

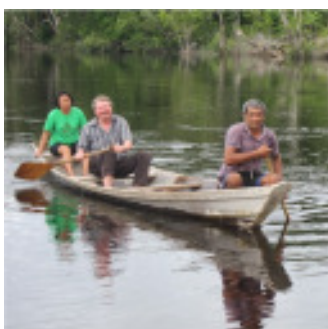
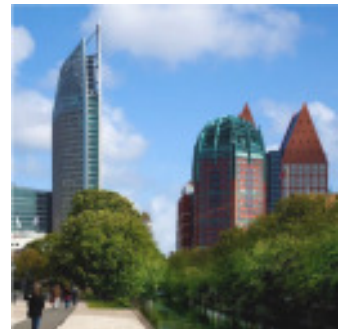
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Teaming up for Change

The motto of our 2014 Annual Meeting also relates to both the range and variety of activities as well as to the tasks that still lie before Climate Alliance. 'Together' stands for our network of municipalities, lively exchanges, and learning from one another. Several of our current projects also foster the establishment of partnerships – between German and Georgian, or German and French municipalities, for example. 'Together' stands for the involvement of local citizens and active participation. Every year, our Green Footprints and City Cycling campaigns motivate several thousand people to take action for climate protection. With around 230,000 participants, new records were set for both in 2013.



'Together' also stands for the dialogue that we conduct with the different political levels for improved framework conditions for municipalities. Whether in Germany, Austria or Luxembourg, Climate Alliance is actively involved in the national climate protection strategies and energy transition processes. Last but not least, 'together' stands for the implementation of EU initiatives for climate protection and adaptation to climate change, the Covenant of Mayors, and the new 'Mayors Adapt' initiative, which recognise local authorities' activities for the attainment of the European targets.

One key event in 2013 was the meeting between Climate Alliance board members and EU Commissioner for Climate Action, Connie Hedegaard, during which we stressed the need for ambitious, binding targets for greenhouse gas emission reductions, energy efficiency and renewable energy. As a direct consequence of these talks, we developed our 'Vision for Competitive Europe', a portfolio of examples, which provides concrete evidence of the positive impact of climate protection on the local economy, job creation and society as a whole using examples from municipalities. The EU's climate and energy policy framework for 2030 will still be one of our main policy priorities in 2014.

Climate protection is more than just CO₂ reduction. 'Change' is necessary to mitigate the consequences of global warming and also revise the economic models and lifestyles that led to these developments in the first place. Municipalities are increasingly gaining political recognition as indispensable "change agents". This also links to Climate Alliance's second important pillar: global responsibility for climate justice. New EU financing tools support municipalities in their educational

and development policy activities and partnerships. Climate Alliance was successfully able to acquire a number of projects with its existing partnerships and in cooperation with member municipalities. Within the scope of these, we have developed a diverse range of offers to support municipalities in attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).



The partnership with the indigenous peoples of the rainforest is a defining feature of Climate Alliance's identity. It enables the consideration and mediation of climate protection as a global challenge affecting countless aspects of everyday municipal and private life. Members commit to this partnership via direct cooperation with the umbrella organisation of indigenous peoples in the Amazon River basin (COICA). With this support and solidarity, our rights and organisations are reinforced, which in turn allows us to uphold our ways of life without the threats of illegal logging, mining and agriculture – ways of life that have for centuries made sustainable use of natural resources and helped preserve the rainforest's ecosystem.

The Second Amazonia Conference was held in the Colombian city of Villavicencio on 13-15 December 2013. Positions on key issues and threats to the indigenous peoples were discussed at the event. Members of the nine countries bordering on the Amazon as well as guests from a number of governmental and non-governmental institutions were invited. Thomas Brose from Climate Alliance also attended to present the cooperation between European municipalities and indigenous peoples.

One central issue discussed at the conference was the threat of the IIRSA major road infrastructure programme. The Initiative for the Integration of Regional Infrastructure in South America is an ambitious plan to develop the infrastructure in South America towards the Pacific in particular. Different speakers outlined how this programme forms part of the global geo-strategic transformation process. With the shift of the geo-political centre from the Atlantic (USA, Europe) to the Pacific (Asia, above all China), IIRSA aids in adaptation to these changes and expansion of the future infrastructure towards the Pacific (particularly in Brazil). Countless roads leading from Brazil via Peru or Bolivia all the way to the Pacific have already been built as a consequence. Emphasis was also placed on how this project is part of a mentality oriented to growth, which must urgently be changed. The interests of the local populations must be taken into greater consideration.

The conference was followed by the COICA Congress. The groundwork is laid at this meeting held every four years for the strategies for the coming years and a new steering committee is elected. Edwin Vásquez from the AIDSEP in Peru was confirmed as General Coordinator. Jorge Furagaro from the OPIAC in Columbia is the new Area Coordinator for Climate and Biodiversity. He therefore succeeds Diego Escobar as the COICA representative on Climate Alliance's Executive Board.

Another important topic of the COICA Congress was the UN Climate Summit due to take place in Peruvian Lima in December 2014. The indigenous organisations are already in preparatory talks with representatives from a number of countries (Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Venezuela). They wish to travel to Lima with a large delegation to present their situation and demands to the international public.

Climate Alliance in Action

MAKING A CONSCIOUS COMMITMENT

Tangible targets demonstrate the determination to act: When joining Climate Alliance, cities and municipalities embrace the voluntary commitment:

- to reduce CO₂ emissions by 10 % every five years
- to preserve the tropical rainforests by avoiding the use of tropical timber
- to support projects and initiatives of the indigenous partners.

Until today, Climate Alliance has become a powerful community for climate change mitigation. The CO₂ reduction target is the basis for the local climate action plans of the members, intermediate or sectoral targets—according to local potentials – are set, implementation is progressing and remarkable results are being achieved.

Members

At the end of 2013, Climate Alliance had a total of 1,691 members, which represents a slight increase (+30 members) compared to the previous year. Of these members, 1,632 are cities, municipalities and districts with a total of more than 52 million inhabitants from 24 different countries.

Climate Alliance also has 59 associated members: 25 federal states, provinces and regions, and 34 associations and organisations.

In 2013, for the first time municipalities from Romania (Tirgu Mures), Macedonia (Karpoš) and Georgia (Batumi) joined Climate Alliance. Welcome!

A new vision for Climate Alliance

Today, we know that a more fundamental change of our social and economic models is necessary to face the big challenges of mitigating climate change, but also of building a fair world with equal rights for development and resource use. Each one must contribute on one's own responsibility - that was the founding idea of Climate Alliance. Therefore, Climate Alliance membership is more than just the declaration to reduce a definite amount of greenhouse gas emissions. It is a willingness to build a sustainable community that simultaneously:

- Uses energy, land and materials sparingly, so that its ecological footprint is minimized and the impact of its consumption on other parts of the world is kept as small as possible (resource saving)
- Considers the processes and cycles of nature when establishing its energy and material flows, so renewable energy and sustainably-sourced raw materials are used (consistent),
- Closes local economic cycles and therefore strengthens its identity and resilience against external crises (regional),
- Undertakes and participates in a just trade between people all over the world, promoting equal opportunity (fair),
- Allows for, maintains and creatively uses diversity, tapping into local potential and capabilities (diverse).

The European Secretariat has been working on a draft for a new vision for Climate Alliance along these five key words, as in our view they have become the cornerstones of members' actions. Your feedback is welcome!

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Climate Star 2014

Our European Award Climate Star is heading towards its 6th edition! Based on the work to develop a new Climate Alliance vision, you are invited to submit your actions, projects and processes that support these five key words. Your submission to the Climate Star 2014 will provide a positive and vital contribution to this vision, helping to create the picture of how Climate Alliance members implement their commitment in everyday life.

Closing date:
23 June 2014



Your examples will also support our policy work and demonstrate that local authorities are powerful partners when rebuilding Europe's energy system and creating a new European economic model. We therefore look forward to your submission!

On October 2nd 2014, the Gala and Award Ceremony of the Climate Stars will be held – at the invitation of the State Government of Lower Austria – in the city of Burg Perchtoldsdorf (near Vienna).

More info and application form: www.climate-star.org



Protecting the Tropical Rainforests

Municipal procurement allows municipalities to have a direct influence on the protection of the tropical rainforests by voluntarily refraining from the use of tropical woods and only procuring certified timber. Climate Alliance considers the ten principles set out by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) as an acceptable basis for certification. It is a contribution to helping reduce destruction of the tropical rainforests due to industrial logging, and associated with the call for ecological, socially-responsible forest management and support for the indigenous peoples of the rainforest.

The European Timber Regulation (EUTR)

Climate Alliance is committed to the European Timber Regulation (EUTR), which has been in force in the EU since March 2013. It prohibits the placing of illegally harvested timber on the EU market, and requires all market participants who place timber and timber products on the EU market to exercise due diligence. However, recent cases show that it is by no means certain that the new EUTR is actually having the desired effect. Climate Alliance therefore recommends continuing to refer to the FSC seal for the time being, and to only use tropical wood if this is necessary for technical reasons.

However, one of the EUTR's flaws lies in the range of products to which it is applied: key products such as garden furniture, musical instruments, tool handles and other processed printed materials like books and magazines are excluded, for example. For paper, a different recommendation applies anyway: only recycled paper bearing the Blue Angel environmental label can truly help protect our forests. Stringent criteria with regard to the minimum proportion of recycled paper and the use of chemicals must be met.

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The Partnership with the Indigenous Peoples of Amazonia

Working in partnership and solidarity are important tools for protection of the rainforests, as is educational work in the form of interactive campaigns, educational visits, presentations and workshops in Europe. Central elements of the partnership are:

- Land and resource protection
- Promotion of democracy and human rights
- Resource management
- Political co-determination



Climate Alliance has enjoyed a partnership on equal terms with indigenous peoples for over 20 years now in a cooperation that takes a variety of different forms. In Austria, a long-term cooperation has been established with indigenous organisations from the Alto Rio Negro region, which is primarily supported by the member municipalities.

