Networking the Covenant of Mayors at national level

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Energy Cities

The European Association of local authorities inventing their energy future

Representing 1,000 cities from 30 countries

- Medium-sized and large cities
- A constant & dynamic growth
The EU and Member States are LEGALLY committed.

The EU Climate & Energy Package Objectives: 3 x 20 by 2020
Municipalities are VOLUNTARY committed

> 4000 signatories

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Covenant of Mayors
The message is clear

Help us to help you!

How to do it?

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How to manage more than 4000 signatories?

Centralised management from the CoMO?

Impossible
How to manage more than 4000 signatories?

Decentralised management with Covenant Supporters/Territorial coordinators?

More realistic and aligned with the CoM concept

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National Covenant Clubs

- Austria
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- The Netherlands
- Poland
- Slovakia
- Sweden
- Vlanders/Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Romania
- Baltic Sea Region
Covenant beyond the figures…

• A huge quantitative success in certain countries (Italy, Spain, Greece, Portugal, Sweden, Denmark, Croatia, Malta, Romania)
• A medium quantitative success in some others (France, Germany, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Bulgaria)
• A low quantitative success in others (Austria, UK, Belgium, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, etc.)

From an unexpected opportunity to an unnecessary additional engagement
Various situations…

- **Highly experienced cities / countries**
  (Austria, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, etc.)
- **Medium experienced cities / countries**
  (France, Belgium, The Netherlands, etc.)
- **Less experienced cities / countries**
  (Italy, Spain, Greece, Malta, Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Balkans, Turkey, etc.)

**From prudence to enthusiasm**

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Various contexts
(powers & responsibilities of local authorities)

Countries having...

- ... a strong local power
  (Nordic and federal countries)
- ... a low local power
  (France, CEEC, Spain, etc.)

Everybody has to be proud of being committed
4000 signatories, and so what?

- A quantitative success to confirm and enlarge…
- A quantitative success to be translated into a qualitative success…
- Anyway, a dynamic nearly everywhere…

In a quite bad international climate context (COPs failures) but with burning energy issues (peak oil, energy prices, Fukushima)
Diverse Clubs, Common Objectives

- Make the Covenant of Mayors a success at national level
- Prove that networking is a powerful instrument for designing and implementing local sustainable energy policies... and achieve cities’ energy and climate objectives!

Capacity Building Workshops

High level political meetings

Lobbying

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Dialogue Platforms

National, regional and local stakeholders
Why is national networking important?

- Enlarging our vision
- Learning from other practices and bringing its own experience
- Improving national frameworks
- Belonging to a national but also European movement... Even in a rather difficult context...

Enthusiasm is needed!
Join our Covenant Clubs and dialogue platforms

- If you are a Covenant signatory or interested to sign
- If you are a Supporter or Territorial Coordinator
- If you are a national, regional, local stakeholder committed to sustainable energy policies and empowering local authorities

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High level meetings and strong political message

- October 2012, Brussels
- February 2013, Brussels
- April 2013, Växjö

For other meetings at national level, please consult our website:

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Strong message to RIO+20:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=Bq5P7hiloNE