to the European governments to include the MCG goals into the national strategies for the final document of Rio+20 and to a binding commitment for the reduction of resource consumption.

www.cities-for-mdgs.eu

Resolution on the Indigenous REDD+

In addition, the conferees adopted the resolution on “Amazonian Indigenous REDD+”, brought in from the indigenous partner organisation COICA. A clear refusal is therefore given to a market-based instrument for forest protection. Diego Escobar, Coordinator of the COICA for Territories and Natural Resources, appealed to keep our feet on the ground:



“Concerning forest and climate protection we must direct our view from the sky on earth again because here are our forests and territories which must be conserved as base of life and CO₂ storage.”

www.climatealliance.org/resolutions0.html?&L=0

Elections of executive committee

On the General Assembly, six new board members were elected:

Dr. Simona Arletti, Environment Councillor of the city of Modena (IT)

Rabin Baldewsingh, Deputy Mayor for Public Health, Sustainability, Media and Municipal Organisation of the city of The Hague (NL)

Tom Balthazar, Deputy Mayor for Environment, Urban Development and Housing of the city of Ghent (BE)

Pascale Chiron, Vice President of Nantes Métropole (FR)

Rosemarie Heilig, prospective City Councillor for Environment and Health of the city of Frankfurt am Main (DE) as treasurer

Joan Puigdollers I Fargas, Deputy President of Natural Spaces and Environment of Barcelona Provincial Council (ES)

Climate Alliance working group on financing local action launched

In order to stimulate exchange and concrete proposals related to financing, Climate Alliance has launched a working group on financing in the context of its Annual Conference in St.Gallen. The objective of the working group is twofold: it will exchange on the local financing solutions and mechanisms; and seek to influence the new EU budget 2014-2020 in particular showing the funding needs of local authorities in energy and climate related actions. Please find a report about the working group's first activities in the EU Policy section.



INTERNATIONAL POLICY PROCESSES ON CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY

18th UN Climate Change Conference in Doha

Was the Doha climate conference a success or a failure? As usual, the assessment depends on the observer's viewpoint. From Climate Alliance's perspective, the minor successes achieved in Doha constitute a step backwards in international climate policy. While the Kyoto Protocol has formally been extended, it now covers just 15% of global emissions. As the former pioneer of international climate protection, the EU is merely happy that any compromise could be reached. While the EU will soon achieve the 20 per cent reduction target, a more stringent target (30 per cent) could not be agreed. This would have provided a positive signal for the international negotiations, to show that at the European level this is achievable and that this success might be replicated elsewhere. The very country due to host the climate conference in 2013 almost contributed to the failure of the overall negotiations: Poland refused to agree on the compromise until the very last minute.

The second round of negotiations related to the so-called "Durban Platform", which aims to arrive at a new global agreement in 2015 that is to be ratified by 2020. The question still remains: Why something that has not been achieved in the past 20 years of the climate process should succeed in 2020?

www.climatealliance.org/fileadmin/inhalte/dokumente/2013/Doha_review_March.pdf

Climate Alliance in Doha

How can municipalities be supported in the realisation of climate protection activities and what political framework conditions are required for this? This was the topic of a joint event entitled "**Teaming-Up to Meet the Targets**: models for supporting local authorities in climate action" co-hosted by the German Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, the European Commission-Covenant of Mayors, with adelphi and Climate Alliance. Good examples from Climate Alliance member municipalities were showcased, and the two European models: Covenant of Mayors initiative and the German energy transition (Energiewende) were presented. Pirita Lindholm from the Brussels Office and Andreas Kress from the European Secretariat represented Climate Alliance on the podium. Ronan Dantec, Senator and Councillor from Nantes, outlined their climate work as well as their expectations and further support needs for the future.

Also in Doha, the already traditional handover of the results of Climate Alliance's Green Footprints campaign took place. More than **2.44 million Green Footprints** were collected by European children in 2012 – a clear message to the negotiating parties to do their part and come to the necessary, future-oriented agreements. The handover to Mrs Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, was accompanied by Helmut Hojewsky from the Austrian delegation as well as Ralien Dekkers and Liset Medden from the International Youth Delegation.



Our indigenous partner from Amazonia (COICA) also attended the conference with a delegation to present its issues and solutions to the government representatives. The main focus was on the presentation and further development of the indigenous **REDD+** proposal as a tool for the protection of indigenous land. COICA used the conference as a platform to outline the situation in its regions and the threats its members face on a daily basis to an international audience.

REINFORCING LOCAL AUTHORITIES' ROLE IN CLIMATE CHANGE POLICIES

Activities in this field of work are dedicated to improving the framework conditions of local governments, and to strengthening their voice in relation to other levels of government when designing climate change policy.

Climate Alliance on EU policy

Working group on financing

The year 2012 was marked with the economic crisis and the tight public budgets. In order to stimulate exchange and concrete proposals related to financing, Climate Alliance launched a Working Group on Financing during its Annual Conference 2012 in St.Gallen. The group was launched at a crucial moment, when the new EU budget is being widely discussed in Europe. The aim of the group is to raise the voice of the local authorities to formulate concrete needs on how the funding instruments should be shaped as well as to stimulate discussion on innovative financing solutions and collect existing examples of innovative financing.

A joint event on “**Innovative governance models, long term financing and participative engagements**” was organized during the European Sustainable Energy Week 2012, and the working group met on 12 November to discuss its objectives, priorities and working methods. The year 2013 continues to be a very active year on financing. A workshop on innovative financing mechanisms will be organized in the context of the annual event in The Hague on 16 May. Next major events linked with financing will take place during the Sustainable Energy Week in Brussels on 24-27 June and the ECOCITY conference in Nantes 25-27 September.

EU Budget 2014-2020

During 2012 one of the main priorities for the Climate Alliance has been influencing the EU budget for 2014-2020. Many actions have been undertaken either together with our members, or together with partner networks, in particular linked with Horizon 2020 and the future of the Intelligent Energy Europe programme. Also other funding sources, such as the Cohesion Policy funding instruments, in particular the earmarking of funds for low carbon economy; energy efficiency and renewable energy sources, have been under scrutiny.

