Top reasons to join the Covenant Community

1. My local authority is part of a European movement and commits to meet and exceed the European Union’s climate and energy targets for 2020. Signing the Covenant of Mayors is the opportunity to demonstrate, that local authorities in Europe take an active role in climate mitigation.

2. My local authority uses the manifold opportunities to network with other local authorities who also have committed to ambitious climate mitigation goals. The interactive internet platform, which is enhanced continuously, the workshops and national Covenant Clubs provide room for virtual and face-to-face interaction.

3. My local authority benefits from financial schemes which are targeted at Covenant signatories, for example the Local Energy Fund (ELENA), der European Energy Efficiency Fund (EEEF) and Smart Cities and Communities. The more local authorities join the movement, the better are the chances to obtain financial support from the institutions at the regional, national and European levels.

4. My local authority elaborates its Sustainable Energy Action Plan using a methodological framework, which meanwhile has become a standard throughout Europe. This enables my local authority to compare itself with others. Furthermore, the action plan converts the political commitments made into measurable activities.
5. My local authority keeps track of its progress, by reporting every two years on the implementation status of the Sustainable Energy Actions Plan.

6. My local authority showcases its success stories and good practice during Covenant events and via the internet platform. It can use the automatically generated synthesis report to show the objectives of the SEAP and results of the monitoring in a visual attractive and concise manner.

7. My local authority participates in the diverse capacity building activities related to climate mitigation in Europe, offered by the Covenant of Mayors.

8. My local authority receives extensive support from the Covenant of Mayors office, the Climate Alliance European Secretariat and national coordinators, in several national languages.

9. My local authority benefits from the cooperation of the Covenant of Mayors with related initiatives such as Smart Cities and Communities, EU Sustainable Energy Week, ManagEnergy, Mayors Adapt, ProcA and several others. The Covenant office promotes exchange and creates further synergies and coherence between the initiatives. At the international level, the Covenant office has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the US Mayors and is the European counterpart overseeing the EU-China Urbanisation Partnership.