2009 Activity Report

2010 Planning
The year 2010 marks the 20th birthday of Climate Alliance! More than 1,500 local authorities have joined our network until today, have committed to the ambitious Climate Alliance target and are developing and implementing “local solutions for change”.

Looking back on 2009, the year was marked on an international level mainly by the preparations for the COP15 in Copenhagen. Expectations that the conference would result in an important step forward went unfulfilled. There was not only disappointment in regards to the lack of solutions obtained, but also general doubts about the international level’s ability to deliver far reaching results were raised.

At the same time, great strides are being taken with a groundbreaking initiative in Europe: The Covenant of Mayors. With its signatories – as with Climate Alliance – voluntarily committing to a concrete CO2 reduction target, the Covenant is a strategically important movement for us. The Covenant represents a form of institutional recognition of Climate Alliance’s commitment to emission reduction. Additionally, we expect that tangible actions are soon to follow, whether it is by involving cities in the design of future EU policies or by launching new financial instruments. Europe needs a “mass-movement” of local authorities to assume responsibility for their scope of action and to set a course in the right direction. This is the reason why the Board of Climate Alliance calls upon all members to sign up for the Covenant of Mayors in 2010!

Starting with our Annual Conference in Perugia, the year 2010 will be important for taking stock of member achievements through tools developed within Climate Alliance such as ECORegion, which is a tool used to prepare CO2 emissions inventories and is currently evolving into a European standard. 2010 is also the time to make even more ambitious steps towards a sustainable energy future and I’m happy to walk jointly down this road with all of you in Climate Alliance.

In Amazonia, 2009 was the year of dramatic developments with many violent attacks from the police and military against indigenous groups. The conflict behind these attacks revolved around access to natural resources such as wood, gold, crude oil and the expansion of agriculture. The violent conflicts in Peru have attracted attention due to the level of brutality as many people on both sides of the conflict have been killed. The government has tried to dissolve the national organisation AIDESEP, accusing them of being responsible for this conflict. The president of AIDESEP, Alberto Pizango, asked for political asylum abroad and is currently residing there. These conflicts are a result of the attempts of the Peruvian government to take away the indigenous peoples’ rights and to ease access to resources in Amazonia.

Internationally, indigenous peoples are becoming more and more important actors by contributing to the search for potential strategies and solutions to the climate crisis. This is notably relevant in the discussion regarding the elaboration of the REDD mechanism and its use as an international climate protection instrument. The next COP in 2010 in Mexico will mark an important milestone in the discussions over wide impacts of climate crisis issues on the indigenous peoples.

Joachim Lorenz
Permanent Councillor for Health and Environment of the City of Munich
President of Climate Alliance

Diego Escobar
Coordinator for Environment and Natural Resources of COICA
Vice-President of Climate Alliance
After the failure of the Climate Conference in Copenhagen in December 2009 it will become still more important to strengthen the ongoing activities on the local level.

15th UN Climate Change Conference
Just before Christmas 2009, 120 Heads of State and Government went home empty-handed: The biggest climate summit ever has ended with a vague declaration without any concrete targets or commitments.
Only the promise of a $30 billion per year funding to battle climate change for 2010 to 2012 and of $100 billion per year from 2020 onwards in developing countries remained as positive factor in the “Copenhagen Accord”, which was accepted in the weakest possible way: “the Conference takes note”.

Climate Alliance participated in this COP with various activities and an exhibition. Under the title “Solutions for Change: (How) local authorities are contributing to meet international climate targets”, Climate Alliance presented in its Side Event the Climate Cities Benchmark and achievements of its users, high-lighting results and conclusions in individual fields of action. A special focus was given to the German National Climate Initiative, the new support of the federal administration for the local level. Achievements of the local and regional levels were presented for the City of Nagoya and it’s Low Carbon Strategy and by the Province of Rome with its CO₂ inventory, calculated with the ECORegion tool including actions and the consequences of this analysis.

Together with pupils from Sankt Petri School in Copenhagen, Climate Alliance presented incredible 2,862,518 Green Footprints of the ZOOM – Kids on the Move 2009 campaign to the UNFCCC Secretariat. Around 187,000 children from all over Europe participated in this more than ever successful Climate Alliance campaign.