The city of Munich has set up a cooperation with the Asháninka people of Peru, and the partnership is reinforced by reciprocal visits to Peru and Munich. The range of partnerships is extremely diverse! At the same time, Climate Alliance member municipalities such as Magdeburg and Bühl also support concrete projects implemented by the European Secretariat: both have backed a successful solar lamp project in Peru for a number of years now.

The aim is to also take the basic rights of indigenous peoples into account, for only if these rights are upheld can the climate successfully be protected. Last but not least, the partnership includes political support, which means decisive advocacy of the indigenous peoples' concerns in ongoing conflicts. The hope is that the experiences gained through this partnership will have an impact on municipal action and become key issues within the municipalities' development cooperation and development policy educational and public relations work.

A Visit to Rio Negro to mark 20 Years of Cooperation

Municipalities and states in Austria have enjoyed a fruitful partnership with the people of the Rio Negro region for 20 years now. In March 2013, representatives from the participating organisations (i.e. Climate Alliance and Horizont 3000) in addition to the umbrella organisation for indigenous organisations in the Rio Negro region (FOIRN) and the Socio-Environmental Institute (ISA) met in Rio Negro for the first time to take stock of the situation together. Countless successes have been documented over the course of the 20-year partnership:

- Acknowledgement of an indigenous settlement area covering more than 11 million hectares
- FOIRN is today one of the most influential representatives of indigenous peoples and their interests in Amazonia
- Development of an education model for indigenous peoples through the introduction of intercultural, multilingual schools in 81 villages
- Marketing of cultural products (baskets, benches, pepper)
- Realisation of countless projects for sustainable use of the rainforest as a concrete alternative to its destruction
- Growing participation of indigenous women in political and economic life
- Election of the first indigenous mayor



Support from the Legal Aid Fund

The indigenous organisation FECONAT represents indigenous communities living beside the Rio Tigre in Peru. The latter are victims of the devastating environmental pollution caused by over 40 years of oil exploitation in their living space: contaminated soil and water, endless health problems, and insidious contamination of plants and animals. Climate Alliance has supported FECONAT's work in the field of legal aid as well as in informing and raising awareness among indigenous communities of their rights for many years now.

Despite the many difficulties, this support has yielded important successes:

- The state oil company, Plus Petrol, has been ordered to pay compensation to all indigenous communities dwelling in the Alto Rio Tigre region.
- A study has been commissioned to determine the amount of compensation due.
- FECONAT and PlusPetrol have formed working groups to coordinate the preparation and payment of compensation.

Solar Partnerships

Climate Alliance supports projects for the distribution of solar lamps in indigenous communities in Peru. The mobile battery-powered lights can provide 3-6 hours of light and be recharged via small solar modules or a charging station. The project in the northern Amazonian region of Peru aims to improve living conditions, boost environmental awareness and promote renewable energies, create jobs, avoid CO₂ emissions, and establish contact between municipalities and schools in Europe and Amazonia.

A workshop has now been set up in which trained technicians assemble the solar lights and share their expertise. It has become a reference project around which other sources of income have been developed. LED technology makes the lights even more energy efficient and available as torches with adapter kits for mobile phones. The people greatly value these lamps and willingly commit to the project conditions for environmental protection. In 2013, the 300 construction kits from the second phase were increased by a further 500, which will be distributed to different communities in the coming years.

Among the Climate Alliance members, the city of Magdeburg has demonstrated the greatest commitment to the project, contributing with 2,500 Euro every year since 2006.



Yasuní

Nine months ago, Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa opened up one of the world's most species-rich areas of rainforest located within the so-called ITT block of Yasuní national park to oil exploitation.

Ecuador gave the world until August 2013 to agree to what remains a unique proposal, namely to forever forgo exploitation of the oil located in this area in exchange for the international community compensating the South American country for at least half of the revenue forgone.

A broad alliance of environmental groups, indigenous organisations, trade unions, committed individuals and young citizens from Ecuador known as Yasunidos opposed this decision. The latter collected signatures to force a referendum, which would help salvage the Yasuní idea by popular vote. At least 600,000 valid signatures opposing the oil exploitation plans had to be submitted to the electoral commission of Ecuador (CNE) by 12 April 2014.

An appeal launched by Climate Alliance for the Yasuní alliance saw the collection of donations totalling 20,000 euros within a matter of just a few weeks (including a single donation of 14,000 euros!). These funds will be put towards supporting the work of the many volunteers tasked with collecting the required signatures.

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LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN TRANSITION

Focal Theme 2013/2014

“The economic deficit is 3%; the ecological one 35% – and nobody talks about that.” This was one of the opening lines of Jan Rotman, the ‘guru’ of transition theory who was one of the key speakers at **Climate Alliance’s Annual Conference** held in **The Hague on 15-17 May 2013**. Any transition strategy needs to be built from the bottom up, with people becoming more autonomous. During the two-day event, the members and partners of Climate Alliance discussed the role of local authorities in the transition process.



At the Climate Alliance General Assembly, the members unanimously adopted a resolution on the EU climate and energy policies in the 2030 framework, calling for recognition and support of local authorities with adequate policies and financing. Greater attention needs to be paid to introducing innovative financing models, and to redefining and improving existing funding schemes. During a debate on the future of the European energy system, Judith Merkies, a Member of the European Parliament, highlighted that what we need is a radically revised energy model. She noted that “the future energy policy is a patchwork of solutions, and the most under-utilised source is the citizen”. She invited Climate Alliance’s members to support the European Parliament motion for a resolution on micro-generation.

As one of the world’s leading financial centres and host of the **2014 Annual Conference**, the city of **Luxembourg** made the ideal starting point for sounding out the relationship between climate change and the prevailing economic system, learning about alternatives, and discussing municipalities’ concrete opportunities for action. Under the motto of “Teaming up for Change”, the participation and mobilisation of relevant actors was discussed in parallel forums to foster acceptance and financing as well as to provide further stimulus for the joint development of sustainable solutions. Together with pioneers, we wish to provide stimulus, share experience, and foster an intensive exchange on how cities and municipalities can be the engine to drive change.



“Local authorities need to adapt and assume a new role as facilitators in the energy transition and Climate Alliance can help in this process. Everyone can have a role in the new energy system – and help shaping it.”

Tom Balthazar, Deputy Mayor of Ghent (BE) and board member of Climate Alliance [extract from the meeting with EU Commissioner Oettinger in June 2013]

All conference documentation: www.climatealliance.org

Transition Tours (DE)

How can municipalities and citizens boost visibility of the “will for change”? The Transition Tours campaign aims to make visible new ways of living and doing business oriented to the concept of sufficiency. Municipal representatives and citizens are invited to find out more and experience such projects during guided walking tours of cities.

Climate protection and sufficiency are topics of the future. Municipalities wishing to establish themselves in these fields stand to benefit, as this will allow them to:

- Enhance the local quality of life and establish themselves as ecologically healthy regions (eco-tourism, regional produce, attractive place to live).
- Offer citizens the opportunity to get involved in attractive (sufficiency) pilot projects.
- Help local residents develop resilience to future challenges (higher energy and fuel prices, economic crises, resource shortages, etc.).
- Boost their municipality’s appeal in Germany as a location for alternative economic projects.

Transition Tours is being tested in five pilot cities using “prototypes” based on different starting conditions and partner constellations. A homepage has already been developed with subpages that can be individually tailored for the participating municipalities; preliminary training has also been conducted for the tour guides.

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Research for Transition and Resilience

Climate Alliance is involved in two European research projects, which aim to provide strategic guidance and technical support to local authorities.

The **Transitioning Towards Urban Resilience and Sustainability (TURAS)** research project develops visions and implementation strategies, spatial scenarios and tools that cities can use to address the urgent challenges of climate change adaptation and mitigation of natural resource shortages. The project brings municipal decision-makers together with representatives from businesses and research to support the local community. In 2014, Climate Alliance began preparing strategies to expand these outcomes to neighbouring municipalities, who are also affected.

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URBAN-NEXUS is about enabling knowledge transfer and dialogue to form long-lasting partnerships in and between cities and regions to deal



with integrated sustainable urban development and resilience. In order to achieve a sustainable city, a vast range of interconnected issues need to be linked up, and cities must respond to a variety of demands that are at times conflicting. The URBAN-NEXUS conceptual framework provides the basis for ordering and prioritising the various elements, highlighting the strategically critical elements and providing principles to define the interconnectedness of all elements. Cities can benefit from the project outcomes, which are published as thematic follow-up reports on urban climate resilience, health and quality of life, and competing for urban land. Climate Alliance is one of the strategic partners of the URBAN-NEXUS coordination and support action.

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REINFORCING THE ROLE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

– EUROPEAN POLICY AND ADVOCATING AT THE EU LEVEL

Since 2007 Climate Alliance runs a permanent office in Brussels, in the heart of the European quarter. A dedicated team leads the EU policy work and advocates the important role of local governments in climate policy. The Brussels Office represents Climate Alliance and its members towards the EU institutions with a strong belief that local authorities are key actors in shaping climate and energy policies. The main missions and activities are to:

- Convey messages of Climate Alliance members to the European Institutions and represent your interests in various meetings and events
- Influence the decisions made by the EU institutions to strengthen the role of local authorities in Climate Change Policies
- Follow-up the EU policies, participate in the relevant consultation processes and publish position papers and policy recommendations
- Provide the members with the latest information on the European Funding opportunities for local climate and energy action, and disseminate programmes and calls for proposals
- Run a Climate Alliance Working group on Financing

EU budget 2014-2020

Ensuring a supportive EU budget framework for local authorities for 2014-2020 was one of Climate Alliance's main priorities in 2013. We continued to strongly advocate the "Competitive Low-Carbon Priority" for Horizon 2020 as well as the cohesion policy funding. We worked closely with the cabinet of Claude Turmes (MEP) and Maria Carvalho (MEP) for updates on the negotiations so as to express our concerns and needs before the final agreement on the dossier was reached in December 2013.