Horizon 2020 and the future of the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme

Horizon 2020 is the new framework programme for research and innovation and one of the key funding instruments for the next funding period 2014-2020. Intelligent Energy Europe programme (IEE), one of the important funding instruments for local climate and sustainable energy actions, was not included in this framework. The IEE funds for example the [Covenant of Mayors](#) initiative, as well as new innovative financing mechanisms such as European Local Energy Assistance ([ELENA](#)) and Mobilising Local Energy Investments ([MLEI](#)).

During 2012, Climate Alliance has been actively involved in keeping the IEE programme within Horizon 2020. Close contacts with the European Parliament and the rapporteur Ms Carvalho have been established. After our amendment proposal on the [future of IEE programme in Horizon 2020](#) Ms Carvalho has included the IEE in her Report and the European Parliament, ITRE Committee, voted that 15 % of the energy related budget of 6 billion euros of the Horizon 2020 should go to the IEE programme.

As the budget negotiations are always difficult, an [Open letter](#) together with other local government networks was sent to Members States and Permanent representations late 2012. The Irish presidency was targeted with an informal note and a meeting. Also several [press releases](#) and news have been circulated to the European Council and permanent representations on this issue. Recently a joint letter with a broad group of energy efficiency and renewable energy actors was sent to the EU Commissioners and other relevant actors. We have also encouraged, in particular the members of the [Financing Working Group](#) to contact their ministries and highlight the importance of this funding instrument. The negotiations on the Horizon 2020 are still on-going and should be finalised soon.

Key themes in 2012/2013

The [Energy Efficiency Directive \(EED\)](#) was adopted on 11 September 2012 and entered into force in the beginning of 2013. During the negotiations of the EED Climate Alliance has been strongly involved in calling for binding energy efficiency targets, asking EU to ensure necessary financial means as well as effective cooperation between different levels of government. The next step for the Member States is to present their national indicative energy efficiency targets by 30 April 2013. In addition the European Commission is working on 7 interpretation documents aiming to give further guidance on implementing the EED Directive. By the end of June 2014, the Commission will review the progress towards the 20 % energy efficiency target and assess whether further measures are needed. Climate Alliance will keep following up this process.

During 2012 Climate Alliance responded to the consultation designed to prepare the [EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change](#), which was also an occasion to highlight results of the AMICA and KlimaScout projects. The EU strategy on adaptation was launched in April 2013. It sets out a framework and mechanisms for taking the EU's preparedness for current and future climate impacts to a new level. The Commission encourages all Member States to adopt comprehensive adaptation strategies (currently only 15 exist) and will provide funding to help building up adaptation capacities and take action. The Commission wants to launch a voluntary commitment for local authorities based on the Covenant of Mayors initiative.

In July 2012, the European Commission launched the Communication on the [Smart Cities and Communities European Innovation Partnership \(SCC\)](#) to reinforce the EU technology policy framework across the sectors of energy, transport and information and communication technologies (ICT). Within this partnership the Commission aims to create a "High level Group for Smart Cities & Communities" by bringing together top level representatives from R&D intensive industries, cities, regulatory authorities and public financing. Joachim Lorenz, president of Climate Alliance, was invited to the first Smart Cities and Communities Roundtable Meeting in Brussels on 10 July 2012 to explore together with the others attendees the format and function of this High Level Group and to give his input on the initiative. He highlighted the fact that priority should be given to implement coherent actions towards a local vision and that the Commission should reinforce the link between the Covenant of Mayors and Smart Cities & Communities initiatives.

In December 2012 Climate Alliance responded to the consultation on the [Urban Dimension of the EU Transport Policy](#). Climate Alliance provided proposals on how the EU-level could best contribute to high-quality and sustainable urban mobility. Our key messages include the need to support local strategies and to find consistent and long term financing for sustainable local transport systems.

The European Commission, DG MOVE, is in a process of providing guidance for local authorities on how to develop Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMP). Coherence between SUMPs and other cross sectoral plans such as Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAP) should be encouraged.

In addition, Climate Alliance's Brussels Office has followed up a number of other related policy initiatives and answered to consultations with your help.

www.climatealliance.org/recent-position-papers.html

A 2030 framework for EU climate and energy policies

In April 2013, the European Commission presented its Green Paper on a 2030 framework for climate and energy policies. This document launches the discussion on the post 2020 energy and climate policy framework and will set the ambition for these policies for the next decade.

Together with the Green Paper, the Commission also launched a public consultation, focusing on the present state of the EU energy system and lessons to be learned in order to design a better landscape for climate and energy policies towards 2030. This is a decisive moment for local authorities to have a say in shaping the new climate and energy package. Climate Alliance will start the discussions on the 2030 policies and targets during its Annual Event in The Hague and will work closely with its members to propose ambitious targets for energy and climate policies and to highlight the role of local authorities in the new policy framework.

Also the **Emission Trading Scheme (ETS)** – and the attempts to make it function – are crucial in light of the discussion on the future climate and energy objectives. Carbon markets should not be used as an excuse to lower the ambitions on the future climate and energy objectives. European Parliament, ITRE Committee, rejected the Commission's proposal on postponing of the auctioning of 900 million allowances from 2013-2015 to later in phase three of the EU emissions trading system. New proposal on reshaping the ETS will now need to be developed, also in line with the future climate and energy objectives.

Highlighting European action at the UNFCCC process and the Global Climate Agreement

On 26 March 2013 the European Commission adopted a [consultative paper](#) that launches a [public debate](#) on how best to design a **new international agreement to combat climate change**. The objective of the consultation is to support the preparatory process of the European Union position on the new agreement, which is to be completed by the end of 2015 and to apply from 2020. The 2015 agreement will have to bring together the current patchwork of binding and non-binding arrangements under the UN climate convention and the Kyoto Protocol into a single comprehensive regime. The public consultation runs until 26 June. This process gives also local authorities an opportunity to raise their views. Lead by the success of the Covenant of Mayors initiative the support and enthusiasm of local level could also help raising ambitions also at the international level. In the context of climate negotiations it is also interesting to look at the submitted SEAPs, which show that the CO₂ emission reduction target of the Covenant of Mayors signatories is almost by 30% by 2020.

Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT)

The FLEGT Action Plan finally came into force on 3 March 2013, forbidding the trade with illegal timber and wood-based products in the EU.

