Capacity building for municipalities and their supporters through Covenant capaCITY

- from planning to action to monitoring -

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Introducing ICLEI

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability supports cities and towns to become sustainable.

• We consider a Sustainable Community to: strive to **reduce its per capita use of natural resources** to a level that endangers neither local nor global ecosystems, and at the same time, ensure that political, economic and social **systems guarantee a high quality of life for everyone**.

• Our focus is on: quality, standards, practical support, working closely with local governments in their communities.

• **Multiple roles**: International, regional and national advocacy – e.g. climate, sustainable development, and biodiversity

• ICLEI Europe works through **Campaigns and Projects**
Addressing challenges

• Develop sustainable energy communities, that in turn can ...
  - support national and European **targets** –20% by 2020, Energy Roadmap 2050, ...
  - benefit from other priorities e.g. **green economy**, 
  - ensure that cities and towns remain ‘liveable’ and offer a **good quality of life** to citizens.

• Respond to gaps on awareness (options, opportunities, threats, ..) and knowledge (technical, policy, planning, ..) among local governments (LGs) across Europe by developing their capacity to act.
Mobilising local governments

Verified local climate action with enhanced access to global climate funds

COP17 - Durban

COP16 - Cancun Agreements
LGs as governmental stakeholders

COP15 - Copenhagen Accord

COP13 - Bali Action Plan

COP11 - Kyoto Protocol

Global Climate Action

What is Covenant capaCITY? (i)

3-year European capacity building project - focusing on 15 countries, through 3 main activities:

• An easy learning programme on local climate and energy action offered to local governments (local political leaders and municipal staff)
  o Start-up level – interested in exploring what this means
  o Advanced level - municipalities with a SEAP

• ‘Train-the-trainer’ programme - inviting participation of representatives from:
  o Local government associations & networks
  o Energy agencies working with municipalities
What is Covenant capaCITY? (ii)

- **Support 92 selected cities and towns** – step-by-step SEAP development
  - Roundtables to explore situation
  - Webinars to address specific issues
  - SEAP guidance by experts
  - Peer review of developments
  - SEAP submission to Council
  - SEAP approval by Council

- **Results:** empowered LGs that are ready to engage, and feel comfortable to join Covenant of Mayors.
Training focus on 8 topics

- Greenhouse gas inventories
- SEAP development
- Stakeholder involvement
- Procurement
- Transport
- Buildings
- Waste
- Water

Reduce it!
- energy savings and efficiency,
  reduce waste

Clean it!
- renewables, clean fuels
- local production & use, waste-to-energy

Control it!
- reduce traffic, promote cycling & walking
- public transport, green fleets

Monitor and report it!
- GHG inventories, report to Council,
  CoM and global platform
Multiple countries

Training in 15 countries:

• **Primary focus:** Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Greece, Italy, Poland, Romania, Slovenia
• **Secondary focus:** Finland, France, Sweden, United Kingdom (UK)
• **Tertiary focus:** Austria, Germany, Slovakia
How do we work? (I)

1) Develop a “generic” **European LG capacity building programme** for start-up municipalities, and to offer advice for advanced LGs.

2) **Test and launch** programme (in English, online, 8 modules).

3) Use this as basis for **12 country versions** (national languages).

4) **Test and launch** 12 country programmes.

5) **Train capaCITY trainers** in 15 countries to support process.

6) **Tools for trainers:**
   - capaCITY Trainer guidance – **online virtual library** where all guidance material for trainers is centralised (access only for registered trainers)
   - **FAQ** - Frequently Asked Questions
   - **Discussion Forum for Trainers**
   - Online **events calendar**
How do we work? (II)

7) **Organise events**: thematic workshops, conference, national motivation conferences, webinars, study tours, city workshops

8) **Offer support** for the development / improvement of Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs) to a number of LGs.

9) **Promote** offers, communicate, motivate and encourage LGs

10) **Cooperation with other IEE projects e.g. LEAP, Cascade, Conurbant, eReNet, NET-COM, etc..**

11) **Collection of resources in Toolbox of Methodologies** - [www.energyformayors.eu/toolbox](http://www.energyformayors.eu/toolbox)
   - Multiple topics
   - Multiple languages
Consortium

- **Education experts**: ZSI, IHS, FCG
- **Technical experts**: Act on Energy, AEEPM, CAN-France, CM, ERKAS, REAC, SOG, WWF Bulgaria DCP, WWF Poland
- **Cities**: Burgas, Malmö, Koprivnivca, Padova
- **LG associations / networks**: EcoEnergy, ICLEI Europe, SOS
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