Board member Camille Gira at EUSEW 2013

A key priority addressed within Horizon 2020 was the role of the Intelligent Energy – Europe (IEE) programme in the wake of the lobby work begun in 2012. In this regard, we continued to encourage members of the Financing Working Group and our national coordinators in particular to get in touch with their ministries and highlight the importance of this funding tool. Within Horizon 2020, the energy efficiency priority currently closely follows the spirit of the previous IEE. Conversely, the renewable energy part (under Competitive Low-Carbon Economy Priority) is fairly weak on supporting implementation/market uptake activities and remains more research focused.

As part of the work dedicated to the EU budget, Climate Alliance and the Financing Working Group were active during the European Sustainable Energy Week

(EUSEW) in June 2013 at which financing was one of the overriding themes. At the ManagEnergy conference (the main event of the week), Camille Gira, Climate Alliance Board Member and Mayor of Beckerich at that time, spoke of citizen-based energy projects and the subsequent benefits. Moreover, Pirita Lindholm, Director of the Brussels Office, participated in a panel debate on “Market up-take at the local level – from political commitment to investment”. During the week, we also joined forces with other organisations at an event entitled “Meeting the energy grand challenge with the EU budget” as well as an event organised by the Cooperatives Europe/REScoop.

Financing was also the topic of the session entitled “New partnerships to finance local actions” organised in conjunction with Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) during the ECOCITY World Summit held in Nantes (FR). Our Financing Working Group was represented on the podium by Barcelona Province, which presenting its REDIBA project that finances the preparation of bankable energy efficiency projects mainly in the field of public lighting and supports the process of ensuring financing of the investments required. In addition, Pirita Lindholm was elected to the [Horizon 2020 Advisory Group on Energy](#) as the only local government representative. This group advises the European Commission on the orientation and strategic priorities of the research and innovation programme. This also allows the Financing Working Group to compile messages relating to the upcoming 2016-2017 work programme for Horizon 2020.

Financing remains one of the key aspects for the EU policy work as well as for practical exchanges among the members. Several sessions during Climate Alliance’s Annual Conference in Luxembourg are dedicated to highlighting economic aspects of climate action as well as financing local activities.

The 2030 framework for climate and energy policies

Since the launch of the [Green Paper](#) on a 2030 framework for climate and energy policies in March 2013, the debate on the long-term climate and energy policies has been our top priority in Brussels. The resolution adopted in The Hague during the General Assembly on 16 May provided a basis for our response to the public consultation and marked an important milestone in the following lobby process. Both the resolution and Climate Alliance’s response to the public consultation have been widely disseminated among relevant institutional contacts in Brussels.

Meeting with the Commissioner for Climate Action

The meeting of the Board Members and National Coordinators in Brussels in September 2013 was followed by a meeting with the Commissioner for Climate Action, Connie Hedegaard. During the meeting, the Board Members affirmed their willingness to establish a lasting partnership with the European Commission to achieve ambitious climate objectives for the post-2020 period. During the



*Climate Alliance Executive Board and National Coordinators
with Commissioner Hedegaard*

meeting, Commissioner Connie Hedegaard highlighted the role of the local authorities in helping her to ensure “the strong level of ambition needed to achieve the major transition we are all living today, not only in relation to emission reduction, but also in reducing energy poverty, creating local jobs, and ensuring higher returns on investments”.



How can competitiveness and energy and climate action be combined?



Competitive Europe – Local Authority Vision on 2030 Climate and Energy Policy

The Competitive Europe – Local Authority Vision on 2030 Climate and Energy Policy was developed in the wake of the meeting with Commissioner Hedegaard and based on the examples provided by Climate Alliance members. This portfolio allowed us demonstrate the benefits of local climate action not only in relation to emission reduction, but also in reducing energy poverty, creating local jobs and supporting local economy, thus boosting Europe's competitiveness. Letters presenting the portfolio were disseminated widely, with responses from the likes of Jos Delbeke, Director General for Climate Action (also on behalf of Commission President Barroso).

All members are invited to send us more practical experience!

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<http://portfolio.climatealliance.org>

The Communication on the 2030 framework on climate and energy policies published in January 2014 proposed only a 40% CO₂ emission reduction target, (at least) 27% EU level target on renewable energy, and no target for energy efficiency. A possible energy efficiency target will be discussed later, once the progress associated with the Energy Efficiency Directive has been analysed. An assessment of the Energy Efficiency Directive has been requested by the Council and European Parliament by mid-2014.

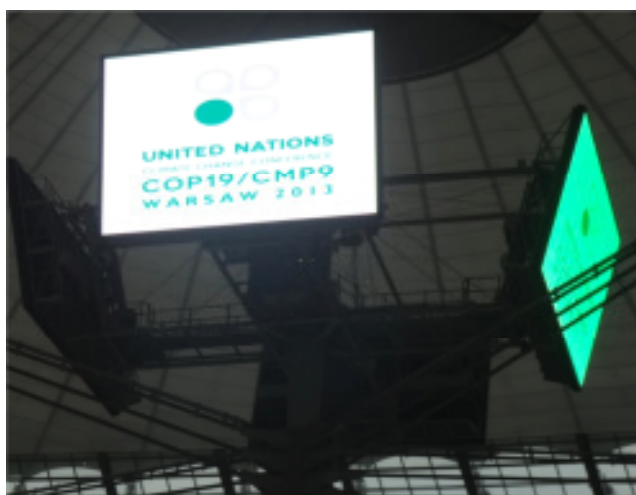
In March 2014, only an orientation debate was held on the new framework during the Spring Council of the EU Heads of State. The important decisions on the 2030 framework will, in all likelihood, only be implemented after the European parliamentary elections and the selection of new commissioners later this year. Prior to the Spring Council, Climate Alliance also joined forces with different local government organisations to address the European Council on the important role of local authorities and the Covenant of Mayors initiative, calling for its continuation beyond 2020.

The debate on the 2030 framework will continue during our annual event in Luxembourg at which Climate Alliance members are set to vote during the General Assembly on a resolution, which will re-affirm the urgent need for ambitious climate and energy policies on the EU level.

2015 Global Climate Agreement and 19th UN Climate Change Conference in Warsaw

The 2030 climate and energy framework debate is also closely linked to the EU perspectives on the 2015 Global Climate Change Agreement. Climate Alliance responded to the consultation on the 2015 Global Climate Change Agreement in June 2013. With respect to the international negotiations and Europe's position, we argued that if the European climate and energy policies are not ambitious enough, this may also dilute the ambition levels internationally. The enthusiasm and commitment of local authorities – together with the extensive CO₂ emission reduction potential – should be used as an example for agreeing ambitious climate and energy policies at the international level.

During the UN Climate Change Conference in Warsaw in November, both UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC Christiana Figueres called for greater involvement of local governments in international negotiations. For the first time in the history of the international negotiations on climate, a Cities' Day was hosted on 21 November. Climate mitigation and adaptation efforts at the local level were discussed, with mayors showcasing their experience in climate and energy policies and co-operating with all levels of government, the private sector and civil society to move from rhetoric to actual change locally. The road to Paris will be tough but local authorities now have a key role in showing the way with local action. It is an opportunity for national governments that local governments all over the world are committed to act as stated in the Nantes Declaration.



As one of the few networks representing local authorities at COP 19, Climate Alliance was very active and organised or was actively involved in a total of five events.

During the first week, the Coordinating Body of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin (COICA) held the event entitled **“The connection between indigenous peoples, climate change, forestry and biodiversity conservation”** which highlighted the importance of protecting Indigenous Territories, climate change and conservation within REDD+ benefits sharing.

At our event entitled **“Mechanisms supporting the monitoring of Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs)”**, examples of methods and tools for developing and monitoring SEAPs and Climate Action Plans were illustrated as well as what support these mechanisms could bring for the municipal level.

The **“ZOOM – Kids on the Move for Climate Action”** campaign again received attention from the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC Christiana Figueres, and children who participated in this campaign officially handed over the Green Footprints collected during 2013 to her.



The **“Climate Dialogue Workshop: Promoting Local Climate Mitigation”** was organised together with the German Federal Ministry for the Environment and the Climate Dialogue project. The workshop aimed to facilitate an international workshop series and involved practitioners and policy-makers from countries who are pioneers in the field of local climate mitigation.

Climate Alliance’s highlights in Warsaw were concluded with the event **“United in energy transition: local, national, European – and global?”**. Together with Climate Alliance Italy we focused on the challenge of energy transition and the partnerships needed between different government levels and stakeholders to tackle this challenge. A series of high-profile speakers discussed different cooperation models from national energy agreements to the Covenant of Mayors initiative – and the importance of new ways of working together. In addition, the article “Putting communities at the heart of the new energy system in Europe – and beyond” published in Outreach magazine highlighted the event.

Ambitious climate commitments require joint action at all government levels, but also horizontally within municipalities and regions. In 2014, Climate Alliance continues to advocate on the European level the fact that the agreements expected on the 2030 climate and policy framework could jeopardise the European leadership role in the international negotiations process. In order to set the path for a smooth, concrete global and binding agreement, Climate Alliance will hold a debate on the 2015 Global Agreement and the role of local authorities in the international negotiations process during its annual event in Luxembourg. The next step will be the COP20 climate change conference in Lima, Peru on 1-12 December, which should deliver less climate talks and more joint climate action.



