



Workprogramme for 2007- 2010

European Sustainable Cities and Towns Campaign Taking the Campaign Forward – The Next Steps

The European Sustainable Cities and Towns Campaign aims to support local governments across Europe in their efforts to mainstream sustainability best practice and to implement the Aalborg Charter and Aalborg Commitments in order to achieve tangible results in local sustainable development. To date, more than 2,500 European local governments from more than 40 European countries have signed the Aalborg Charter, the 1994 founding document of the Campaign; in addition, about 400 local governments have signed up to the Aalborg Commitments. The Campaign welcomes local governments to Sevilla and encourages them to join with us to create sustainable European towns and cities.

The Campaign aims to:

- Promote and follow up the Aalborg Commitments
- Serve as a contact, documentation and information point for the signatories of the Aalborg Commitments
- Organise a monitoring and review process for the Aalborg Commitments
- Co-ordinate and contribute to organising conferences and exchange to the signatories of the Aalborg Commitments and to other European cities and towns on sustainable urban development
- Assist and support municipalities to meet their commitments to the Aalborg process by providing activities, support and expertise that will extend the knowledge base at the local level
- Promote awareness of, recognition for and work on the principles of sustainable local and urban development using such tools as the European Sustainable Cities and Towns Award
- Promote international cooperation and networking for the above purposes



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During the next three years, the Campaign Partners will:

1. Promote the Aalborg Commitments to local governments across Europe through their membership organisations and all other channels. We will encourage all European cities and towns to sign and implement the Aalborg Charter and the Aalborg Commitments.
2. Monitor progress of the Aalborg Commitments by registering local government signatories, maintaining a database of signatories, and monitoring their progress. The Campaign will also seek to organise a new round of the European Sustainable Cities award as a way of monitoring progress of the Aalborg Commitments.
3. Provide support to Aalborg Commitments signatories and other local governments through the provision of information on the Campaign and Partners' websites, and by developing web based resources such as the www.localsustainability.eu which provides tools and guidance for signatories. Campaign Partners will make available guidance resources covering the Commitments through the Campaign and Partners' websites.
4. Lobby the European Commission, Member State governments, EU Presidencies, and all other bodies to raise awareness of the Aalborg Commitments and their relationship to European policies such as the Sustainable Development Strategy of the European Union, the Urban Thematic Strategy and the Thematic Strategy on the Sustainable Use of Natural Resources.
5. Manage and promote the Campaign to all European local governments. The Campaign Steering Group will meet regularly to co-ordinate action to promote the Aalborg Commitments and European local sustainability initiatives.

To contact the Campaign, please send an email to info@sustainable-cities.eu

The Steering Group of the European Sustainable Cities and Towns Campaign is constituted by:



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