



Covenant of Mayors

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Local authorities going
beyond the EU's CO²
reduction targets



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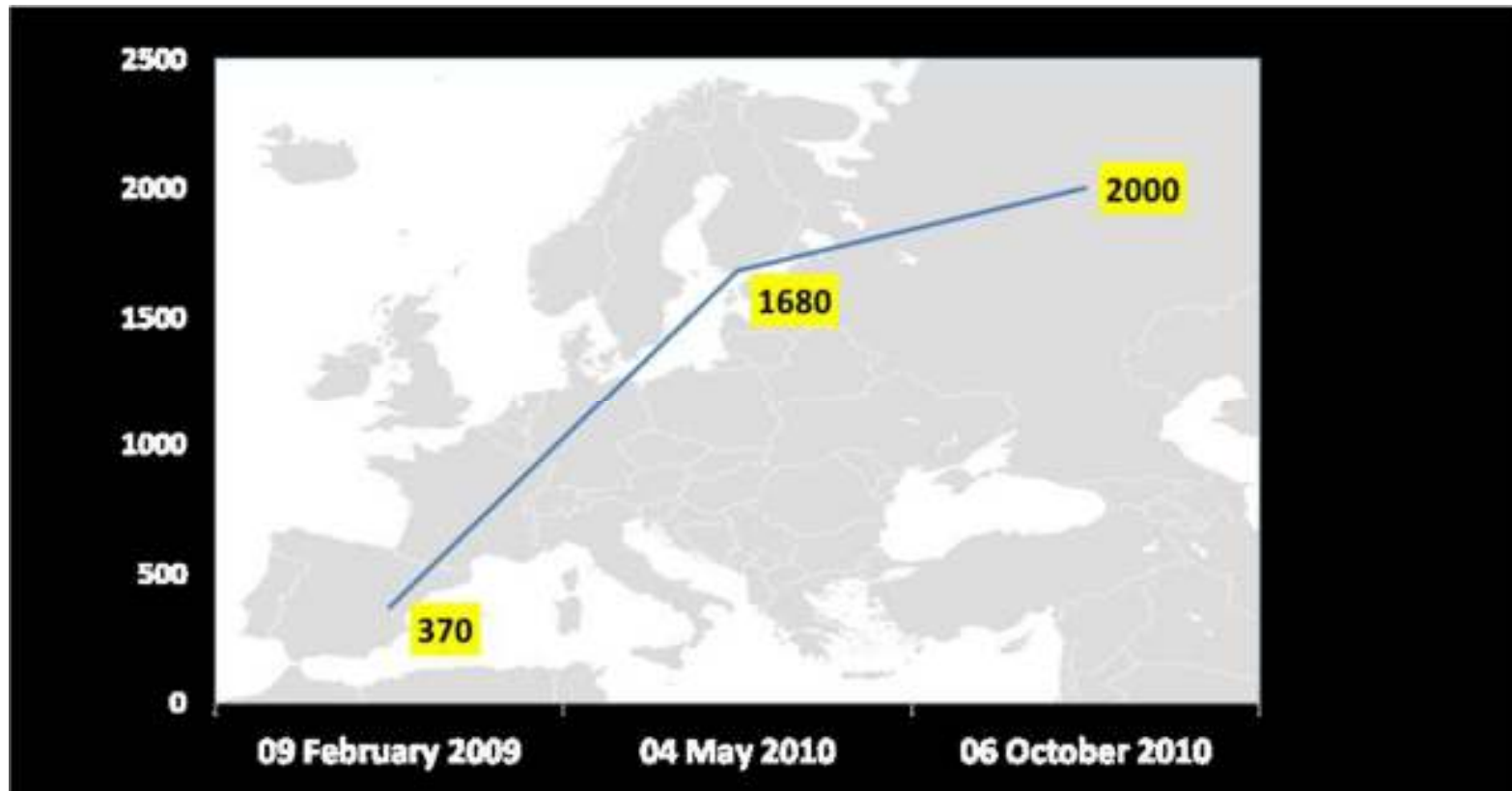
What is the Covenant of Mayors?

- **Mayors commit to go beyond the objectives set by the EU for 2020, reducing the CO2 emissions in their respective territories by at least 20%, through the implementation of Sustainable Energy Action Plans**
- **The Covenant of Mayors is supported by the European Institutions, the Covenant of Mayors Office, a range of organisations as supporting structures, and funding tools**





More and more local authorities involved





Local governments must become leading actors for implementing sustainable energy policies

- **over half of greenhouse gas emissions are created in and by cities**
- **80% of the population lives and works in cities, where up to 80% of energy is consumed**
- **local administrations are closest to the citizens**
- **local authorities can address the challenge in a comprehensive way**



3 main reasons why local authorities get involved

- **Energy is one of the few municipal fields where significant financial savings can be achieved...**
- **Lower energy bills for citizens, comfortable living conditions, pleasant environment, more jobs...**
- **The battle against climate change has to be fought at local level...**



Local authorities commit to

- To go beyond the EU's 3 x 20 objectives
- Prepare a Baseline Emission Inventory
- Set up a Sustainable Energy Action Plan
- Submit regular implementation reports
- Involve stakeholders & citizens
- Organise local energy days



Steps for signatories





What support from the COMO – the Covenant of Mayors secretary?

- Provides administrative and technical support for Signatories, eg guidelines and templates for emission inventories and sustainable energy action plans (SEAP)
- Monitors the implementation by Signatories and Supporting Structures
- Facilitates exchange of experiences and networking
- Promotes the initiative in the EU and beyond
- Liaises with relevant EU initiatives and actors





... because transport has to contribute to CO² reductions in cities

- **Polis as Supporting Structure**
- **Type 2: Networks of local and regional authorities that commit to improve the Covenants' impact by**
 - **promoting the initiative**
 - **liaising with their members**
 - **facilitating exchange of experience**
 - **defending common interest in the adequate fora**



What Polis will do

- **Promote the Covenant of Mayors among members**
- **Support exchange among members on the transport aspects of the SEAPs**
- **Encourage members to deliver ,benchmarks of excellence‘ to the CoM good practice database**
- **Promote the Covenant of Mayors (and the commitment of cities) towards other relevant stakeholders in the transport sector**





Thank you for your attention!

More information on the Covenant of Mayors:

<http://www.eumayors.eu/>

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