“The back casting study that we issued for setting priorities for becoming CO₂ neutral by 2040 showed that more than 50% of our CO₂ emissions are dependent on ‘tailwind’ – the positive effect of the EU keeping up its stringent climate policy. This is why we need coherent and firm climate and energy policies at the European and national level, also beyond 2020”

*Deputy Mayor Rabin Baldewsingh
from the City of The Hague (NL)*

2014 milestones

The year of 2014 marks itself as a year of transition due to the European parliamentary elections and changing European Commission. These changes may be politically difficult as they are happening at a time when strong EU leadership on coherent and ambitious climate and energy policies is urgently needed. Many decisions seem to be at standstill, as the European Council Presidencies are also strongly influenced by the institutional changes, thus preventing or postponing strategic discussions.

However, with more freedom to discuss other issues than pure legislation, the Greek Presidency has provided a great opportunity for Climate Alliance - and our portfolio of examples - to be presented at the Informal Energy Council Meeting in Athens 15-16 May. This allows us to demonstrate to the Member States the crucial role of local action via a concrete example from Barcelona Province. The Italian Presidency (second half of 2014) will also be important for further passing our messages and views on the 2030 framework and in particular highlighting the issue currently postponed in the 2030 debate - the need for a strong and binding energy efficiency framework in this context.

The new European Parliament, which is to set to start work in June 2014, also allows further possibilities for visibility for Climate Alliance and our strategic objectives. We should establish links to the Climate Alliance Executive Board Members and new Members of the European Parliament. The resolution, to be voted in Luxembourg on 8 May, will provide an opportunity to connect and meet with the new MEPs.

The UN Secretary General’s Leaders Summit on 23 September 2014 will provide an occasion for Europe to demonstrate leadership on international climate negotiations. However, holding such an important event so soon after the EP elections – and in the middle of changes to the European Commission – could be seen as a handicap for binding and ambitious targets. On a more positive note, the new Members of the European Parliament as well as the new European Commissioners could also provide new opportunities for more coherent and ambitious policies. This is something that we have to work towards – and explore – as soon as the institutional changes have taken place.

In addition to the main priorities, a number of other actions on EU policy have taken place. Several other responses to consultations were submitted and relations developed both with the European Parliament and Commission services, particularly the DG Regional and urban policy.

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EUROPEAN INITIATIVES

The Covenant of Mayors

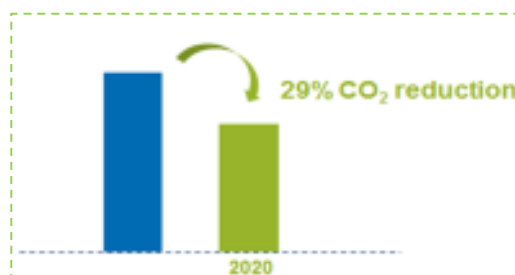
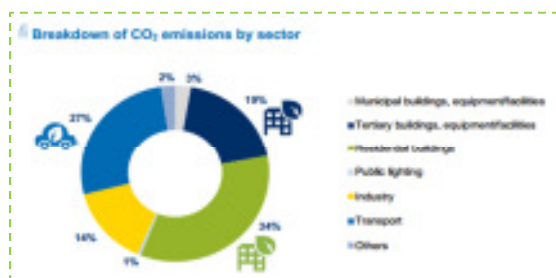
State of play

The Covenant of Mayors Office (CoMO) is responsible for daily management of the EU Covenant of Mayors initiative, and provides signatories with support, technical guidance and capacity building activities, facilitates networking between Covenant stakeholders, and ensures the promotion of their good practices. Climate Alliance has been part of the consortium managing the CoMO since its creation in January 2009. The year 2013 marked the end of the second operational phase (2011-2013) funded by the European Commission (DG Energy).

The Covenant of Mayors initiative has remarkably achieved more than 5,500 signatory municipalities (March 2014), thus representing more than one third of the EU population. The Covenant community has also extended to 139 coordinators (provinces, regions) and 86 supporters (networks, associations) offering support to signatories and 24 associated partners (e.g. European industrial associations) bringing expertise. Covenant signatories are located in almost 50 countries. The country with the most signatories is Italy, followed by Spain. In Italy, the signatories represent 56% of the total population, while in Spain they represent 57%. Almost half of population is also covered by the Covenant of Mayors in Cyprus, Denmark, Latvia, Sweden, Croatia, Lithuania and Portugal.

The Covenant has reached an important stage of consolidation, with 3,500 Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs) adopted by local authorities (March 2014). This means that more than 60% of the signatories have delivered their SEAP. Thanks to the technical and scientific guidance and the support made available via the CoMO and the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission, the Covenant of Mayors initiative has contributed to a tipping point in local energy planning. Today, local authorities all over EU and beyond follow an integrated and inclusive approach in their energy planning processes.

Analysis of a sample of SEAPs has revealed that signatories are responsible on average for seven tonnes of CO₂ eq./capita (using the IPCC approach) in their baseline years. The building sector is responsible for more than half of the overall CO₂ emissions, and 34% come from the residential sector, 19% from the tertiary sector and 3% from the municipal sector. The transport sector accounts for 27% and industry for 14% of the overall CO₂ emissions. The great ambition of signatories is evident: they commit to reducing their emissions on average by 29% by 2020, thus voluntarily exceeding the 20% CO₂ emissions reduction target set by the EU.





Political perspectives

One of the highlights in 2013 was the fourth Annual Covenant of Mayors Ceremony with President Barroso and Arnold Schwarzenegger as a keynote speaker. Just before the ceremony, the representatives of the five networks running the Covenant of Mayors Office met with the European Commissioner for Energy, Günther Oettinger. Joachim Lorenz, President of Climate Alliance, firmly expressed the need for ambitious, coherent

and binding targets in light of the 2030 framework. As the Covenant of Mayors initiative is one of the key drivers for implementation of the current EU climate and energy policies, it should be continued and reinforced during the post-2020 period. In addition, Tom Balthazar, Deputy Mayor of Ghent and a Board Member of Climate Alliance, stressed that local authorities are the driving force in promotion and coordination of the energy transition process. In 2013, the Covenant of Mayors ceremony concluded with a message of hope, as Commissioner Oettinger expressed firm commitment for continuation of this successful initiative: “We want the Covenant to go on. We want five years to become ten.”

Monitoring and reporting

Since its launch, the Covenant of Mayors initiative has faced a major challenge in terms of its reporting framework. An awareness that ‘one size does not fit all’ means that the reporting framework needs to be flexible enough to accommodate different circumstances as well as to allow the essential data to follow up on and communicate progress made by signatory municipalities in the context of EU energy and climate policies to be captured. The Covenant reporting framework has undergone extensive revision, which was primarily boosted by the feedback received locally. Climate Alliance (as part of the CoMO) and the JRC have been collaborating closely to improve the SEAP template and develop the monitoring template. This process has included the involvement of practitioners from local and regional authorities, who have provided input for improvement of the reporting framework. The new templates will be published during 2014 together with practical reporting guidelines.



Since 2013, signatories have been able to combine their efforts and carry out a joint SEAP. Introduction of this option stems from concrete demand and feedback received from signatories. Designed specifically for small and neighbouring municipalities, the joint SEAP approach has becoming more and more popular. To date, more than 400 municipalities are bundled in 70 groups and preparing their respective joint SEAPs.

Prospects for 2014 and beyond

In January 2014, CoMO entered a new 3-year phase of operation (2014-2016). Climate Alliance will be more extensively mobilised for national and regional capacity building so as to better embed the Covenant in ongoing national and regional processes. Targeted capacity building actions will be regularly organised with the support of regional/local experts and national Covenant Clubs; Mentoring and peer-to-peer activities between specific groups of Signatories will be encouraged and facilitated.

To do so, the Helpdesk team has been reinforced with a new coordinator in Brussels and two focal points created for Italian- and German-speaking countries. Climate Alliance will be very active over the next three years in improving and reinforcing the SEAP- and monitoring-related reporting processes as well as optimising the support and communication processes – to ensure greater visibility, benchmarking and rewards for the signatories' actions. Climate Alliance will also get more involved with the major financial stakeholders to mobilise finance and build the financial capacity of signatories – creating synergies with its own Working Group on Financing. With 2020 'around the corner', it will also be an opportunity to introduce a longer-term time frame into the Covenant of Mayors initiative.



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Covenant of Mayors EAST

The Covenant of Mayors' appeal has extended beyond EU borders since 2011. A growing number of signatories from 11 countries of Eastern Europe, Southern Caucasus and Central Asia are assisted by a Covenant of Mayors branch office (so-called "CoMO-East") thanks to the financial support of the European Commission – DG DEVCO. The objective of this associated initiative is to increase the capacity of local authorities to deal with sustainable energy planning and support preparation of their Sustainable Energy Action Plans.



As the cities are confronted with quite different realities in comparison to their EU-27 counterparts, some of these specificities will be addressed by the CoMO-East and the Joint Research Center (JRC) via adequate capacity-building training and support materials. During 2013, the SEAP Guidebook was adapted to better cater to the Covenant East circumstances, and local experiences were shared to ensure these changes. Climate Alliance also developed a Reference Data Tool within the Covenant East initiative to support the Covenant Signatories in development of their Baseline Emission Inventories. Further efforts have concentrated on establishing National Coordinators and Covenant Supporters in all three regions. In addition to a growing number of national coordinators, there are now also several territorial coordinators supporting the work of local authorities in Ukraine.