In Climate Alliance's opinion, this is only a first small step in the right direction, because "legal" as defined by the EU does not include any ecologic or social criteria for a sustainable forestry. The rights of the indigenous peoples are not taken into account in many countries' legislation. On top, Climate Alliance criticises that the regulations on fines for violations are too low to have a deterrent effect.

That's why Climate Alliance members should definitively stick to their resolutions about abstention from tropical timber, or, in case the use of tropical timber is unavoidable, to use FSC certified timber only.



Covenant of Mayors

By end of April 2013, more than 4,500 local authorities have signed the Covenant of Mayors initiative. The number keeps increasing steadily – even if around 10% of the signatories have been temporarily withdrawn because they have not been able to fulfil their commitments and to submit a Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP). The Covenant of Mayors Office (CoMO) has meanwhile received more than 2,600 SEAPs of which around 1,300 have been evaluated by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) so far.

During 2012, considerable efforts have been invested in finding a solution to improve the **SEAP evaluation process** to ensure that signatories receive a prompt feedback after submitting their SEAP. The revised SEAP evaluation process and updates to the SEAP template now underway should accommodate a greater degree of automation, more user-friendly appearance and a prompt feedback.

The discussions on the **monitoring framework** and the monitoring SEAP template have also started. In February 2013, the workshop with the Group of Practitioners took place and its objectives were to exchange on the important aspects of the SEAP progress monitoring and, whenever possible, to develop a consensus framework, based on the best available knowledge and the existing monitoring practices. The proposed monitoring template was tested over a period of one month by a selected group of some cities, including also Climate Alliance members. The main objectives were to confirm the main outcomes of the workshop discussions and gather concrete feedback on the template's relevance and applicability to the local/regional context. Following this testing phase, both the CoMO and JRC will revise and enhance the template based on the input received. The monitoring template and instructions should be officially published on the Covenant website in the first half of 2013.

The **Benchmarks of Excellence (BoE)** section on the Covenant of Mayors website has been relaunched. It allows publishing of exemplary actions on the website. This section also aims at demonstrating how the actions and measures influence and contribute to the local „green economy“. The BoE section will also be linked in the monitoring framework and include 1-3 examples selected by the signatories from their monitoring report.

A **mid-term evaluation** of the Covenant of Mayors initiative has been carried out during autumn 2012. The results of the evaluation were positive, but also rightly reflect the problems faced with the SEAP evaluation process.

A **political debate** with Covenant signatories and Covenant Coordinators from both Europe and from the Covenant East area will be organized during Climate Alliance's Annual Conference in The Hague. This gives us an opportunity to have a political discussion on the challenges linked with the Covenant of Mayors – and discuss the possible ways forward beyond 2020.

The next **Covenant of Mayors Signing Ceremony** will take place on Monday 24 June in Brussels and will 'launch' the upcoming EU Sustainable Energy Week. The Ceremony will be opened by the President of the European Commission, José Manuel Barroso, and a number of high-profile speakers are yet again expected to attend this 4th edition of the Covenant Ceremony, from European institutions, cities and regions.

Some of the further actions foreseen in 2013 are: the existing '**Covenant in Figures**' webpage will be completed with additional figures and performance indicators; the Covenant Extranet will continue being regularly improved with more automated features in particular the online reporting will be simplified and the reporting procedure will be facilitated by an online template (similar to the one which is used as part of the SEAP submission process) accompanied by a comprehensive instruction document. Thanks to the involvement of the national experts, country-focused leaflets for Austria, Hungary, Czech

Republic, Slovakia and Poland will be shortly published (both in English and the national language) to provide a more in-depth overview of the national context / energy policies and better promote successful examples, supporting methodological tools, and financial sources available in each country.

www.eumayors.eu

Covenant of Mayors EAST

Covenant of Mayors EAST has entered its second year of implementation. With more than 50 signatories and 11 submitted Sustainable Energy Action plans the Covenant of Mayors initiative is also making its mark in Eastern Partnership and Central Asian countries. The Covenant methodology has been slightly modified to better fit with the circumstances outside of Europe. Climate Alliance has been working on a specific tool helping signatories to develop their baseline emission inventories. The tool is part of the support package offered to the signatories in the Covenant East area. Also the eLearning tool has been translated into Russian and with slight adaptations it is already available for the Covenant of Mayors East signatories. The main challenges to come are reinforcing the support for SEAP development and implementation, in particular linked with financing SEAPs.

www.soglasheniemerov.eu/index_ru.html

Climate Alliance as Supporter of the Covenant of Mayors

NET-COM – Networking for the Covenant of Mayors

The need for networking among the municipalities grows with the number of signatories. The EU project NET-COM primarily seeks to encourage national networking among the signatories. Thus a total of 12 national platforms have been created, which focus on the exchange of political and specialist knowledge for realisation of the Covenant aims. Climate Alliance is in charge of 3 Covenant Clubs in Germany, Austria (Climate Alliance Austria) and Italy (Climate Alliance Italy).

The NET-COM project, and the different Covenant Clubs, has given important inputs from the ground to the European Commission and the Covenant of Mayors Office. In this regard the German Club also sent a specific letter in November 2012 to the Commission and the Joint Research Centre to highlight their needs and expectations on the Covenant framework. Moreover, the German Club compiled a political list of demands for a successful energy transition at municipal level. The demands are addressed to the national and European level and provide the basis for lobbying activities of the representatives of the German Club. After four national Club meetings in 2012 targeting both political and technical actors, members of the German met participants of the French Covenant Clubs in March 2013 for a joint conference on today's energy challenges in both countries at the Stuttgart Town Hall. In 2013, the Covenant Club will take up the issue of monitoring climate actions and follow up on lobbying for a better framework for the local energy transition www.networkingcovenantofmayors.eu



SURE

Within this project funded by the EU CIUDAD programme, the cities of Friedrichshafen (DE) and Murcia (ES) accompanied the first cities in Belarus (Polotsk) and Morocco (Salé) in developing their Sustainable Energy Action Plans. As subcontractor, Climate Alliance was responsible for preparation of "Inter-regional recommendations" that should support the EU institutions in further development of their neighbourhood policy and the according funding tools for municipalities in the region. Another brochure, targeting local and national authorities in the EU Neighbourhood, promotes EU policies and programmes which can support the development of sustainable urban energy strategies.

www.climatealliance.org/sure-project.html#c5163



SEAP_Alps

The project deals with issues of municipal climate mitigation and adaptation to climate change with a particular emphasis on the Alpine region. The project addresses in particular local authorities that are interested in joining the Covenant of Mayors. For this purpose, a supporting tool for developing Sustainable Energy Action Plans with an alpine-specific approach will be developed. Furthermore trainings for local authorities will be offered. The project is funded by the European Regional Development Fund in the framework of the Alpine Space Programme and will run until May 2015. Climate Alliance takes over the lead for capacity building within the project.