In collaboration with indigenous representatives from other continents, COICA, the indigenous partners in Climate Alliance, introduced and discussed positions at the Conference. The discussions focused on a new instrument for compensation measures regarding ‘avoided deforestation’ (REDD, see also next paragraph). The concerns of indigenous peoples worldwide can be summarised by a call of respect of their rights, especially regarding a legal acknowledgement of their habitat. At the end of the first conference-week, an “Indigenous Day” took place with indigenous representatives from all over the world exchanging their experiences and discussing their political positions, as well as trying to develop a common strategy to influence the negotiations. Diego Escobar, Vice-President of Climate Alliance and representative of the partner organisation COICA, represented the positions of the indigenous peoples in Amazonia.
REDD – Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation

Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD) is a proposed element in the framework of a new post-2012 agreement. REDD is one of the most controversial issues in the international climate change debate: While some see it as an important instrument to avoid deforestation and combat climate change, others are afraid that a market based instrument will not be effective enough to achieve the desired results.

In 2009, there were many regional, national and international meetings and conferences, including a campaign launched by Climate Alliance against the instrument REDD. The first step taken by Climate Alliance was the sending of a letter to all European MEPs to raise awareness about the impacts of such an instrument on indigenous peoples and the rainforests. With the participation of COICA representatives during Climate Alliance’s Annual Conference 2009, a resolution was passed against REDD.

World Social Forum 2009 in Belém, Brazil

The 9th World Social Forum took place in northern Brazil, in the city of Belém. A main issue discussed during this meeting, which was created as an alternative meeting to the World Economic Forum in Davos, was the Amazon Rain Forest and its indigenous peoples. Climate Alliance participated in the framework of the Green Project and exchanged intensively with indigenous representatives from different areas and countries in the Amazon region.

Local Government Climate Change Leadership Summit

Local governments from around the world came to Copenhagen in June 2009 to reinforce their commitments to climate protection and present their city’s achievements in the areas of local greenhouse gas reduction measures and potentials. They also formulated the concrete requirements towards national governments in order to make these measures effective.
Activities in this field of work are dedicated to a stronger consideration of the local level in all superordinated policy and administration levels and an improvement of framework conditions for local climate change policies.

Covenant of Mayors
The Covenant of Mayors is the first European Commission initiative directly targeting local authorities to take the lead in combating climate change. All Covenant of Mayors signatories make a voluntary commitment to go beyond the EU objectives in terms of CO\textsubscript{2} emission reduction. Only 14 months after its launch, more than 1400 local authorities have signed. On 4 May 2010, the Second Covenant of Mayors Ceremony will be held in the Hemicycle of the European Parliament in Brussels.

Climate Alliance as Covenant of Mayors Helpdesk
The Covenant of Mayors Office is run by a consortium of European networks representing local and regional authorities: Energie-Cités, Climate Alliance, Eurocities, CEMR, Fedarene and Pracsis - and operates as the primary interface for all local governments and other bodies interested in joining. Climate Alliance is in charge of running the Covenant Helpdesk and developing methodological tools to provide all Covenant signatories with guidance on how to prepare/implement their Baseline Emission Inventory and Sustainable Energy Action Plan.

Climate Alliance as Supporting Structure to the Covenant of Mayors
In October 2009, Climate Alliance has joined the Covenant of Mayors as a so-called “Supporting Structure”. As a European city network, it is committed to promoting the Covenant of Mayors initiative among its members and providing dedicated exchange of experience on implementing its requirements. Furthermore Climate Alliance promotes replicable and successful actions of its members as a source of inspiration for other local authorities and provides relevant methods, such as CLIMATE COMPASS for the elaboration of a sustainable energy action plan, useful tools such as ECORegion for the CO\textsubscript{2} emission inventories and ready-made campaigns for the involvement of citizens and stakeholders.

Climate Star 2009
The 2009 motto “Short Track to Climate Protection” referred to the local benefits of climate change mitigation projects. Insulating buildings, using locally-available renewable energy sources, better urban and transport planning or promotion of regional products – all these actions have one thing in common: they contribute not only to the reduction of CO\textsubscript{2} emissions, but also to job creation, healthy local economies, identification of citizens and quality of life.

