Climate Alliance’s most important activities and services

Support for implementing local climate plans and achieving CO₂ reductions
Climate Alliance has developed a comprehensive methodology to help its members implement local climate plans. The methodology includes tools on how to set up a climate plan, catalogues of proposed measures, a benchmarking system for comparing achievements with similar cities, and a CO₂ monitoring tool to follow up the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Exchange of experiences between its members
Climate Alliance supports the exchange of experiences and promotion of the achievements of its members, for example through various best practice databases or the Climate Star Award which showcases pioneering local climate change policies every two years.

Campaigns
Climate Alliance develops and runs its own campaigns ready to be implemented in the member cities. Examples are the ZOOM – Kids on the Move campaign for children on climate change and mobility, the Ice Block Bet and the Cycling City Councillors campaign.

Coordination of European Initiatives
Climate Alliance is part of the coordination teams for two major EU initiatives: the European Mobility Week promotes sustainable urban transport each year from 16 to 22 September and involves over 2,000 local authorities throughout Europe, and the Covenant of Mayors. This initiative of the European Commission engages local authorities to go beyond the European energy and climate targets.

Some current European projects
are providing support for local authorities in important fields of action:

- **AMICA** is dedicated to integrated approaches on adaptation to inevitable climate change and the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions.
- **ECOUSH** provides tools for the promotion of energy efficiency in low income and social housing.
- **pro-EE** is part of Climate Alliance’s activities in green and fair public procurement, aims at bundling the purchasing power of public authorities to boost energy-efficient products.
Climate Alliance: A powerful community for global climate protection

Climate Alliance is the European network of local authorities committed to the protection of the world’s climate. The member cities and municipalities aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at their source. Their allies in this endeavour are the Indigenous Peoples of the rainforests in the Amazon region.

Tangible targets demonstrate the determination to act in favour of the global climate. By joining Climate Alliance, cities and municipalities embrace the following voluntary commitments:

- to reduce CO₂ emissions by 10% every five years
- to halve per capita emissions by 2030 at the latest (from 1990 baseline)
- to preserve the tropical rainforests by avoiding the use of tropical timber
- to support projects and initiatives of the indigenous partners

Cities and municipalities in Climate Alliance

The local level plays a crucial role in tackling climate change. Climate Alliance members assume this responsibility by developing and implementing ambitious local climate strategies:

- As planners and providers of infrastructure, energy and public transport, they have the power to optimise the energy performance of existing neighbourhoods and of new developments.
- As building owners and consumers, they save energy and reduce public expenditure. As a model they encourage other stakeholders to take own action.
- As the level of government closest to citizens, local authorities are in the best position to raise awareness and mobilise people to promote energy efficiency, decentralised energy production and a new mobility culture.

Climate Alliance members

Founded in 1990, more than 1,400 cities, municipalities and districts in 17 European countries have since joined Climate Alliance. Regional governments, NGOs and other organisations are able to join as associated members.

Indigenous Peoples of the rainforests

Indigenous Peoples in all the world’s regions are among the population groups most severely affected by climate change. Mostly they live in ecologically sensitive areas; yet they contribute less than anyone else to climate change themselves. Moreover, Indigenous Peoples and their traditional ways of life are threatened by extractive activities in rainforests such as logging, oil and gold exploitation as well as by the expansion of export-oriented agriculture.

The indigenous partners in Climate Alliance are represented by COICA – the Coordination Body of the Indigenous Peoples’ Organisation of the Amazon Basin. www.coica.org.ec

Together we are strong

Climate Alliance’s European Secretariat, its Brussels Office and national coordination offices support the members in achieving their targets. The key services include:

- providing methods and tools for efficient implementation of local climate change policies
- promoting the exchange of experience through conferences, seminars and publications
- developing and coordinating European projects and campaigns
- lobbying for improved framework conditions for local climate change policies at national, European and international levels

Join in and

- let your local authority benefit from Climate Alliance’s 20 years of expertise
- get inspired from the experiences of other cities, find partners and funding for implementing your climate actions
- participate in campaigns and involve your citizens in practical actions against climate change
- get your message conveyed to the European institutions via Climate Alliance’s responses, opinions and resolutions