The first High-Level Covenant of Mayors Forum for the European Neighbourhood Region and Central Asia took place in November 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey. From Almaty in Kazakhstan to Salé in Morocco, the empowerment of mayors extends a long way, including Maghreb, Mashriq, Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia. The conference bridged the experiences of the initiative from East to South, and valuable lessons and visions were shared between all participants. It was a great opportunity to bring Covenant of Mayors signatories from the neighbourhood region (east and south) and Central Asia as well as representatives of political and financial institutions together around the same table for the first time. On this occasion, Mr Volodymyr Garazd, who is mayor of the city of Dolyna (Ukraine), highlighted the importance of both local energy management structures and partnerships as a key to success in the context of the Covenant of Mayors. Dolyna has been a member of Climate Alliance since 2013.

Since early 2014, the two Covenant East Offices in Lviv (Ukraine) and Tbilisi (Georgia) have been supported by a new office in Yerevan (Armenia) and in Almaty (Kazakhstan). A total of four key experts, two part-time key experts employed by Climate Alliance, and a Helpdesk Coordinator are now supporting signatories in the region.

The CoMO-East is managed in partnership with Energy Cities, the Energy Efficient Cities of Ukraine association and the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia.

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Mayors Adapt – New EU Initiative on Adaptation to Climate Change

“The Mayors Adapt initiative provides clear additional political recognition of the important role of local authorities in European climate policy. It also encourages cities to go beyond mitigation and to take coherent action on climate mitigation and adaptation.”



Local authorities are working at the forefront of implementing solutions for a changing climate. By adopting resilient thinking and investing in climate preparedness, EU mayors and political leaders can make their local authorities more attractive, healthier and safer. The new ‘Mayors Adapt’ initiative invites local authorities to demonstrate leadership in climate change adaptation, and supports them in the development and implementation of local adaptation strategies. ‘Mayors Adapt’ was launched within the framework of the Covenant of Mayors initiative, and aims to highlight the benefits of taking integrated action on mitigation and adaptation. The European Commission, DG Climate Action, has assigned design of this new initiative to a consortium comprising Ecofys, Climate Alliance, Fresh Thoughts and IFOK.

From late 2013 to early 2014, Climate Alliance conducted a consultation process to identify the needs and expectations of European cities towards the new EU initiative. Two consultation workshops brought together diverse cities and city networks from across Europe, giving them the opportunity to shape the new initiative. Valuable insight was gathered on the main objectives and strategic orientations for the initiative. In addition, the political commitment document – to be

signed by the joining mayors – was developed. As part of the consortium working for DG Climate Action on the Mayors Adapt and one of the networks running the Covenant of Mayors Office, Climate Alliance ensures the necessary synergies between the two initiatives as well as widespread ownership by the cities of this new initiative.



"The Mayors Adapt initiative is a real milestone in making the EU better prepared to face existing and future impacts [...] it will bring together mayors from across the continent, taking decisions on the direction of climate change adaptation and engaging in a direct dialogue between the EU and our cities!" said Commissioner Hedegaard during launch of the Mayors Adapt initiative in Brussels on 19 March 2014.

Video: <http://ec.europa.eu/avservices/video/player.cfm?sitelang=en&ref=1087444>

A signature ceremony with participating cities is planned for 7 October 2014.

Climate Alliance has been active in the field of municipal strategies for adaptation to climate change for ten years now, assuming an effective, proactive role in pragmatic measures to adapt to climate protection and directing the focus to synergies between “adaptation” and “migration”. Mayors Adapt provides an opportunity for Climate Alliance to take a step forward with this work. The plenary session on adaptation during the annual event in Luxembourg on 9 May is a milestone for Climate Alliance in engaging our member cities and towns to discuss and add weight to the new EU Adaptation initiative for cities.

Mayors Adapt will support local adaptation action via a dedicated helpdesk, guidance and various networking opportunities. It provides a platform for sharing knowledge and expertise, offering support and visibility, and facilitating peer-to-peer learning.

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EC LINK

EC-LINK is a key pillar of the EU-China Partnership on Sustainable Urbanisation that was signed in May 2012 between the European Commission and the Chinese government. The purpose of EC-LINK is to assist Chinese cities in adopting energy and resource-efficient ecological solutions by sharing experiences on sustainable urbanisation with European cities. EC-LINK will support the Chinese Ministry of Housing and Rural-Urban Development (MoHURD). MoHURD's main responsibilities are guiding the planning and construction of rural and urban areas in China; drawing up national standards of construction; guiding construction activity and regulating China's construction market; and administrating the housing and real estate industry. The EC-LINK project is run by a consortium of four partners organisations led by the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ). As part of networking and dissemination activities, Climate Alliance will be involved in the development of methodologies and tools. Climate Alliance is currently preparing a survey of its members' interests in the project. In autumn 2014, we will co-organise a conference of Chinese and European cities in Brussels.

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RESOURCE EFFICIENT CLIMATE ACTION

Remining LowEx

Four (former) mining regions – Heerlen (NL), Zagorje (SL), Czeladz (PL) and Bourgas (BG) – demonstrate the value of locally available yet to date little appreciated sustainable energy sources. Remining LowEx uses locally available low temperature geothermal energy and water from de-commissioned mines as a source of energy for the heating and cooling of buildings. The supply concept is based on low-exergy principles, and the according supply systems and building designs must be developed and implemented.



The brochures on the 'LowEx Method' and the 'LowEx Technologies' provide an introduction to the

design approach for the use of mine water based on low-exergy principles.

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Buy Smart+ Green Procurement in Europe

The project aims to increase the share of energy-efficient procurement in Europe. This reinforces the production and use of energy-efficient goods and services: the total share of public procurement in the EU – i.e. the purchase of goods and services in addition to public contracts – is estimated at around 19% of the European Union's gross domestic product (GDP).

The project is geared towards private companies and public institutions, providing workshops, information material and free advice.

Besides answers to general questions, Buy Smart+ also offers tools for the procurement of eco-power, household appliances, lighting, office equipment and vehicles. Climate Alliance is responsible for the public relations work for the project, and has developed the Buy Smart+ training tool, which was complemented with comprehensive online offerings in 2013. The final conference planned for June 2014 will demonstrate new ways to make procurement more environmentally-friendly and efficient, save energy and optimise budget costs.

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Green ProCA – Green Public Procurement in Action

The ProCA project aims to implement the goals of energy efficiency and green public procurement (GPP) as defined in many Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs). ProCA advocates the integration of GPP into SEAPs and speeds implementation by enhancing the efficiency of purchasing organisations – through capacity building and networking activities, which help boost understanding for green procurement and directly promote flagship projects. Awareness should also be raised through national and European GPP awards. The project promotes these measures with presentations, a website and PR work. A final conference for political decision-makers and other participants will be held in Brussels, which will combine presentation of the project outcomes with an awards ceremony.

The project partners will develop guidelines for green procurement in Sustainable Energy Action Plans by the end of 2014.

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NETWORKING AND DIALOGUE

Climate Protection Dialogue (DE)

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.

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Town twinning to combat climate change – Georgia and Germany

Within the scope of this project, pioneering German cities are to share their experiences of the sustainable energy action plans (SEAPs) required within the framework of the Covenant of Mayors. Leading dialogue groups within the project are German and Georgian partner cities such as Saarbrücken and Tiflis as well as municipal friendships such as the one between the Hanseatic city of Rostock and the Georgian city of Batumi specifically on the topic of climate protection.

The “Town twinning for climate change – Georgia and Germany” conference held in Batumi, Georgia in February 2014 formed the climax of this short project. The event also served to identify common ground for future cooperation in the field of climate protection. More than 50 representatives from the local, regional and national levels participated. A more intensive exchange on the political, administrative and technical levels is planned between German and Georgian municipalities.

Climate Alliance has prepared a handbook detailing the conference outcomes and good practices. It is available for download online and as a print version in both English and Georgian.

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Symposium on the energy supply of the future 24 October 2013 in Nagoya, Japan

Climate Alliance had the opportunity to continue its networking activities with Japanese cities by presenting its experiences of networking for a sustainable local energy supply at the symposium entitled “Energy Policy and Climate Protection at the Local Level – Prospects for German-Japanese Cooperation” in Nagoya.

Representatives from the cities of Kawasaki, Nagoya and Toyota in Japan as well as the German cities of Frankfurt am Main, Magdeburg and Rheine in addition to the Agency for Renewable Energies and the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety participated in the conference organised by the University of Nagoya.



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NET-CoM: Networking the Covenant of Mayors

The NET-CoM project encouraged national networking among the Covenant signatories. A total of 12 national platforms have been created, which focus on political action and exchange of technical know-how for implementation of the Covenant aims. Climate Alliance with its respective national coordination offices was in charge of the Covenant Clubs in Germany, Austria and 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. Members of the German Club 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. One concrete result of this opportunity for exchange is the TANDEM project (see on the right). As a final outcome of NET-CoM, the project partners published the European Recipe Book on “how to cook up a Covenant Club”, highlighting practical experience in exchange, stakeholder involvement and citizen participation.

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TANDEM: Franco-German climate protection partnerships

Simultaneous implementation of the energy transition in Germany and France has led the governments of the two countries to sign a series of cooperation agreements. Given that the process is extensively oriented to decentralisation of the energy supply structures in both countries, close cooperation between municipalities promises notable success. The project implemented by the Climate Alliance and Energy Cities city networks and funded by the German Environment and the French Energy Agencies offers municipalities from both countries the opportunity to exchange and form climate protection partnerships to:

- foster broad mutual understanding of the situation, challenges and framework conditions within energy and climate policy;
- support an exchange on success factors in the implementation of ambitious energy and climate strategies, and encourage a mutual transfer of expertise;
- stimulate cooperation between local authorities in both countries, involving local actors and citizens;
- implement preliminary steps in co-operation projects during the project and create a solid basis for long-term cooperation;
- present the municipalities' demands and concerns on a national and European level, and work together for greater influence.