15 European cities, municipalities and local authorities associations were awarded with a Climate Star 2009 at a solemn ceremony hosted by the Federal State of Lower-Austria in October 2009 at Melk Abbey. Record-breaking 444 cities and municipalities from 11 countries applied for the European award and recorded their local climate protection activities.

Climate Star Awardees 2009: Association of Local Authorities in Skaraborg (SE), Barcelona Provincial Council (ES), Dorf an der Pram (AT), Freiburg im Breisgau (DE), Ghent (BE), Gleisdorf (AT), Kirklees Council (UK), Lustenau (AT), Osnabrück (DE), Poysdorf (AT), Sand in Taufers / Campo Tures (IT), St. Pölten (AT), The Hague (NL), Ulricehamn (SE), and Vienna (AT).
Local Governments Climate Partnership
Learning from each other and undertaking joint action in mitigating climate change are at the centre of the Local Governments Climate Partnership initiative. With Germany, the USA and Japan being the causers of about 30% of the worldwide CO₂ emissions, exceptionally effective climate protection measures are required to achieve the necessary emission reductions. In this context, action on the local level is essential. The priority of the Local Governments Climate Partnership is therefore to support an active exchange on local climate change policies among German cities and their twin cities in Japan and the USA.

In February 2010, a study tour to the USA was organised. Seven german cities (Esslingen, Freiburg, Friedrichshafen, Hamburg, Kaiserslautern, Mainz and Stuttgart) met their US twin cities to exchange and debate their experiences, approaches and achievements in local climate policies. The study tour started with an expert meeting hosted by the City of Chicago, followed by the visits of the German cities to their sister cities.

Climate Alliance and the Heidelberg Ifeu Institute were in charge of carrying out this research project on behalf of the German Federal Agency for the Environment. Apart from creating opportunities for twin cities to meet and exchange, they have developed a specific tool to enable efficient mutual learning (see page 7): The Climate Cities Benchmark.

Climate Alliance and EU policy

New Commission
2010 marks a change in climate and energy policies in Brussels. First of all the new Commission was set up and the new Commissioners selected in early 2010. In addition the relevant Commissioners were reinforced by a new Commissioner on Climate Action. These changes also have an influence on the day to day work of the relevant Directorate Generals (DGs) of the European Commission, as well as reorient the Commission work programme and the plans for future key initiatives. Therefore one of the key priorities this year is to follow up the developments of the new DGs: DG ENER (Energy), DG CLIM (Climate Action) and DG MOVE (Mobility and Transport).

White Paper on Adaptation to Climate Change
Since the launch of the European level debate on adaptation, Climate Alliance followed it closely based on the experiences gained in the AMICA project. In February 2009 Climate Alliance made a presentation in the Committee of the Regions, Sustainable Development Commission in the debate on the white paper and presenting Climate Alliance’s work on the issue. Climate Alliance was also invited to make a presentation in another Committee of the Region’s event, which took place in Torum, Poland on 20 October 2009. The White Paper on Adaptation to Climate Change was adopted 1 April 2009.

In 2010 Climate Alliance will organise a workshop on adaptation in the context of the Dunkerque 2010 Conference, 19 May (the 6th Conference on Sustainable Cities and Towns). Also a “local government’s day” dedicated to water and climate will be organised together with other local government networks in the context of the International Trade Fair for Water, Sewage, Refuse and Recycling (IFAT) on 13 September in Munich, Germany.

Working towards a 100 % renewable energy goal
During the European Sustainable Energy Week (22-26 March 2010) the Climate Alliance and EUBIA event tackled the challenge of achieving a 100 % renewable goal. Experts from the scientific community and exemplary local authorities met to discuss
the challenges ahead and their work towards a more intelligent and renewable energy future. Technically a high share of renewable energy is possible. The challenges are economical and social: new infrastructure is needed, for example smart grids and facilities for storing the electricity. Consumers will also need to become concient users and producers of energy. Local authorities – for example in groups or within a region – should lead the way and show that 100 % renewable goal is possible.

