

Manifesto Bolzano Declaration

Goals and Fields of
Activity of the Cities
and Municipalities in
the Climate Alliance

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This leaflet contains the two basic documents of the Climate Alliance:

- The **"Manifesto of European Cities on an Alliance with Amazonian Indian Peoples"**, which is the founding document of the Climate Alliance, and
- the **"Bolzano Declaration"**, which is based on the experience gained in ten years of Climate Alliance activities and was adopted by the Alliance's General Assembly in 2000.

The Manifesto was adopted ten years ago, in 1990, at a meeting of representatives of European municipalities and Amazonian indigenous organizations held in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. It laid the foundation for an Alliance uniting very different partners to work together to protect the world's climate.

The Manifesto is the basis for Climate Alliance activities. Our work centres on local authority responses to the global environmental concerns of our times. The formal context for this work is the association registered under the name of "Klima-Bündnis / Alianza del Clima e.V.", which European local authorities join by signing the Manifesto. The association provides a democratic structure and maintains a European Secretariat. COICA, the umbrella organization of the nine national-level indigenous organizations of the Amazon Basin, is the partner of the European local authorities.

The response to the initiative has been strong. By 1992, the group of local authorities from Germany, Austria and Switzerland formed in late 1990 had been joined by some 100 municipalities from Germany, the Netherlands, Austria, Switzerland and Italy. By early 1995, membership had risen to more than 370 municipalities. Further countries were represented: Denmark, Luxembourg, Sweden and Spain. Writing in mid-2000, the Climate Alliance counts 900 members with a total population of more than 48 million people.

The purpose of the Bolzano Declaration is not to substitute the Manifesto, but to complement it. We aim to appeal to further local authorities and to offer them a comprehensive commitment and practical orientation for action. We view the protection of the world's climate as a core element of any strategy for sustainability. This applies equally at the local level. We hope that many more municipalities across Europe will join our initiative.

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MANIFESTO OF EUROPEAN CITIES ON AN ALLIANCE WITH THE AMAZONIAN INDIAN PEOPLES

ADOPTED BY THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE CLIMATE ALLIANCE IN AUGUST 1990

GLOBAL CLIMATIC CHANGES ARE LOOMING. THE TORONTO WORLD CONFERENCE DECLARED THAT DRASTIC REDUCTIONS OF CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS ARE IMPERATIVE – PARTICULARLY FOR THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES OF THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE.

75% OF THE EMISSIONS FROM THE BURNING OF FOSSIL FUELS ARE PRODUCED BY NORTHERN HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES. THE CONCLUSION WE DRAW IS THAT WE ARE UNDER AN OBLIGATION TO TAKE ACTION.

1. THE ALLIANCE OF EUROPEAN CITIES

WE, THE CITIES OF EUROPE, ARE STRIVING TO ENSURE, BY REDUCING ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND MOTORIZED ROAD TRANSPORT, THAT PRESSURE IS TAKEN OFF THE ATMOSPHERE SO AS TO ENABLE IT TO PROVIDE SATISFACTORY LIVING CONDITIONS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

2. NO UNNECESSARY CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS

OUR AIM IS TO HALVE CO₂ EMISSIONS BY THE YEAR 2010 AND THEN REDUCE THEM EVEN FURTHER, STEP BY STEP. WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO STOP ALL PRODUCTION AND USE OF CFC PROPELLANTS IMMEDIATELY.

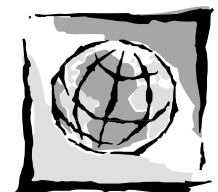
WE REGARD AS OUR ALLIES ALL THOSE WHO TAKE SIMILAR STEPS TO PROTECT THE WORLD'S CLIMATE.

