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Intention and aims of this conference

- Present the Covenant of Mayors and its opportunities for local authorities
- Provide input for the implementation of the Covenant of Mayors commitments in the signatory cities / SEAPs
- Show how national framework conditions can support local action with the example of Germany
- Present the "Benchmarking Local Climate Policies" project, interim results and the tool currently under development
- Present 2 examples of participating cities in the Benchmarking (Hannover and Freiburg) and 2 other cities with ambitious climate plans (Ghent and Nantes)
Organiser of this conference

- **Climate Alliance**, founded 1990 as a network of meanwhile 1,400 cities and municipalities in 17 European countries

- **committed to reduce CO2 emissions by 10% every 5 years**

- **partnership with indigenous rainforest peoples**

- promoting **exchange of experience**, showcasing the members’ **achievements**, providing **recommendations, aids and tools**, lobbying for **better framework conditions**
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Aims of the Benchmarking Local Climate Policies project

• (re-) activating existing town twinnings in the field of climate change

• to bring US/DE/JP cities together for:
  • exchange of experience
  • 'joint implementation' of projects

• to analyse activities on climate change mitigation, CO$_2$ balances and other quantitative achievements

• to develop the Climate Cities Benchmarking system
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Partners of the Benchmarking Local Climate Policies project

**Climate Alliance**
European city network with 1.400 cities

**IFEU Heidelberg** Institute for Energy and Environmental Research, Germany

**Nagoya University** Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Japan

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Speakers of this conference

- **Pedro Ballesteros Torres**, European Commission, DG TREN
- **Peter Pichl**, Federal Agency for Environment, Germany
- **Hans Hertle**, Ifeu Institute Heidelberg
- **Astrid Hoffmann-Kallen**, Head of the Climate Protection Department, City of Hannover
- **Klaus Hoppe**, Head of Energy Division, City of Freiburg
- **Tom Balthazar**, Deputy Mayor, City of Ghent
- **Ronan Dantec**, Vice-President, Nantes Métropole