People's Windmill in front of the European Parliament on 7 November 2013

100 % RENEWABLE COMMUNITIES

Linking to the 2030 climate and energy framework, Climate Alliance joined forces with a group of partners to demonstrate its commitment to a future with clean, renewable, community-owned energy, and to call for more political support for community renewable projects. On the eve of the United Nations International Day of Co-Operatives (6 July), we joined forces with Friends of the Earth Europe, Cooperatives Europe, Ecopower and REScoop.eu to ask European Union decision-makers to pave the way for a clean energy revolution led by citizens. In November, Climate Alliance joined the same partners to demonstrate its commitment to a future with clean, renewable, community-owned energy and to call for more political support for community renewable projects as part of the Reclaim Power Global Month of Action on Energy.

With regard to the role of decentralised renewable energy and the role of citizen-based energy movement, Climate Alliance responded to the public consultation on the draft guidelines on environmental and energy state aid



Go100%RE

In 2013, Climate Alliance added its support to the newly-established Global 100% RE campaign. The renewable energy campaign aims to initiate constructive debates on renewable energy supplies of the future based on existing 100% projects, and to render the reality of supply with 100% renewable energy a reality, establishing it as the norm. The campaign brings individual initiatives together in a global network and refutes sceptics' arguments with positive success stories. 100% RE projects are to be depicted on a world map. Events such as the hearing in the European Parliament in March 2014 are being organised within the scope of the campaign.

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for 2014-2020 in January 2014. The draft state aid guidelines are a threat to small-scale energy production with renewable energies, and to community energy projects in particular. We have sent letters to President Barroso and Commissioner Almunia highlighting the fact that the draft state aid guidelines should be in line with the energy transition process, and that citizens and local authorities are already leading the way in the new energy system – and this should not be neglected either in the guidelines on environmental and energy state aid for 2014-2020 or in the post-2020 framework. Further action followed in April 2014, with joint letters stressing that despite extensive comments received from citizen organisations, cities and regions, the draft paper still discriminates against a decentralised renewable energy system.

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100% RES Communities

A growing number of small cities and municipalities in rural areas are setting themselves the goal of supplying energy from 100% renewable sources, however they often lack the necessary expertise and capabilities to pursue an accordingly systematic approach. The 100% RES Communities EU project supports these communities with a model action plan, which allows them to develop and implement their sustainable energy action plans with minimal resources. Five experienced rural regions have teamed up with five new regions. Guidelines have been developed for rural communities based on the combined experience and made available online.

Selected model regions have signed the Covenant of Mayors. Each region began with two measures selected within the scope of the project, and will complete these by the end of the project. The Covenant office is informed of any difficulties that arise, and suggestions are made for future improvements to the methodology.

The municipal “Champions League for renewable energies” competition is being continued within the scope of this project and extended to include four more countries. The winners of the 2013 Champions League were honoured at a prize ceremony held in Kassel. The 2014 awards will be conferred in Brussels during the European Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW).

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CITIZENERGY

CITIZENERGY provides practical support in the implementation of renewable energy projects – from cooperatives to investment intermediation – and opens up a European dimension. The project promotes synergies between initiatives, overcomes barriers to citizen investments, and promotes the European transfer of business models. The aim is also to improve the European and national framework conditions for renewable energy projects. Twelve new citizen RES projects will be set up during the course of the project. Climate Alliance is responsible for communication and organises a European roadshow with information events.

From 2015, CITIZENERGY will offer:

- an interactive crowdfunding platform for citizen RES projects,
- transferable business models for RES projects,
- a European network.

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[website under construction]

MAKING CLIMATE ACTION MEASURABLE

Upon joining Climate Alliance, municipalities make a voluntary commitment to reducing their CO₂ emissions. Since 1993, the CO₂ monitoring working group has focused on establishing uniform methodologies and regulations for energy and CO₂ monitoring. The development of tools to serve as a uniform framework and template for municipalities' calculations and presentation of their results has topped the agenda for many years now. The acquisition and preparation of data is one further important field of activity. Thus the driving performance and energy consumption of road traffic in Luxembourg between 1995 and 2012 was calculated using data from the TÜV, which in turn enabled energy and CO₂ monitoring of private and freight road traffic.

The European Secretariat of Climate Alliance supports all member municipalities in methodological aspects relating to CO₂ monitoring. This includes the development of methods to support the planning and control of measures' success, such as the municipal climate protection coaching programme.

ECORegion

The ECORegion software developed in cooperation with Climate Alliance is currently used in a total of 914 municipalities, districts and regions in Germany, Italy and Luxembourg. Several German federal states recommend and support the use of ECORegion by assuming the licensing fees or providing free training and advice. Climate Alliance has trained countless municipalities in the use of ECORegion, and fostered an exchange of experiences within the scope of the "100 Municipalities for Climate Protection" ("100 Kommunen für den Klimaschutz") project financed by the Hessian Ministry for the Environment.

Due to differences in methodological approaches, calculation methods and data updating the co-operation between Climate Alliance and Ecospeed has now been discontinued for Germany. The number of ECORegion users in other countries continues to grow. Indeed, half of the municipalities in Luxembourg now use ECORegion to calculate their CO₂ emissions.

The "Municipal planning assistant for energy and climate protection" is a software tool with modules for monitoring, potential determination and scenario development. Harmonised methods for the evaluation and development of climate protection activities aim to support the development and implementation of climate protection concepts, motivating municipalities and regions to become active for climate protection. The software is being developed as a web-based application and is to be made available to all municipalities in Germany upon completion. The energy consumption data that previously had to be entered in ECORegion can now automatically be imported into the Climate Protection Planner.

Upon completion of the programming tender, this will be implemented in an online tool supported and coordinated by Climate Alliance. Local authorities will be able to benefit from a harmonised methodology for municipal CO₂ inventories for Germany (from 2014), an online tool for the preparation of local energy and CO₂ inventories, benchmarking and scenario development, and value creation (from 2016) as well as training offers for the application of the tool (from 2016).

Climate Protection Planner (DE)

This project funded within the scope of Germany's National Climate Protection Initiative serves the development of a standardised set of tools for cities, municipalities and districts.

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Climate Carbon Calculator

With the support of the GIZ and the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, the European Secretariat has prepared an Excel-based CO₂ monitoring tool for municipalities in Georgia and the Ukraine. The tool uses the Climate Alliance methodology for CO₂ monitoring, and enables calculation of the baseline emissions inventory required within the scope of the Covenant of Mayors.

The tool has successfully been implemented in five Ukrainian municipalities (Chernihiv, Novograd-Volynsky, Myrhorod, Vinnytsia and Kiev) for calculation of their baseline emissions inventories and is maintained by our partner, the association Energy Efficient Cities Ukraine. In Georgia, the tool was tested in the cities of Batumi and Zugdidi, and is now available to all municipalities via our partner, the Energy Efficiency Centre Georgia (EEC). Both partners assume responsibility for training and advising the municipalities. Use of the tools is free for Climate Alliance members in these two countries.

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Coaching Municipal Climate Protection

Within the “Coaching Municipal Climate Protection” programme, municipalities new to climate protection are supported in the launch of their climate protection activities through reflection on and sharing of the experiences of experienced cities and municipalities for initial guidance. Within the ongoing “Coaching Municipal Climate Protection in Baden-Württemberg” project, the project partners Climate Alliance, the ifeu Institute and the Deutsche Umwelthilfe



support the energy agencies of the state of Baden-Württemberg with their advice services for municipalities funded within the scope of the national climate protection initiative. Energy agency coaches receive training in coaching techniques and are supported in their on-site consulting within municipalities. An application has been submitted for follow-up funding for Germany-wide implementation of the coaching methodology.

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Millennium Development Goal Indicators



Local Governments
meet the MDGs

Within the scope of the “Networking in Europe: Local Authorities meet the MDGs” EU project, the Forschungsstätte der Evangelischen Studiengemeinschaft e.V. (FEST) based in Heidelberg has developed a municipal indicator system, which allows municipalities to ascertain whether and to what extent they can contribute to attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Each of the indicators features an exact description and definition, note on its relevance to the MDGs and goals, as well as a diagram depicting development.

Millennium Development Goal Indicators:

- Degree of familiarity with the Millennium Development Goals
- CO₂ emissions per inhabitant
- Residual and bulky waste per inhabitant
- Fair trade coffee per inhabitant
- Paper consumption and proportion of recycling at local authorities, printing houses and schools
- Municipal spending on fair trade products
- Recognition and use of fair trade footprints and sustainable procurement practices within clubs
- Number of eco-certified companies
- Total ongoing municipal spending for “One World” commitment
- Proportion of female elected representatives in municipal politics

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ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Even an immediate halt to all CO₂ emissions worldwide could no longer prevent noticeable climate change and increasingly frequent extreme weather events. Hence we also need intelligent concepts for adaptation to the forecast developments in addition to commitment to climate protection. In addition to its current involvement in the EU's "Mayors Adapt" initiative, Climate Alliance has been active in the field of "municipal strategies for adaptation to climate change" for ten years now to assume an effective, proactive role in pragmatic measures to adapt to climate protection and to direct the focus to synergies between "adaptation" and "migration". Damage avoidance invariably forms part of a sustainable approach to resources, and thus also contributes to climate protection.

SEAP_Alps

The project addresses integrated municipal climate mitigation and adaptation to climate change, with particular emphasis on the Alpine region. It is specifically geared towards local authorities interested in joining the Covenant of Mayors.