3. WE SUPPORT THE ALLIANCE OF THE AMAZONIAN INDIAN PEOPLES

WE, THE CITIES OF EUROPE, SUPPORT THE CONCERN OF THE AMAZONIAN INDIAN PEOPLES FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE TROPICAL RAIN FOREST, THE BASIS OF THEIR VERY EXISTENCE, THROUGH THE DEMARCATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF THE AMAZONIAN TERRITORIES. THEIR DEFENCE OF THE FORESTS AND RIVERS IS A CONTRIBUTION TO SUSTAINING THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS AS THE BASIC PRECONDITION FOR HUMAN EXISTENCE. WOOD FROM TROPICAL RAINFORESTS MUST THEREFORE BE NEITHER IMPORTED NOR UTILIZED IN ANY WAY; MOREOVER, FURTHER FORMS OF FOREST DEGRADATION SUCH AS UNLIMITED CATTLE PRODUCTION, COLONIZATION PROJECTS, THE USE OF PESTICIDES, MONOCULTURES, HYDROELECTRIC POWER STATIONS AND MINING AND MINERAL OIL EXPLOITATIONS WHICH ARE ENVIRONMENTALLY DAMAGING MUST BE QUESTIONED. THE FORESTS ARE A SINK FOR CARBON DIOXIDE, THE EMISSION OF WHICH WE, TOO, – IN OUR OWN WAY – SEEK TO RESTRICT.

IN OUR EFFORTS TO PRESERVE LIVING CONDITIONS FOR THIS PLANET WE SEE OURSELVES AS THEIR PARTNERS IN THE ALLIANCE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE RAINFORESTS AND THE PROTECTION OF THE CLIMATE, WHICH, WE HOPE, MORE AND MORE EUROPEAN CITIES WILL JOIN!

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Bolzano Declaration

Adopted by the General Assembly in May 2000 in Bolzano/Italy

By signing the Climate Alliance Manifesto, we, the European cities and municipalities in the Climate Alliance, have set ourselves ambitious goals for the protection of the climate and have committed ourselves to preserving the rainforests and supporting the indigenous peoples of the Amazon region. At the beginning of the new millennium, the Climate Alliance looks back on ten years' work and recognises the need for appraisal.

Hundreds of European municipalities have already joined the Climate Alliance. In many cases, our efforts go beyond those of nation states. Based on individual, technically-oriented climate protection measures, we have, through motivation and coordination, further developed our strategy to include private consumers, associations and businesses. In reporting our experience, we can prove that through our campaigns, we have achieved considerable advancement in many climate-related areas. Conditions in the areas of energy and transport, which are defined by national and international climate protection policies, have, however, seen a negative development so that climate protection results fall far short of our expectations.

This makes us all the more committed to halving CO₂ emissions. It is evident that in the long-run, a greater reduction in greenhouse gas emissions will be necessary in order to avoid disastrous changes in the global climate. In addition, for us as well as for all those municipalities that will join us in the future, short and mid-term goals which can be achieved within the current framework conditions are crucial. We commit ourselves to exploit our scope for action to reduce CO₂ emissions in the available fields of action. Moreover, we will advocate radical improvements of the relevant framework conditions. Such improvements are essential if the targets of the Climate Alliance are to be achieved.

We have joined an alliance with the indigenous peoples of the rainforests and share their belief that prudent protection of the last rainforests on earth is only possible with the help and involvement of their inhabitants. In exchanges with our allies, we have learnt that we should not perceive the indigenous peoples as mere "keepers of the forests", but must consider the entire scope of their concerns.

The indigenous peoples are already receiving more recognition and respect at both national and international levels. But the continued destruction of their means of existence has yet to be halted.

With this declaration, we want to augment our existing commitments with the experience we have since gained. This declaration stands for hope – hope that an adequate quality of life on all the continents of our planet will be possible for future generations.