<http://seap-alps.eu>



100%-RES-Communities

Based on the success of the previous project 'RES Champions League', organisations in the field of sustainable energy and rural territories over Europe get impetus for the project 100%-RES-Communities. At the same time the RES Champions League will be continued in the framework of this project. 13 partners from 9 European countries are working together for three years in the project, which is co-funded by the IEE programme. Project coordinator is the French organisation Comité de Liaison Energies Renouvelables (CLER). The project 100%-RES-Communities will develop and test a model to prepare joint Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs), so focussing at rural areas and municipalities in nine European countries. In this model, rural local authorities sign the Covenant of Mayors together with a territorial authority acting as Territorial Coordinator.

www.100-res-communities.eu, www.res-league.eu



Climate Protection Dialogue in Germany

Local authorities are a central pillar of the energy transition in Germany. In the beginning of 2013, the national Climate Protection Dialogue ("Klimaschutzdialog") was established with the aim to initiate and accompany a process of mutual reflection and learning as well as networking and advice services. All relevant actors, from national institutions, local policy and administration to the various actors working on the implementation of climate change mitigating actions will be addressed. Concrete support action includes the development of training, workshop discussions and conferences as well as the organisation of a nation-wide day for local climate action.

The consortium running this three-year dialogue process consists of adelphi, the German Institute for Urbanistics, Climate Alliance, IFEU Institute as well as Pestel Institute and Institute EBUS. The project is funded by the Ministry for Environment of Germany.

Urban Nexus

URBAN-NEXUS is all about knowledge transfer and dialogue to form long-lasting partnerships in and between cities and regions to deal with integrated sustainable urban development. In order to achieve a sustainable city, a vast range of interconnected issues need to be linked up: these include environment and urban planning, energy, water scarcity, transport, tourism, technology and innovation, governance and education, social equity and cohesion, and sustainable consumption. In 2012 Climate Alliance brought in its experience in Dialogue Cafés on "Health and Quality of Life in urban areas" and on "Urban Climate Resilience – Partnership Approaches" in Glasgow and Barcelona.

www.urban-nexus.eu/www.urban-nexus.eu



METHODS, INSTRUMENTS, TOOLS

One of Climate Alliance's most important tasks is the elaboration of methods and tools for the member cities and municipalities, which support the elaboration of climate action plans, the implementation of individual measures, and the monitoring of achievements.

CO₂ monitoring within Climate Alliance

The focus of the "CO₂ Monitoring in Climate Alliance" working group remains the development of the Climate Alliance methodology for CO₂ monitoring as well as the data collection and processing procedures.

The ECORegion monitoring tool is currently used by around 1,200 cities, municipalities and districts in Germany in addition to approximately 85 municipalities and regions in Italy. A country model has also been developed for Luxembourg so that the tool can also be made available to the municipalities there. Several German federal states offer their municipalities support in the preparation of municipal CO₂ inventories with the help of ECORegion. In Hesse, Climate Alliance is a partner in the "100 municipalities for climate protection" project within the scope of Hesse's sustainability strategy, offering training, meetings for experience exchanges, and a CO₂ monitoring hotline.

www.co2monitoring.eu

ECORegion

Climate Protection Planner

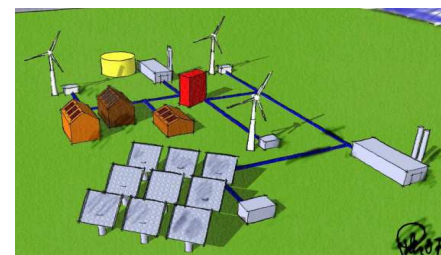
Climate Alliance is lead partner in a strategic project to develop a harmonized methodology for the preparation of emission inventories at local level in Germany. The outcome will be an internet-based tool which offers standardized modules for CO₂ monitoring, analysis of local potentials for energy efficiency and renewable energy sources, development of scenarios and benchmarking. Project partners are the IFEU Institute and the Institute for Decentral Energy Technologies (IdE). The project is funded by the German National Climate Initiative.

www.klimaschutz-planer.de

Working Group "Energy Supply 2050"

The reason for founding this Climate Alliance Working Group in 2011 was the upcoming course setting in the framework of many cities' long-term strategies for heat and energy supply. The members meet regularly to exchange about the faced challenges like: Which planning basis to use for estimating future heat demand? Which perspectives for district heating? Under which conditions can it be operated in an economic advantageous way? And which chances does it offer for distribution and storage of heat produced from renewable energy sources? ...

In 2012, the Working Group met on the topics "Challenges for local energy utilities in the conversion of the energy system", "Ecological and economic efficiency of heat supply variants for different model buildings". The first meeting in 2013 focussed on green district heating powered from biomass waste.