The main objective of SEAP_Alps is to promote sustainable energy planning at the local level by sharing a common methodology among participant partners. The project leads the way to integrating adaptation to climate change into Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs). The SEAP_Alps methodology for Mitigation and Adaptation was consequently developed on basis of the Covenant of Mayors' Sustainable Energy Action Plan and the European Climate Adaptation Platform.

In 2013, the training platform and the action tool were added. Besides detailed information about the integrated SEAP_Alps methodology, the training platform provides a knowledge test and an extensive link collection. The action tool supports Alpine Space municipalities in the selection of mitigation/adaptation activities meeting their individual requirements and capabilities.



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KlimaScout – The Wiki for Adaptation to Climate Change (DE)

With KlimaScout, Climate Alliance has developed an online tool providing targeted support in the development of municipal adaptation strategies and extensive information on the subject. KlimaScout is an open concept that is continuously evolving thanks to contributions from individuals. It is driven by the common goal of shaping sustainable living conditions for society despite unavoidable climate change.

The KlimaScout site for municipalities features a section containing general information on the framework conditions for municipal adaptation. A further section provides guidelines for the development of municipal adaptation strategies in five consecutive modules. A comprehensive catalogue of measures in which countless tried-and-tested approaches to adapting to climate change are presented completes the offerings. The wiki for citizens includes a series of simple and comprehensible tips for coping with extreme weather events and climate change. It is geared towards different affected groups, such as allotment owners, senior citizens and insurance policy holders, and outlines methods to help reduce the risks. KlimaScout seeks to support municipalities in this way, to raise awareness for the issue, and to thus create a basis for the acceptance of adaptation measures.

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LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION TO GET INVOLVED

CITY CYCLING – Cycling for an Improved Climate (DE)



The Germany-wide CITY CYCLING campaign invites local politicians and citizens to form teams to bike for their municipality, promote the bicycle as a means of transport, and advocate climate protection. Participating municipalities are free to choose 21 consecutive days between 1 May and 30 September during which the campaign should be implemented. Participants must cover as many kilometres by bike as possible for both professional and private purposes during this three-week period. Municipalities acknowledge the best individual cyclists and/or teams on the local level, and Climate Alliance confers awards for the top three municipalities in three categories on the national level, offering attractive incentives for small communities and major cities alike.

Key developments in 2014 include the CITY CYCLING app and the optional CITY CYCLING RADar! tool for participating municipalities. RADar! is a feedback platform that allows cyclists to inform their local authorities from their mobile phone or PC of places along municipal cycling routes requiring their attention. Municipalities are in turn

able to use this tool as a complement to their own road checks, and to set a focus on road improvement measures within the scope of their role as the road maintenance authority. At the same time, they are presented with an excellent opportunity to involve citizens: cyclists can send messages directly from their smartphones detailing where potholes, tree roots, illogical routing or other obstacles exist, including the GPS coordinates. CITY CYCLING helps consolidate the interests of road users, road safety, climate protection, and bicycle traffic promotion. This makes the campaign even more of a special event in the municipalities.

CITY CYCLING is taking place in 2014 for the seventh time. More than 200 municipalities participated in 2013. Around 70,000 active cyclists of whom almost 1,200 were members of local parliaments covered over 13,000,000 kilometres, avoiding nearly 2,000 tons of CO₂ compared to trips by car.

CITY CYCLING offers municipalities simple participation and implementation of a cycling campaign by means of a fully developed, tried-and-tested concept. Countless tools and materials in addition to a comprehensive IT infrastructure are available for a nominal participation fee.

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Naviki – Energy Efficiency through Web 2.0 Bicycle Navigation and Communication

Naviki is a navigation and communication platform. Available online and as a smartphone app, Naviki offers bicycle navigation, personal statistics, and an archive of marked, uploaded routes. Municipalities and other institutions are able to set up a personalised Naviki page for bicycle route planning or to analyse cycling behaviour in their local area based on their own marked routes. The Naviki routing widget can be used for free on any other website to help direct cyclists to specific locations.

The system developed in Germany can now be used throughout Europe and is available in twelve languages. Around 40 Naviki pages were set up during the project phase. Naviki was the official partner of the CITY CYCLING campaign, and continues to offer municipalities tailored bicycle route communication.

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ZOOM – Kids on the Move! The Green Footprints Campaign

The green footprints collected since 2002 demonstrate the enthusiastic commitment of children in Europe. They consider the topics of mobility, energy and nutrition during a project week,

and collect green, blue and red footprints for a symbolic climatic journey around the world. With their 'wish prints', they call upon UN climate summit participants to reach ambitious agreements to help safeguard their future.

In 2013, Polish schoolchildren handed over a total of 2,177,902 green footprints collected by 160,000 children in 13 countries to Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, Christiana Figueres. In 2014, the footprints will be handed over at the UN climate summit in Lima, Peru. This year, the focus is on the plight of the indigenous peoples of Amazonia.

The activities of the participating municipalities and establishments are documented in detail on the campaign website. Climate Alliance has prepared a pack of materials to support project implementation:

- Green footprint sticker albums
- Comprehensive accompanying resources (worksheets, templates, etc.)
- Guidelines for implementation in municipalities

“Op Kannerféiss duerch d’Welt”

In Luxembourg, the Kids on the Move! Campaign took place from back-to-school in September until end of October. In 23 municipalities, around 1,350 children representing 86 classes/groups participated and collected a total of 20,734 „Gréng Meilen“.

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Handing-over of Green Footprints to Marco Schank, Minister for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure (LU)



Action for MDGs – Municipalities Active for the Millennium Development Goals

Countless municipalities in Europe have been active in municipal development cooperation. They have entered into partnerships with other local authorities in Africa, Asia or Latin America, support projects, are involved in networks or have included the MDGs in their political agenda.

With the two EuropeAid-funded projects “Action for MDGs” and “From Overconsumption to Solidarity”, Climate Alliance and its partners support local authorities in the implementation of their local development agenda. The project partners wish to facilitate networking between local authorities as well as to foster an exchange of experiences and good practices.

The project helps to embed the Millennium Development Goals locally, and to better incorporate them into the work of cities and municipalities. We offer:

- Support in the development, implementation and presentation of your local development policy commitment and agenda
- Information on municipal development cooperation with examples from existing partnerships
- Presentations, workshops and seminars for politicians and administration staff
- Exhibition on land grabbing ("The land we grab - seizing tropical rainforest and soil")
- A large variety of offers for citizens (seminars with Geoscopia, art actions, competitions, role plays, theatre performances, etc.)
- Exchange on the local, national and European level with partners from the Southern hemisphere

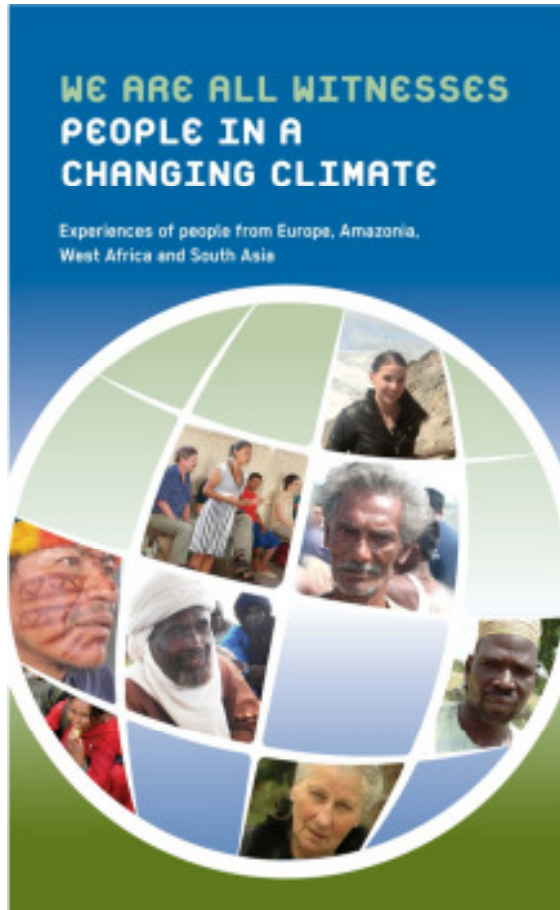
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Fair Play! Practical experience of climate (in)justice in a soccer game with rules of a different kind...

ENERGY AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

From Overconsumption to Solidarity



Also in this project, the Millennium Development Goals are the umbrella for a variety of activities and events. Central to the project is the exhibition "**We are all witnesses - People in a changing climate**" for rent and own printing, including further information and interactive online resources (web documentary), 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, theatre, etc.

ASTM (Solidarité Tiers Monde) is the lead organisation and coordinates the consortium on European consortium. Partners are: Climate Alliance (European Secretariat), Climate Alliance Austria, Védegylet Egyesület, Hungary, Nadace Partnerství, Czech Republic, Priatel'ia Zeme-CEPA, Slovakia and crossing borders, Denmark.

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Indigenous Representative from Brazil conferred the Weimar Human Rights Prize

On 10 December 2013 – International Human Rights Day, Benki Piyãko of the Asháninka people became the first indigenous person to be awarded the human rights prize of the city of Weimar.

Benki Piyãko has been committed to the peaceful coexistence of the Asháninka people from the state of Acre (of whom he is the leader) and their non-indigenous neighbours for many years now. It was only in 1980 that the Brazilian government officially acknowledged the Asháninka territory and granted autonomy. Benki Piyãko is the founder of the Yorenka Ātame (meaning 'knowledge of the primeval forest') training centre in which young indigenous and non-indigenous people can learn how to live sustainably with and in the rainforest and that brings Brazil's different ethnic groups together.

Following Benki Piyãko's visit to the European Secretariat of Climate Alliance, a project was financed to set up computer and internet courses for Asháninka and students at the Yorenka Ātame centre in Marechal Thaumaturgo in the Brazilian federal state of Acre. This project seeks to support the Asháninka in communication with the authorities and NGOs as well as with bureaucratic procedures. Thomas Brose from the European Secretariat was invited to hold the laudatory speech for Benki Piyãko.