Climate Alliance will follow up the European Commission’s work towards more sustainable and intelligent energy future by 2050. This will include following up the various initiatives and responding to a foreseen public Consultation on ‘Roadmap low carbon energy systems by 2050.

**European Economic Recovery Plan**
In March 2009, Energie-Cités, Climate Alliance, Eurocities, ICLEI and EREC started lobbying for an initiative for the re-inclusion of Smart Energy Cities in the European Economic Plan for Recovery (EERP). 500 million Euros were projected to be supplied by the Commission’s services, but these funds dissolved at the last moment. One year later, it seems that around 115 mio Euro will not be spent, meaning that their re-allocation will have to be discussed. Again, Climate Alliance is lobbying for providing these means to cities and municipalities, among other initiatives via a resolution of its General Assembly 2010 in Perugia.

**FLEGT – Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade**
Climate Alliance and other environmental organisations are supporting a campaign for the EU to enact legislative measures against the import and trade of timber and timber products from illegal sources (FLEGT). A pillar of the scheme is the creation of an EU law that would introduce a compulsory chain of custody and a standard verification system. This is essential to the Climate Alliance’s goal of ensuring that all timber and timber products sold on the European market have a legal origin and come from responsibly managed forests. In December 2009, Climate Alliance and the other environmental organisations participated in a campaign to introduce the issue in the Council of European Agriculture Ministries.

**Projects**

**SUPPORT_ERS**
What can EU member states learn from each other in the promotion of renewable energies? How can they best provide support at a local level? The SUPPORT_ERS project contributes to the reduction of administrative barriers for the use of renewable energy sources (RES) in new EU member states and candidate countries. The project describes options for political decision makers to support RES and it increases the awareness of the benefits of RES to regional stakeholders.

The project consortium consists of 12 partners. Ministries and national energy agencies that have a direct link to RES policy processes form the core of this group. A network of municipalities and a European interest group are also involved to provide a link between the regional level and the European RES industry. The final results of the projects were presented during the European Sustainable Energy Week in March 2010 in Brussels. Climate Alliance provided instruments (legal, economic, etc.) for local authorities to influence framework conditions and promote the development of RES.
METHODS, INSTRUMENTS, TOOLS

One of the most important tasks of Climate Alliance is the elaboration of methods and tools for the member cities and municipalities, which support the elaboration of climate action plans, the implementation of individual measures and the monitoring of achievements.

**CO₂ Monitoring in Climate Alliance**

Since its launch in August 2008, around 200 local and regional authorities in Germany have started to use ECORegion, the jointly by the Swiss company Ecospeed and Climate Alliance developed energy and CO₂ inventory tool. In the meantime, also the Italian version of ECORegion has been developed together with a pilot group of six cities, two provinces and the entire region of Reggio Emilia. The Province of Rome, in collaboration with Climate Alliance, calculated its energy and CO₂ inventory for the years 1990-2007 and presented the results during COP15 in Copenhagen.

At Climate Alliance’s Annual Conference 2010 in Perugia, ECORegion will be officially recognised by the European Commission as a tool to prepare the emissions inventories in the Covenant of Mayors. The Conference is also the opportunity to celebrate the launch of ECORegion Italia.

Other milestones are the development of a national version of the tool for Luxembourg, a joint effort by Climate Alliance Luxembourg, the European Secretariat and many national actors, and the adaptation of ECORegion in the Ukraine in the framework of a project of Climate Alliance and the Association of Energy Efficient Cities of the Ukraine.

Due the implementation of ECORegion in more and more countries and due to the increasing interest of the international community, ECORegion has the potential to become an international CO₂ monitoring standard.

**Climate Cities Benchmark**

After completion of the first successful phase of the project “Local Government Climate Partnership”, which was dedicated to the activation of town twinnings for climate protection (see above), Climate Alliance received the contract for the development of a national benchmarking system for local climate protection.

Under the name of ‘Climate Cities Benchmark’ it is available since November 2009 as an internet tool, for now only in a version for German local authorities. Via activity profiles, indicators and CO₂ monitoring data, the activities of the individual city are evaluated against the background of national mean values as well as mean and best values in the respective size category of the city. The activity profile being linked to a database, offers on top of being evaluated against the benchmark community the opportunity to receive recommendations for further action.