Coaching Local Climate Protection

Small and medium-sized municipalities were encouraged to get involved in structured climate protection activities by showcasing the experiences of advanced cities and municipalities. The project's website offers tried-and-tested recommendations for action, e.g. by means of the "Starter Package" that outlines worthwhile climate protection measures in eight fields of activity, which can be realised with little effort and yield results within a short period of time. The "Fast-track Climate Action Plan" shows how an inventory of climate protection activities within a municipality can be conducted, and how potential for further activities can be identified to systematically embed climate protection in municipal activities. The "Argumentation Aid for Local Climate Action" addresses typical objections to local climate action and also offers ample background information. In addition to the website, an individual consulting programme (coaching) by experienced municipal climate protection experts has been developed and implemented in five pilot municipalities. Ultimately, it will be made available to other interested municipalities.

www.coaching-kommunaler-klimaschutz.de



REMINING LOWEX

The motto of the project funded within the scope of the EU's CONCERTO programme is "Old mines – New energy". It explores the supply of residential areas in former coal mining areas with geothermal energy from decommissioned mines to cover the heating and cooling requirements in four municipalities: Heerlen (NL), Zagorje (SL), Czeladź (PL) and Chernomore / Burgas (BG). The system is based on low-energy standards and supported by integrated building designs and energy concepts. In 2012, the technical Guidebook "Standardized solutions for low exergy mine water systems configurations including solutions for high quality energy demand" and the "Decision Tool Minewater Use" were finalized. Climate Alliance is responsible for public relations work on the European level and for informing the general public in the pilot municipalities. It has prepared a brochure for political decision-makers two Newsletters in 2013.

www.remining-lowex.org



POLIS

The IEE project "POLIS – Identification and mobilisation of **S**olar **P**Otentials via **L**ocal strategies", which ended in August 2012, supported strategic solar-oriented urban development. The potential of European cities for solar energy usage was mobilised through the cooperation of several cities committed to solar planning, namely Lisbon, Lyons, Paris, Malmö, Munich and Vitoria-Gasteiz. Climate Alliance was responsible for the compilation of a variety of planning tools in the final phase of the three-year project. Furthermore, Climate Alliance drew up guidelines in several languages (English, French, German, Spanish) summarising the project outcomes and featuring general recommendations for action. These guidelines are freely available for download on the project website.

www.polis-solar.eu



TURaS

Representatives of 16 European cities, research institutes and Climate Alliance launched the Transitioning towards Urban Resilience and Sustainability (TURaS) project in autumn 2011. The aim of this project is to enhance urban resilience and sustainability in light of the challenges of continued urban growth and simultaneously ever-greater impact of climate change. Issues range from urban biodiversity to a higher risk of flooding to increased consumption. New strategies should be developed together, which allow the cities of Europe to adjust to climate change and to reduce their urban ecological footprint.

www.turas-cities.org

Buy Smart+

Green procurement means being aware of the environmental friendliness of products and services when purchasing. On the website of the Buy Smart+ EU project, interested companies and public institutions can obtain guidelines and tender aids, procurement guidelines and examples of good practices. Information is available on the product groups of office equipment, vehicles, lighting, eco-power, household appliances, and eco-labelling. The project organises workshops and offers local authorities free advice. Climate Alliance is responsible for public relations work for the project, and in 2012 was responsible for the development of an online training tool on energy-efficient public procurement.

www.buy-smart.info/trainingstool-en/training-en



REPOWERMAP

The aim of the project is to promote renewable energies and energy efficiency by raising awareness and facilitating information exchange with an interactive online map. The map shows concrete examples for sustainable energy use and related information to encourage people to follow these examples. Furthermore, the project promotes know-how exchange and the spreading of innovative technologies at local level and across borders. Everyone can upload additional information on projects and thus pass on its own experiences. The map can be integrated into websites of organisations and municipalities for free. The project is supported by the Intelligent Energy Europe programme.

www.repowermap.org

The repowermap logo, which consists of the word "repowermap" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background. The letter "o" is replaced by a white circle with a dot in the center, resembling a sun or a light bulb.

NORTH-SOUTH LIAISON / COOPERATION WITH THE INDIGENOUS PARTNERS



Besides implementing ambitious local climate change policies, supporting the indigenous peoples in the Amazon region represents one of Climate Alliance's primary goals. This cooperation is being implemented in cooperation with umbrella organisation, COICA, as well as with regional partnerships such as the one between Climate Alliance Austria and the Rio Negro region in Brazil.

The indigenous REDD+



Also in 2012, REDD (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) and its implications on indigenous communities in Amazonia was a focal issue in the work of our partner organisation COICA. Just before our Annual Conference 2012, a COICA delegation visited some European countries to present their own proposal for an indigenous REDD+. This proposal raised the interest of many governmental and non-governmental stakeholders. Climate Alliance's General Assembly 2012 voted on a resolution supporting REDD+. And in Doha, COICA invited to an Indigenous Day in the framework of the UN Climate Conference to discuss about a further development of the instrument.

www.coica.org.ec

Projects with indigenous organisations supported by municipalities

Support for COICA's coordination activities

Climate Alliance allocates a portion of members' fees to COICA's work. Particularly the coordination activities in the fields of environmental conservation and natural resources are supported. Coordinator Diego Escobar is also COICA's representative on Climate Alliance's Executive Board. In addition to participation in international processes such as biodiversity and climate change, Diego Escobar was primarily also able to reinforce networking with other partner organisations.

Solar lamp project in Peru



The solar lamp project is currently the central project supported by Climate Alliance. The serious floods during Spring have hit several villages, which participate in the project. Many houses were devastated so that most families are absorbed with reconstruction works. Through the cooperation with the association Pro Vita Andina the delivery of further 500 lamps for 2013 could be organised. Last year, Climate Alliance also supported an additional exchange of experiences between our partner FORMABIAP (education institute for indigenous teachers) and the University of Medellin in Columbia. Several organisations and indigenous communities in Ecuador have also expressed interest for the solar lamp project.

Legal Assistance for the Sápara's women organisation Ashiñwaka in Ecuador

In the framework of the 11th auction of crude oil exploitation licenses in Ecuador, many indigenous communities fight with juridical means against invasion and destruction of their ancestral living places. They hope to stop a development, which has led to disastrous damages in other parts of Ecuador and Amazonia. In many cases, courts are the only way to force governmental authorities and companies to respect national and international legislation for the protection of indigenous rights. Climate Alliance has provided a small support to the women's organisation Ashiñwaka for legal assistance for the people of the Sápara.

We would like to thank all the member municipalities and other donors for supporting Climate Alliance's projects with the indigenous peoples in Amazonia.