Concert Readings with Grupo Sal

The programme on the subjects of the rainforest and climate protection was developed in cooperation with the music group, Grupo Sal. Texts on rainforest ecology, the latter's destruction and possible solutions have been put to music. The programme gains authenticity in the dialogue with Abadio Green, an indigenous representative from Colombia and professor for ethnolinguistics at the University of Medellin.

Over 60 concert readings have been held in Germany, Luxembourg and Austria since 2010, mostly in Climate Alliance member municipalities. The concert readings are an excellent opportunity to bring the topics of climate protection and the rainforest together, and to involve local actors in events.

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Project GREEN

The peoples of Amazonia have developed social and political structures, mythologies, historical traditions and medical concepts. This is the aim of the project that seeks to enable the inhabitants of Amazonia self-determination and to stimulate new thought and action for the preservation of nature and culture. The Waiãpi settlement area is located in the rainforests of French Guyana and the neighbouring Brazilian states of Amapá and Pará.

In 2013, project GREEN funded a health education programme for the Waiãpi, who traditionally live in isolation in the reserve in Amapá. The funding mainly went towards training 36 Waiãpi health care workers. The Institute for Research and Training in Indigenous Education (IEPÉ) was the local project partner who provided the training. The project is to be continued in 2014.

Artist Michael Müller painted 100 pictures for project GREEN to reflect the richness of the Amazonia peoples' languages to describe our green world – the antitheses of dividing up and patenting nature for commercial purposes. Each painting is associated with a word for the colour 'green' taken from an indigenous language. Only two of the paintings, entitled "Anidawa" and "Becu", are still available for purchase. Donations go directly to project GREEN.

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PROVIDING VISIBILITY TO YOUR CLIMATE ACTION

Climate Alliance's basis of work is – also on communication – on the vision and examples of our members offering an inspiration to their peers in different fields of action. Addressing the challenge of climate change together with our members, means that we constantly showcase and communicate on what cities and towns are doing on the ground but also how can our members benefit from the European policies and funding.

On a bi-monthly basis the [eClimail](#) keeps the members up to date on the latest policy issues, project news, our events as well as examples from the ground. The eClimail, Climate Alliance's newsletter, is open to everyone and provides a way to discover how Climate Alliance together with its members are working on ensuring that climate policies remain at the heart of European policies and how we are protecting the global climate.

The [Climate Alliance Website](#) is our main communication tool. Regular news on latest European policy issues, on advocacy, and on our projects can be found under the news section. We show how the bottom up examples can influence the European policy and build a bridge between European Institutions and local authorities. With Our Member's activities Climate Alliance can ensure a great visibility of the activities taking place on the ground.

As Climate Alliance acts as an official Covenant of Mayors supporter, our member's activities and events are regularly gaining extra visibility throughout the Covenant of Mayors website. Some eight news on the Covenant of Mayors website have targeted Climate Alliance and its members' activities. The main Climate Alliance news covered also at the Covenant of Mayors website were: the launch of the Mayors Adapt initiative, A+CoM award organised by Climate Alliance Italy together with the Kyoto Club, the twinning event between Georgian and German Covenant of Mayors signatories in Batumi, Georgia, Climate Alliance events during COP19 in Warsaw.





Social media

All the news published on the website are circulated on our social media channels, [Face Book](#) and [Twitter](#). Since 2013, Climate Alliance has been active on twitter and communicates – in real time – about our own events as well as events that we actively participating in. For example we provided real time coverage from COP 19 in Warsaw and from the launch of Mayors Adapt initiative. We invite all our members and partners to follow us on the social media, retweet us @ClimatAlliance.

Examples of tweets

The [YouTube](#) channel is updated with latest videos we are receiving from our members, as well as our own videos from our events and actions. To this extent, we invite our members to send us the videos they find relevant to be showcased and which we will use for giving them a greater visibility.



Press releases and media contacts

In 2013 and up to May 2014, some 25 press releases have been issued by the European Secretariat and the Brussels Office. Topics covered were financing (HORIZON 2020), 2030 framework and the role of local authorities, the Climate Alliance Executive Board meets Commissioner Hedegaard, International Day of cooperatives, the People's windmill and the launch of the Mayors Adapt Initiative. Events or launches of Climate Alliance campaigns or projects also provide regular food for the press. A strong media attention has been reached with the People's windmill action in Brussels we jointly organized together with other partners as part of the 2030 lobby work and during which we called for communities to be at the centre of renewable future.

Due to the economic crisis and the hit record levels of unemployment, the examples provided by Climate Alliance members and collected in [Competitive Europe - Local Authority Vision on 2030 Climate and Energy Policy](#) have been the key point of discussion in the several meetings that we had during the year with Cabinet members, Commission's officials, the Lithuanian presidency in 2013 and the Greek presidency in 2014. The online version of the Portfolio has been largely circulated to journalists as well.

Our article “Local authorities for better buildings” was published on the Build up portal in January and showcased exemplary actions from Munich (DE), Beckerich (LU), Cascais (PT), Vienna (AT), Ghent (BE) and Modena (IT). The BUILD UP Monthly News Alert in which the article was included, has reached 30.000+ e-mail addresses. In addition, the Beckerich example was chosen as the Highlighted Case of the month of February, 2014.

The article Putting communities at the heart of the new energy system in Europe - and beyond was published in the Outreach magazine during the COP 19 in Warsaw. Linked to our final event of the conference, the article focussed on the challenge of ‘energy transition’ and the partnerships needed between different government levels and between different stakeholders to tackle this challenge.

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Showcasing your Climate Action on Climate Alliance Website

Climate Alliance continuously showcases examples of best practices from its members online. The format comprises texts in German and English as well as photos that are featured on the homepage for several weeks. After this time, the presentations are made available under the “Our Members’ Activities” tab, organised by country. Climate Alliance also promotes the municipalities on its Facebook page and (should video material exist) also on YouTube.

The European Secretariat is responsible for journalistic preparation of the examples of best practices. You simply need to provide the pertinent information – in the form of texts, presentations, websites, data sheets, video clips, etc. Three to five photos (landscape format) that have been approved for publishing showing local citizens and politicians in action for the environment are also required.

This collection highlights the diversity of activities within Climate Alliance, and serves as self-portrayal, information and inspiration to all members. It also provides an indication to the staff at the European Secretariat which municipalities are particularly active – information they can then use for lobby work and events, for example.

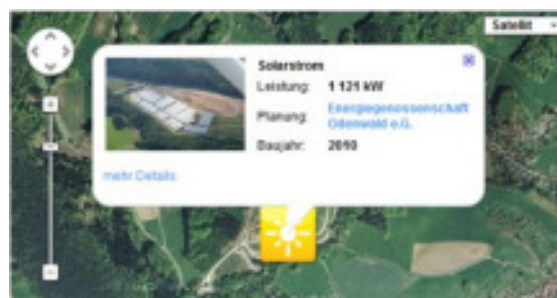
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Repowermap – the Online Map for Renewable Energies

Repowermap showcases successful initiatives in the field of renewable energies. Municipalities and citizens, clubs and energy associations are invited to upload details of their renewable energy projects to the Repowermap. Whether a citizen solar plant on municipal roofs, wood pellet oven in your cellar, or passive show home in the local neighbourhood: Good examples can help motivate others to take action themselves.

Integrated into municipal websites, Repowermap serves as a local-specific interactive information compendium that illustrates the local energy transition. Municipalities are able to use Repowermap’s interactive online map to link projects in their local area to their own homepage and showcase these. Moreover, the internet platform promotes exchange and helps motivate energy actors.

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The Executive Board

Climate Alliance's Executive Board consists of a maximum 13 members who meet twice a year to discuss key Climate Alliance issues.

In conjunction with the European Secretariat and the Brussels Office, the Executive Board members define Climate Alliance's priorities and strategic orientation. Executive Board members are invited to represent Climate Alliance at various high-level meetings and events. They are political spokespersons for the network: they openly support the network's activities and strive to spread its messages and views at public occasions. Such occasions also provide visibility for the cities represented in the Executive Board. The Executive Board members receive regular EU policy briefings on current EU climate and energy policy debates from the Brussels Office, and are also asked to share their expectations and priority topics with the European Secretariat and the Brussels Office. This important feedback on the network and planning helps orientate the European policy work.

Meet the Climate Alliance Board members at:
www.climatealliance.org/executive-board-members0.0.html

National Coordination Offices

Climate Alliance's work builds substantially on national coordination offices. National Coordinators are currently active in Austria, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg and Switzerland. European Secretariat and National Coordinators meet twice a year, meetings are often combined with those of the Executive Board.

National Coordinators allow a more intensive service for members and a more direct political and strategic involvement of Climate Alliance at national level. They connect different local, national, European and international political levels regarding all relevant topics at the time.

www.climatealliance.org/national-coordinations0.0.html#c2705



Executive Board members, National Coordinators and Directors in front of the European Parliament, 2013

At your service: the staff

Eighteen people were employed at the European Secretariat of Climate Alliance in 2013, who shared an average of 16.5 full-time positions. Ten specialists worked in the field of municipal climate protection and forest/timber, while two coordinated the cooperation with the indigenous peoples. Besides the two directors and the accountant, four employees were responsible for member services and administration as well as press and public relations work. There were also a number of temporary staff, interns and volunteers.



A total of six people are currently employed at Climate Alliance's office in Brussels. The team in Brussels works mainly on European policy, representation, communication and on the Covenant of Mayors and Mayors Adapt initiatives.



PLEASE CONTACT US!

All direct contacts are on:

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