**Capacity Building: Local Climate Protection Ukraine**

Secure energy supply and energy-efficiency are the greatest challenges for the Ukraine. Local governments do not yet have sufficient expertise and financial resources to tackle this, but are very aware that actions for a more sustainable energy landscape have to be undertaken immediately and locally. The project aims at transferring experience in local energy and climate policies from Germany to the Ukraine:
from cities to cities by reactivating or creating new partnerships between German and Ukrainian cities for exchange of experience and transfer of know-how, and

- from network to network with Climate Alliance providing its tools and experiences to the Association of Energy-Efficient Cities of Ukraine (AESEC).

The planned activities include adaptation and translation of several Climate Alliance tools for use in Ukraine, trainings of officers in German city administrations, workshops and lobbying activities towards the national level aiming at the improvement of framework conditions.

**pro-EE – Public Procurement boosts Energy Efficiency**

pro-EE aims at combining the purchasing power of public authorities with the goal to accelerate the market penetration of products that fulfill ambitious energy efficiency criteria. In April 2009, the General Assembly of Climate Alliance adopted a resolution for 100% Ecological, Social and Fair Public Procurement. Pilot training on energy efficient procurement will take place in 2010 in all pro-EE countries, as well as in Hungary and Slovakia. Selected products for joint procurement actions in 2010 are vehicles, pedelecs and IT equipment. All local authorities in Austria, Germany, Italy, Greece, Portugal and Spain are invited to participate.

**ECOLISH**

The project, supported by the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme, promotes energy efficiency in existing residential buildings with a focus on freehold flats of persons with low income and social housing. Within the project, energy exploitation and performance contracting were organised, elaborated and evaluated in four pilot locations: Heerlen (NL), Ogre (LV), Pieria (GR) and Pěcsvárad (HU). The triannual project was completed at the end of November 2009.

**REMINING-LOWEX**

Four ambitious local communities (Heerlen NL, Zagorje SL, Czeladz PL and Bourgas (Cherno More) BG) will demonstrate the use of locally available and low cost renewable energy sources, specifically from water in abandoned mines (previously used for heating and cooling of buildings). The use of these energy sources is based on reduced energy principles, which were facilitated by an integrated design of buildings and energy concepts.

The second phase of the project is projected to last for 8 years starting in 2009. Climate Alliance is responsible for the dissemination and strategies for communication with citizens in the pilot locations. Two brochures, one for decision-makers and one for planners, will be developed in 2010.

**SustainableNow**

This project focuses on “changing the role of local and provincial governments into political and administrative bodies that act in an exemplary manner and guide communities into the sustainable energy transition period”. The consortium of the Intelligent Energy Europe co-funded project is led by ICLEI and includes 15 partners. Climate Alliance is responsible for the improvement of community partners’ ‘capacity building’. Hence, Climate Alliance mainly supports local authorities from pioneers to beginners in drafting and developing concrete local energy action plans through dedicated peer-to-peer exchanges of experience and learning opportunities (study tours, staff training programmes and specialised workshops etc.). The final objective is to identify the main challenges/issues/barriers and thus to improve the understanding on local sustainable energy planning and implementation.

In 2009, two dedicated exchanges have been organised in Woking (UK) and Bourgas (Bulgaria). A study visit and a workshop on CO² monitoring will take place in Munich in April 2010.
RES Champions League
The RES Champions League is a network of national Renewable Energy Sources leagues which aims to create a positive renewable energy competition between European cities and towns. National leagues have already been established in Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary and Poland. The local authorities in these countries compete in the fields of solar (photovoltaic and thermal) and wood energy.
The European RES Champions League was launched during the joint Annual Conference of Climate Alliance and Energie-Cités in Brussels in April 2009. The first European Awarding Ceremony will take place in May 2010 in the framework of the European Sustainable Cities and Towns Conference in Dunkerque.