The Context

Our aims and our willingness to take responsibility as local actors for global environment problems were confirmed by the results of the UNCED Conference in Rio de Janeiro in 1992. We are committed to an idea of sustainability which combines environmental concerns with local ecological and economical issues as well as with the questions of social justice and human rights. In view of continuing trends towards globalisation, we wish to emphasise the importance of both cultural and local diversity in the quality of life on our planet. We view this not least as opportunity to develop autonomous approaches to solving the pressing environmental problems of our time.

The Goals

Effective climate protection calls for a reduction in all greenhouse emissions, which is the subject of the Kyoto and Montreal Protocols¹⁾. In the midterm, we are striving for more rigorous reductions in CO₂ and other greenhouse gases than those agreed to by the industrial states. The longterm goal for our cities and towns is a climate-friendly per capita value for greenhouse gas emissions.

We support indigenous rainforest peoples in their endeavours to exercise their basic rights. These include the right to be recognised as peoples with traditional territories, the right to self-determination and the right to live in their natural environment.

We want to contribute to the conservation of tropical forests and their biological diversity within the framework of possibilities for municipal action. This also serves climate protection, which requires both conservation and expansion of biological CO₂ sinks and, at the same time, a reduction in manmade greenhouse gas emissions at source.

Fields of Activity and Measures

In climate protection, we will undertake the following:

- A significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions through energy saving, increased efficiency and rational use of energy, as well as through the building up of a renewable energy system.
- Transport policies that achieve the reduction of motorised transport, and both promote and reward climate-friendly mobility.
- Urban planning in which we can exercise our various options for action in order to achieve and implement our goals in the areas of energy and transport.
- The consideration of climate protection in the areas of procurement, disposal (waste and waste-water), agriculture, forestry and tourism.
- The integration of private households as well as public and private enterprises in climate protection efforts, giving consideration to and inviting participation of the various social groups.
- The integration of our fields of activity in Local Agenda 21 processes. These fields include in particular our Climate Alliance Partnership with the indigenous peoples, the conservation of biological diversity and all other areas in which we seek consensus on new lifestyles and business methods, such as mobility and consumption patterns.
- The elimination of substances which deplete the ozone layer and hinder our climate protection objectives.

For us, support of the indigenous peoples means:

- Supporting the interests and rights of the indigenous rainforest peoples in national and international strategies and legal instruments such as ILO Convention No. 169 as well as in international agreements that affect their interests, e.g. the Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Convention on Biological Diversity.
- Support of dialogue processes between the indigenous peoples, governments, the private sector and international institutions concerning an ecologically and socially sustainable use of tropical forests that safeguards the rights of the people concerned.
- Support of projects initiated by the indigenous peoples in situ and the promotion of partnerships between European municipalities and indigenous communities.

We aim to contribute to tropical forest conservation by:

- Abstaining in municipal procurement from tropical timber derived from destructive logging or primary tropical forests; we further recommend abstaining from timber derived from destructive logging or primary forests in other climatic zones.
- Supporting and implementing other policies and measures for the protection of the rainforests and their biological diversity which guarantee the rights of the people living in the forests, particularly the indigenous peoples. This includes internationally recognised, verifiable and independent certification of timber produced by ecologically and socially acceptable forest management systems, and sustainable use of other forest products that contribute to the quality of life of the indigenous communities.

Giving consideration to the special conditions of each member municipality, we will agree on a common approach concerning municipal climate protection and North-South cooperation, with a view to further developing our approach in the future:

- Drawing up short- and midterm targets as well as sectoral targets in the various fields of activity which enable monitoring of progress.
- Establishing and implementing municipal action programmes which use the Climate Alliance's catalogue of measures as a guideline.
- Agreement on a monitoring system to assess progress towards our objectives, in particular instruments for the inventories of CO₂ emissions and a set of further indicators for monitoring.
- Strengthened efforts to influence European and national policy-making bodies as well as the international community for the implementation of our goals.

¹⁾ The Kyoto Protocol refers to carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluoro-carbons (PFCs), and sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆). The Montreal Protocol includes fully and partially halogenated hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs and HFCs), and halons.