

The Covenant of Mayors

The Covenant of Mayors represents a commitment by towns and cities across Europe to reduce their CO₂ emissions beyond the EU's 20% by 2020 target.

The Covenant requires participants to draft and implement their own unique Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP), which will act as blueprints for a more eco-friendly and sustainable town or city. These Action Plans must be operational within the year that the cities sign, and will be continually monitored by the European Commission to ensure they are delivering on their promises. Any city that does not carry-out this commitment will be excluded from further participation.

Launched in 2008, the Covenant has gone from strength to strength and has attracted more than 500 cities to join. This rapid expansion means that no less than 80 million citizens across Europe are now part of the initiative.