Yasuní Initiative in Ecuador

The Ecuadorian government's initiative to leave some of the crude oil located within the ITT field located beneath Yasuní national park in the ground has received considerable attention since 2007. Unfortunately the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) decided in 2010 not to pay any money into the trust fund set up by the UN Development Programme (UNDP) a few weeks earlier. Together with other organisations in Germany, Climate Alliance continues to actively promote the initiative. Meanwhile, a network of additional institutions was formed to support the Yasuni initiative.

www.indigene.de/64.html?&L=1



Visit of the Coalition for the Defence of Amazonia (FDA) in Germany

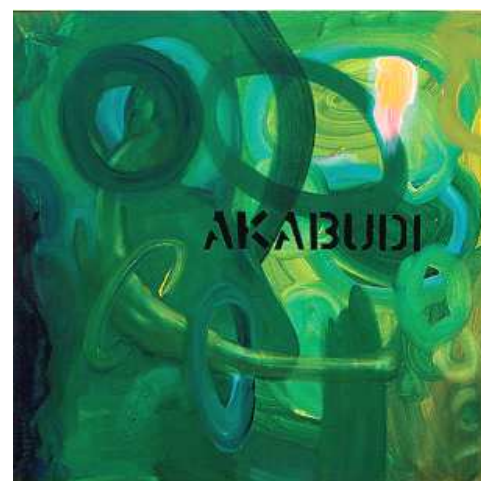
The Texaco trial is the biggest ever of a "developing country" against a global oil company from the North. Indigenous peoples and immigrated settlers to the oil exploitation area in the North-East Amazonia region of Ecuador have joined forces in the Frente de Defensa de la Amazonía and accused Texaco to remedy the damages ... and they won!

Wilmer Meneses, the president of the Frente and a lawyer himself, reported during his visit to Hannover and Heidelberg in Germany about the impacts of oil exploitation, the trial and its sentence, the work of his organisation and their "school for local leaders", which has been supported by Climate Alliance Luxembourg.



Project Green

Still from the revenues of the art Project Green, health education among the Waiapi people in Amapá, Brazil was supported. The Institute for Research and Training in Indigenous Education (IEPÉ) acted as the local project partner and trained the indigenous health advisers. Continuation of the project is planned for 2013 as well.



AWARENESS RAISING AND CAMPAIGNS

One of the pillars in Climate Alliance's work is the development and organisation of campaigns implemented in the member cities to involve citizens or specific stakeholders in practical action against climate change.



Municipalities and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

The EU-funded project encourages networking among the municipalities in Europe, who have committed to attainment of the MDGs. The project is coordinated by the city of Bonn. Partners include Bonn's partner cities of Oxford and Potsdam in addition to Villach in Austria, Nagykanizsa in Hungary, the European Secretariat of Climate Alliance, Climate Alliance Austria, and Reflex in Hungary.

In 2012, a thematic workshop on climate change as (additional) challenge in achieving the Millennium Development Goals was organised in the city of Potsdam. Another event in Bonn was dedicated to the results and follow-up of Rio+20. In Spring 2013, the city of Villach in Austria invited to a workshop on organic agriculture and food.

The United Nations have set a time limit to achieve the MDGs until the year 2015... Time is therefore running out. New promotion materials prepared by Climate Alliance with this slogan, a writing pad and post cards and the logo itself in electronic format, are available for your local activities on the MDGs.

The project will be completed by December 2013; the final conference will be organised in September in the city of Nagykanizsa, Hungary.

www.cities-for-mdgs.eu

Local Authorities acting for the MDGs: Europe for more development

The new Climate Alliance's EU project will contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. It should help to better integrate development issues into the work of local authorities. Together with the cities of Munich, Nuremberg, Tirgu Mures (RO) , Ostopovice (CZ), Nagykanizsa (HU) and the long-term partners Action Solidarité Tiers Monde / Climate Alliance Luxembourg, Climate Alliance Austria, reflex Hungary and other partner organizations from Romania and the Czech Republic a wide range of materials and activities will be developed both for decision makers and citizens. All members are invited to participate in the activities and programs.

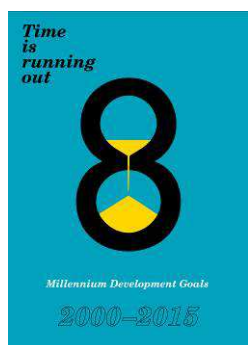
www.cities-for-development.eu

From Overconsumption to Solidarity

is another project that was approved by EuropeAid this year. Also here, the Millennium Development Goals are the umbrella for a variety of activities and events. Central to the project is the exhibition "Victims of Climate Change" (working title), which will give the worldwide climate change "a face". People from around the world will report on their current and future challenges and appeal to the responsibility of each individual. Around the exhibition, which will be available in different languages, the member municipalities will be offered a package of activities, such as Training for decision makers and administration, seminars, films, art actions, theater, etc.

ASTM (Solidarité Tiers Monde) is the lead organization and coordinates the consortium on European consortium. Partners are: Climate Alliance (European Office), Climate Alliance Austria, Védegylet Egyesület, Hungary, Nadace Partnerství, Czech Republic, Priatel'ia Zeme-CEPA, Slovakia and crossing borders, Denmark. We would be very happy to show the exhibition also in your municipality!

www.overconsumption.eu



Green Footprints campaign

In 2012, Europe's kids were "on the move" again: 1600,000 children from 12 European countries collected a total of 2,447,900 Green Footprints by using climate-friendly modes of transport for their daily journeys, saving energy in their establishments, and using regional produce. The collected footprints were handed over to Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, Christiana Figueres, at the UN Climate Change Conference in Doha / Emirate Qatar in December 2012. She thanked the children for their efforts and emphasised that their Carbon Footprint is not a deep footprint but that they're treading lightly on the earth. In 2013, the kids will be "on the move", actively making their contribution to climate protection, between April and October, as the next UN Climate Change Conference will be held mid-November in Warsaw /Poland. We hope to be able to announce there not only the children's results but also their wishes and deep concerns about the One World's Climate.