POLIS
Identification and Mobilisation of Solar Potentials via Local Strategies (POLIS) is at the centre of this IEE project. It aims at the implementation of strategic urban planning and local policy measures to activate the solar potentials of urban structures in European cities. Climate Alliance's task is to support the establishment of so-called national competence groups which will meet during workshops to exchange information and to provide best practice examples. Furthermore, Climate Alliance is responsible for the development of guidelines on including solar requirements in the town planning process. Current developments will be presented and evaluated, key stakeholders will be brought together in this process to improve planning and legislation practice towards a solar development. Through co-operation of diverse cities engaged in solar urban planning (Lisbon, Lyon, Malmö, Munich, Paris, etc.) the mobilisation of solar urban potential of European cities should be promoted at local level.
Apart from implementing ambitious local climate change policies, the support of the indigenous peoples in the Amazon region is one of the main goals of Climate Alliance. This cooperation is being substantiated with the umbrella organisation COICA as well as with regional partnerships like the one between Climate Alliance Austria with the Rio Negro region in Brazil.

**General Situation of COICA**

In 2009, COICA internally discussed the political positions regarding REDD and the participation in the international climate change process. One of the main presentations was a description of REDD and a political strategic discussion was held about the instrument. In June, COICA organised a meeting with all strategic partners that contributed to development activities and projects.

From 20th through 23rd of November in Iquitos/Peru, COICA organised its Congress that assembles every 4 years to discuss international political strategies and to elect new members of the board. The newly elected coordinator is Edwin Vásquez from Peru, who was some years ago the representative of COICA in the board of Climate Alliance. Diego Escobar was re-elected as the area coordinator and representative of COICA in Climate Alliance.

**Projects with Indigenous Organisations supported by Local Authorities**

**Support of COICA’s sector coordination**

As a result of the board decision to foresee 3% of the membership fees to finance COICA’s activities the environmental and natural resource protection area has been supported in many regional and international activities.

**Solar lamp project in Peru**

Given its successful organisation and collaboration with the training programme for indigenous teachers in Iquitos/Peru (FORMABIAP), the solar lamp production project has been extended. The issues of resource conservation and renewable energies are being included in the programme’s curriculum. In addition, there are plans to provide grants to indigenous representatives that wish to take part in the training programme.

**Plant oil production in Ecuador**

In cooperation with the organisation Indio-Hilfe activities are being developed with regard to the introduction of renewable energy (production of plant oil using mobile oil presses) in indigenous communities in Ecuador.

**Legal assistance of the community of Sarayaku**

During the Delegation tour 2009 to Ecuador, participants visited the community of Sarayaku in the Amazon region Pastaza. The community is not only fighting against oil exploitation, but also for their development model and cultural identity. They need legal support to resist a lawsuit, they have been offered support from Climate Alliance, in collaboration with the municipality of Beckerich, the city of Bühl, Climate Alliance Austria, infoe e.V., the Society for Threatened Peoples and individual persons and politicians.
Cooperation (with Organisations, Initiatives, Networks, EU)

European delegation travels to Ecuador

Twelve local politicians from Germany, Luxembourg, Austria, the Czech Republic and Hungary travelled to Ecuador in September 2009. The Climate Alliance delegation tour took place in the framework of the EU project EnergyBridges and intended to intensify and develop further the future north-south cooperation, both from a municipal and NGO level.

Upon their arrival to Ecuador, the group saw an environmental disaster on an unimaginable scale. Oil exploitation is destroying the rainforest in the Amazon Basin of Ecuador by releasing additional climate damaging CO$_2$, contaminating water and soil and destroying the existence of both humans and animals for decades to come. Signs of a re-evaluation of energy and environmental policy has been indicated since the 2007 election victory of President Rafael Correa, who founded the PAIS Alliance civil movement. With its equatorial solar radiation, heavy precipitation, strong coastal winds and volcanic heat, Ecuador already possesses the ideal conditions to increase the use of renewable energy sources.

A detailed programme of the trip and reports from the participants can be found at: http://blog.climatealliance.org

Brochure: Clean Development?
How Luxembourg is reducing its greenhouse gas emissions abroad

The present study of ASTM Luxembourg focuses on Luxembourg’s climate policy in regards to the national and European elections of June 2009, and also serves as a case study for how EU member states are tackling their objectives at the national level. A selection of 79 projects have been analysed to determine their effectiveness of reducing CO$_2$ emissions, as well as their contribution to sustainable development in the countries where the projects are being implemented.
One of the pillars in Climate Alliance’s work is the development and organisation of campaigns ready to be implemented in the member cities in order to involve citizens or specific stakeholders in practical action against climate change.

