



# Mayors Adapt fully integrated into the Covenant of Mayors as of February 2017

With the launch of the <u>Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy</u> on October 15<sup>th</sup> 2015, the <u>Mayors</u> <u>Adapt</u> and <u>Covenant of Mayors</u> Communities joined forces, forming a unique movement of local and regional authorities committed to climate change adaptation and mitigation actions - in line with the EU 2030 framework for climate and energy.

The Mayors Adapt and Covenant of Mayors procedures have been smoothly aligned over the last year - both initiatives will enter into a full merger as of February 2017. From then on, Mayors Adapt signatories will be invited to follow the procedures as described below.

## → Unified Helpdesk and communication channels

Mayors Adapt Signatories will continue receiving **multilingual assistance** from a **unified Covenant of Mayors Helpdesk Team** at <u>info@eumayors.eu</u>.

Information on local adaptation, so far provided through the Mayors Adapt communication and twitter channels, will be fully incorporated into the Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy **twitter** account (@eumayors) and **website** (www.eumayors.eu). Stay tuned – and if you haven't already done so, subscribe to the <u>Covenant of Mayors Quarterly Newsletter</u>!

## → Common monitoring and reporting framework

By joining Mayors Adapt, local authorities have formally committed to reporting progress every two years following signing up to the initiative. The Mayors Adapt Monitoring & Reporting Template assists signatories in presenting and structuring their adaptation strategy and action plan, as well as tracking their implementation progress. This Excel-based template must be filled in English. Once completed, it must be submitted via email to info@eumayors.eu - together with the associated documents available (in English and/or national language) (see more information in the Mayors Adapt Reporting Guidelines). The Adaptation Strategy and/or Action Plan will be published on the Covenant of Mayors website, under your signatory profile. Signatories can specify which other submitted documents (e.g. Risk & Vulnerability Assessment(s)) they wish to make public in the "Actions" tab of the template.

An online template and online submission process will be proposed in the first half of 2017 on the <u>Covenant of Mayors website</u> to facilitate reporting for local authorities. More information to follow as soon as the system is up and running.

Note: For Mayors Adapt Signatories due to report in 2016, the deadline for submitting the Adaptation Strategies/Action Plan is **end of January 2017.** Those Signatories who have not yet submitted their plans are invited to do so at their earliest convenience, or get in touch with our Secretariat and provide information on the reasons of their delay. For further clarifications, please contact info@eumayors.eu.

Check out the <u>first Monitoring & Reporting template submitted by the city of Bologna</u>, or watch the <u>recording of the webinar on the Monitoring & Reporting Framework and guidelines</u>.

#### → Adaptation engagement & activities still showcased!

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A dedicated profile has been created for all signatories (Mayors Adapt and/or Covenant of Mayors) on the Covenant website - section "<u>Signatories</u>", including general information on the local authority (e.g. adhesion date, contact details, population) and reflecting their respective commitments (e.g. the adaptation commitment is highlighted through a simple "adapt' label). Signatory profiles will be enriched in the coming months/years with more information on the adaptation activities, based on the information entered by signatories in their reporting templates.

## → Further guidance & support to follow

- A new e-Learning Module on Adaptation, based on the six policy steps of the Urban Adaptation Support Tool and focusing on existing real examples for each step, will be released in early 2017 in the Covenant website extranet section;
- A comprehensive 'SECAP Guidebook' Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan Guidebook, including chapters on both Mitigation and Adaptation – will be released in the forthcoming period, guiding signatories through the entire Covenant step-by-step process. Please check the website regularly for more information on the latest developments!

Please check the Covenant of Mayors website regularly for more information on the latest developments. The Helpdesk Team at your disposal for further information (<u>info@eumayors.eu</u>)!