www.zoom-kidsforclimate.eu



Cycle the City Campaign

Also Climate Alliance's campaign for the promotion of cycling in Germany is on a good run. In 2012 all expectations were beaten: 170 local authorities and more **than 60,000 cyclists** participated in this year's edition. A particular good result was the active participation of more than 1,200 Councillors. In total, more than 10 million kilometres were cycled, leading to a correspondent avoidance of 1,500 tons of CO₂. The winners of the 2012 award were nominated in the framework of Climate Alliance's national conference in Offenburg, rewarding them with prizes of a total value of some 40,000 Euro. The aim of the project is to promote the image of the "zero emissions vehicle" – the bicycle – through a fun competition. Citizens – and particularly those who make the bicycle traffic decisions, the members of municipal parliaments – are made aware of the everyday advantages of travelling by bicycle. Moreover, they literally "experience" what it means to be out and about on their bike in their own city or municipality. This should lead to greater emphasis on the promotion of cycling as a mode of transport and cycle traffic planning in municipal parliaments.

www.stadtradeln.de



Naviki

The aim of the IEE project launched in May 2011 is to extend coverage of the Naviki internet-based bicycle navigation system for Germany to cover all of Europe. Naviki was developed by the Software Engineering Lab at Münster University of Applied Sciences, and offers cyclist free route planning. Cyclists can use a smartphone or GPS device to navigate the network of cycle paths while out and about in the city or countryside. The cycle path network in Naviki is continually being enhanced through a wiki in which the routes uploaded by users are automatically linked to an increasingly dense network. Municipalities can use Naviki to offer their inhabitants and visitors their own bicycle navigation system in which points of interest are marked, and cyclists are ideally routed via the official cycle path network, for example. Municipalities can also offer Naviki as a planning tool. Since the beginning of 2013, Naviki covers all countries with many Climate Alliance members: Austria, Italy, Luxembourg, Spain, Switzerland, and also Denmark, France, the Netherlands and Belgium.

www.naviki.org





KlimaScout

To prepare municipalities for adaptation to the consequences of climate change, Climate Alliance has developed guidelines on the adaptation to climate change as a website for municipalities, in addition, a first-aid kit for citizens on how to cope with extreme events. Thus cities and municipalities are offered a tool for the creation of adaptation strategies, and the launch and implementation of local promotional and awareness raising activities on adaptation. It is offered in the form of a wiki on an internet-based tool, allowing volunteer authors to expand the knowledge base. Particularly experts from the over 450 German Climate Alliance municipalities are invited to actively participate.

www.klimascout.de

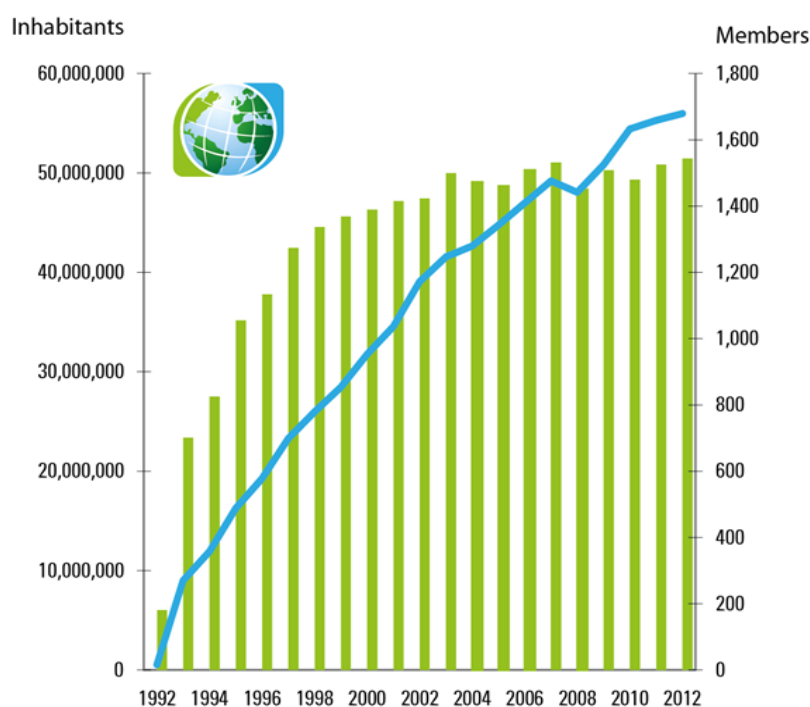
THE ASSOCIATION CLIMATE-ALLIANCE

Members of Climate Alliance

In 2012, 35 new cities, municipalities and district authorities adhered to Climate Alliance and 17 members resigned. Therefore, Climate Alliance counted a total of 1,679 members at the end of 2012. 1,619 are cities, municipalities and districts from 20 countries (225 of them are small associated municipalities), 24 are federal states, provinces and regions and further 36 associations and organisations. For the first time in 2012 member cities from Bosnia-Herzegovina and Ukraine joined Climate Alliance.

www.climatealliance.org

Membership development (incl. number of inhabitants) of Climate-Alliance



We welcome the following new members of Climate Alliance:

Austria (16): Alland, Axams, Eitzing, Enzenreith, Kirchberg am Wagram, Kirchschatz bei Linz, Ladendorf, Lengau, Moosdorf, Pollham, Pyhra, Schärding, Schleedorf, Sillian, Stadl-Paura, Zirl

Bosnia-Herzegovina (2): Banja Luka, Laktasi

Switzerland (1): Biel/Bienne

Germany (11): Bad Birnbach, Brüggen, Eichstätt, Energieagentur Rems-Murr gGmbH, Karben, Kreis Nordfriesland, Nidda, Steinheim an der Murr, Waldkirch, Wendeburg, Willich

Italy (2): Narni, San Benedetto del Tronto

Luxembourg (2): Remich, Strassen

Ukraine (1): enefcities

Membership as of 31 December 2012

Country	Members (Local authorities)	Associated municipalities	Associated members	Inhabitants in member cities and municipalities
A	746	195	10	5.621.119
B	5			352.800
BG			1	0
BIH	2			254.557
CH	18		2	1.217.678
CZ	1	1		600
D	463	1	13	39.848.396
DK	2			48.200
E			2	0
F	1			580.000
H	7		11	59.377
I	104	28	19	2.468.007
L	35		1	342.390
NL	1			488.370
P	1			33.300
PL	2			14.500
S	1			97.700
SK	4			18.798
SLO	1			2.700
UA			1	
Total:	1,394	225	60	51.460,907

The associated members are federal states, regions and associations or institutions. Almost 14 million inhabitants reside alone in the Province of Barcelona and the Region of Andalusia, which joined Climate Alliance in 2010 and 2011 respectively. However, these inhabitants have not been included in the member table. Overall, Climate Alliance members represent more than 87 million inhabitants in Europe.