EnergyBridges
The North-South project “EnergyBridges – Sustainable Energy for Poverty Reduction,” is co-funded by the European Commission (EuropeAid) and has been operating since January 2008. The project is aimed at the European public by raising awareness and providing information about the impacts of energy production (oil extraction and palm oil plantations in the rainforest) on the indigenous peoples of the Amazon region and energy availability in the South. The project also investigates the effect of international instruments such as the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) on climate change mitigation. Partners in this three-year project are Climate Alliance Luxembourg, partner organisations in the Czech Republic and Hungary and southern partners in Ecuador, Bolivia and Peru. One of the main activities in 2009 was a trip to Ecuador with municipal and institutional representatives from Austria, Luxembourg, Germany, the Czech Republic and Hungary (see above).

In addition to this trip, many workshops for multipliers were held in various partner countries. Materials such as brochures and role games were produced and presented in schools and other institutions.

ZOOM – Kids on the Move for Climate Action
In 2009, Climate Alliance organised its campaign “ZOOM – Kids on the move for Climate Action” for the eighth time and again found big success. Over 187,000 participating children collected 2,862,518 Green Footprints to help protect the world’s climate. The Footprints were presented to the UN Climate Secretariat by pupils from Sankt Petri School at the COP15 in Copenhagen.

During 2009, the materials for teachers were reviewed and now include also actions energy saving, renewable energy sources and regional food. During 2010 these materials will be translated to English.

In 2010 children from all over Europe are “on the move” again, demonstrating that their steps count. Climate Alliance will once more present the total amount of Green Footprints to the participants of the next UN Climate Conference, to be held from 29th November to 10th December 2010 in Mexico.

European Mobility Week
The focal theme of last year’s European Mobility Week, which is always organised from 16th to 22nd September, was “Improving City Climates.” 2009 marked the fourth consecutive record year as 2,181 local authorities from 40 countries officially participated in the campaign. In comparison to 2008 (7,677), though only 4,441 permanent measures have been implemented. In 2010, the European Mobility Week will focus on health and mobility with the motto “Travel Smarter, Live Better.” Eurocities, Climate Alliance and Energie-Cités are running the European coordination of the European Mobility Week, with Climate Alliance being in charge of the Europe-wide evaluation campaign, the creation of the Handbook, the Thematic Guidelines and the Best Practice Guide.
Members of Climate Alliance

In 2009, 102 new cities, municipalities, district authorities and two organisations adhered to Climate Alliance, while 29 left. Therefore, Climate Alliance counted a total of 1,525 members by the end of 2009: 1,471 cities and municipalities from 18 countries as well as 21 federal states and provinces and 33 associations and organisations as associated members.

Membership development (incl. number of inhabitants) of Climate Alliance

Austria, Germany and Italy are still the countries with the highest number of members. More and more local authorities from the new EU Member States (Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Slovenia, and the Czech Republic) have also joined. With the city of Cascais, the first member in Portugal adhered in 2009.

In Austria, Italy, Luxembourg and Switzerland, national and regional Climate Alliance coordination offices are in place, which carry out a variety of own projects and activities. The year 2009 marked the founding of the new national coordination office of Climate Alliance in Hungary by Reflex, three municipalities and nine NGOs. In other countries, Climate Alliance cooperates with adequate national organisations. Further contacts in Central and Eastern Europe have already been established or are being developed, for instance with Friends of the Earth in Slovakia.
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### The European Secretariat of Climate Alliance

The European Secretariat currently employs seventeen people who share approximately 12 full-time posts. Seven experts work in the areas of local climate change mitigation and forests/timber, and two in the field of cooperation with Indigenous Peoples. In addition to the two directors and the accountant, two members of staff are responsible for membership service and administration, secretarial tasks and internet services. The Secretariat is supported by a number of people working on a temporary, voluntary or internship basis. Climate Alliance’s Brussels Office is currently equipped with two experts.

Since April 2009 Carsten Kuhn is working for us. He was mainly involved in the development of the Climate Cities Benchmark and during 2009 will be in charge of editing the Manual Local Climate Protection, which Climate Alliance is elaborating for the German Ministry for Environment together with the institutes Difu and Ifeu Heidelberg.

In 2009, our colleague Franziska Weinzierl, who had joined us only in April, suddenly passed away after a short illness. She will be greatly missed by us all.
Public Relations

Internet
In 2009 Climate Alliance moved its Website www.climatealliance.org to another server with more up-to-date features. We took the opportunity to give our homepage a new look and feel and are confident to be online with it soon.

For almost every project and campaign, Climate Alliance runs an own website. Our service includes a total of 17 different websites:

www.pro-ee.eu
www.klimabuendnis.org
www.climaticalliance.org
www.energybridges.eu
www.energiekommunal.de
www.climate-toolbox.net
www.stadtradeln.de
www.amica-climate.net
www.fiftyfiftyplus.de
www.prime-ecopower.net
www.klimabuendnis.de
www.indigene.de
www.localclimateprotection.eu
www.regenwaldmenschen.de
www.climaticity-benchmark.net

Media Relations
The European Secretariat issued thirty eight press releases in 2009, most of which were in both German and English. The main topics were the tour of the European delegation to Ecuador, the Joint Annual Rendezvous in Brussels, the European award Climate Star 2009 and the Climate Summit in Copenhagen. Furthermore, our members and the Climate Alliance coordination offices have mentioned the Climate Alliance in press releases, interviews and at events. As a result of the media work, Climate Alliance was mentioned in at least 1,271 press articles published in 2009. The main topics covered in the press releases were the European Mobility Week, which had more than 240 articles, followed by the Climate Star 2009 award and our campaign “ZOOM - Kids on the Move”.

Newsletters CLIMAL Europe and eClimail
In 2009, the electronic newsletter eClimail was published four times. It was sent out to 2,600 individuals in member municipalities and to an additional 2,100 other contacts in ministries, public agencies, European institutions, energy agencies and other organisations, interested municipalities and NGOs.

In 2009, only one issue of the thematic newsletter CLIMAL Europe was published under the topic “Joint Criteria for Energy-Efficient Public Procurement”.

At your request we shall be happy to add your e-mail address or addresses of other contacts to our mailing list.
Partnerships and Cooperation

**Sustainable Energy Europe**
Climate Alliance is a Campaign Associate of the Sustainable Energy Europe Campaign, a European Commission initiative, which will contribute to achieve the European Union’s energy policy targets within the fields of renewable energy sources, energy efficiency, clean transport and alternative fuels.

**Sustainable Cities and Towns Campaign**
Climate Alliance is part of the steering committee of the European Sustainable Cities and Towns Campaign, which seeks to meet the mandate established for the local level in Chapter 28 of the Agenda 21 document, aiming to translate to the European level the outcomes of the Rio World Summit 1992. Currently the activities focus on the preparation of the next Sustainable Cities and Towns Conference, to take place in May 2010 in Dunkerque.

**ManagEnergy**
Via its Brussels Office, Climate Alliance has strengthened its cooperation with this EU initiative, particularly in the ManagEnergy Reflection Group. In the beginning of 2010, Climate Alliance was a member of the jury of experts for the ManagEnergy Award.

**European Land and Soil Alliance**
The Land and Soil Alliance of European Cities is an association whose principal objective is to promote and work actively for the sustainable use of soil protection and land management on a European level. It was founded in 2000 by members of Climate Alliance. The members participate in joint activities concerning soil protection and sustainable spatial development.

**Cities for Mobility**
is a global network of cities on issues of urban mobility. Being coordinated by the City of Stuttgart, it promotes transnational cooperation between city administrations, transportation companies, business, science and the civil society in order to promote the development of sustainable and efficient transportation systems. Climate Alliance is one of the ‘Cities for Mobility’ patrons.

**team red**
Climate Alliance and “team red” have agreed on a partnership to offer individual and standardised study tours from experts for experts in Germany and neighbouring countries. These “Learning Journeys” are organised by team red and focus on energy efficient mobility and traffic safety as well as sustainable tourism. Climate Alliance members get a 10 % discount on selected Learning Journeys.
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