The European Secretariat of Climate Alliance

Currently, 21 people are employed at the European Secretariat of Climate Alliance. In the Brussels Office, 4 colleagues are at your service. The whole staff shared an average of 20 full-time positions in 2012. Ten specialists work in the field of municipal climate protection and forest/timber, while two coordinate the cooperation with the indigenous peoples. Besides the two directors and the accountant, three employees are responsible for member services and administration as well as IT. Several people are also employed on a 'minijob'/temporary basis, as interns or as support us as volunteers.

Public relations

Internet

Climate Alliance's internet offerings comprised 18 different websites. In 2012, Climate Alliance's first wikis within the scope of the "KlimaScout" project were launched: one to support municipalities in adapting to climate change, and a second to provide tips for citizens on how to cope with extreme weather events. The cloud below lists the key web addresses.



Press work

In 2012, the European Secretariat published a total of 33 press releases in English and/or German. Topics covered included Climate Alliance's campaigns and projects such as the Green Footprints campaign and the Cycle the City campaign as well as the award ceremony for the Climate Star 2012 and positions and opinions of Climate Alliance on national and European climate policy debates. The press work by the European Secretariat, project partners and Climate Alliance municipalities led to more than 1,350 articles in the media.

eClimail newsletter

In 2012, five editions of our electronic newsletter eClimail in English and German were published.. Moreover, a further 27 news shorts and invitations to (Climate Alliance) events were sent to 4,400 recipients. The mailing list includes 2,500 contacts in member municipalities, 500 further municipal contacts, and 1,400 individuals at ministries, EU institutions, associations, institutions and NGOs, as well as interested persons. The mailing list on selected topics also reached over 860 European, national and regional parliamentarians.

Also in 2012, a Climail Europe on the topic "Green procurement in Europe" in the framework of the EU project Buy Smart+ was published in English and German.

www.climatealliance.org/eclimail0.html?&L=0#c2676

Please let us know if we should include further e-mail addresses to our mailing lists.



Partnerships and cooperation

Since October 2012, Climate Alliance became an official **Build UP** partner and committed to share and promote existing knowledge, guidelines, tools and best practices for energy-saving measures in buildings across Europe.



Also since 2012 Climate Alliance is participating in the **Smart Cities Stakeholder Platform** which aims to collect concrete innovative solutions gathering stakeholders from industry, research and cities. Upon invitation, and making a bridge with our Financing Working Group, we are a member of the Smart Cities Financing Group, which aims to make proposals and examine innovative financing mechanisms available for smart city solutions.

To ensure better coordination between policy work, the local government networks: Climate Alliance, Energy Cities, EUROCITIES, ICLEI, CEMR and FEDARENE organize regular meetings to discuss current policy issues. During 2012 the cooperation focused on the Horizon 2020. This year the main cooperation theme will be the 2030 climate and energy policy framework. This regular cooperation allows us to create a more efficient local government lobby.

Sustainable Energy Europe



Climate Alliance is a so-called "Campaign Associate" in the EU's Sustainable Energy Europe campaign. The aim of this campaign is to contribute to the EU's energy policy goals in the fields of renewable energies, energy efficiency, clean transport and alternative fuels. Key campaign components include the annual 'Sustainable Energy Week' (2013: June 24-28) and the hundreds of Local Energy Days organised all across Europe as Decentral events accompanying the week. They are recommended to Climate Alliance members as an effective and easy opportunity to organise a local event in a European landscape, to have their event promoted and by this, to give recognition to the local partners in return.

www.eusew.eu



More informal cooperation has also been launched with the Cooperatives Europe and their REScoop project as well as Friends of the Earth on citizen based energy projects. In the second half of the year, a World Café event has been planned in order to highlight the importance of community and cooperative based energy initiatives. With this event Climate Alliance wants to explore the opportunities that the cooperatives and citizen lead energy initiatives offer for financing energy investments.



European Citizen's Initiative "30kmh – making streets liveable!"

A new policy instrument, the European Citizen Initiative (ECI), is in operation since April 2012. It is one of the key features of the Lisbon Treaty, enabling EU citizens to influence European legislation and launch their own proposals in any area of EU law which is within the EU's competence. It is the first transnational direct-democratic right in the world.

One of the first ECIs is about making 30 km/h the standard speed limit in towns and cities with local authorities being able to decide on exemptions." 30 km/h limits are an inexpensive and popular way to improve safety, cut pollution and encourage smarter travel choices. They lead to improved traffic flow and less congestion. In those cities that have imposed a 30 km/h limit, cycling and walking have made a big comeback. To meet

the subsidiarity principle, local authorities must have the final decision to set other speed limits on their roads and implement equivalent alternatives to meet the goals.

In order to be successful, the initiative will have to collect more than 1 million signatures within one year from at least 7 different member states of the EU. The deadline is xx November 2013.

Climate Alliance is supporting this initiative, but would need to contribute to the collection of signatures, and therefore call its members to support spreading information about the ECI.

www.30kmh.eu

A world you like. With a climate you like.

is the European Commission's new communication campaign on climate action. This campaign aims to show solutions and best practices applied by citizens, businesses and authorities across the European Union. It covers five areas: travel and transport; production and innovation; building and living; shopping and eating; and re-use and recycling.

www.worldyoulike.eu

*a world you like
with a climate you like*

European Soil & Land Alliance (ELSA) e.V.

Established in 2000, the European Soil & Land Alliance (ELSA) is an association of European cities and towns, who have set themselves the goal of contributing to sustainable soil usage. Through explicit mention of the close relationship, ELSA understands itself to be a complementary initiative to Climate Alliance.

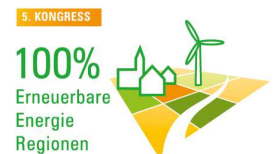
www.bodenbuendnis.org



100% Renewable Energy Regions Congress

Climate Alliance is co-organiser of the 100% Renewable Energy Regions Congress which each year since 2009 brings together around 500 participants. The next Congress takes place in Kassel, Germany from 24 to 25 September 2013.

www.100-ee-kongress.de



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