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## Local Alliance:

City and regional networks urge EU to stay the course on Green Deal implementation

- **ACR+**

"To reach climate neutrality by 2050, we need to rethink how we use our resources to stay within the planet's boundaries. For that, we must give the right instruments and resources to the right actors. Fully integrating cities and regions in the decision-making process is crucial since everything happens locally, from where we grow our food or produce our goods to how we discard our waste. We must join forces to give cities and regions enough support to drive their environmental policies towards sustainable and sufficient consumption and production models." - **Françoise Bonnet, Secretary General.**

- **CEMR**

"Through this Local Alliance, we call on the EU institutions to listen to cities and regions that are already localising the Green Deal objectives by implementing 70% of the EU legislation. Putting the experience of local governments at the centre means prioritizing effective transition policies that will ensure fairness and acceptance of the Green Deal for all European citizens" - **Fabrizio Rossi, Secretary General.**

- **Climate Alliance**

"Europe's cities and regions are where the pace of the climate and energy transition will be decided across all economic sectors. Achieving the objectives of the European Green Deal thus demands a concerted and collaborative effort from both national governments and the European Commission, as well as local businesses and civil society. This collaborative ethos is essential to empower all stakeholders in addressing the multifaceted challenges of reducing our emissions, preventing biodiversity loss, addressing societal challenges, and securing the financing to do so." - **Thomas Brose, Executive Director.**

- **Energy Cities**

“The European economy, whether we speak about industrial champions or local businesses, is always grounded somewhere: businesses need access to public services for their workers, they need functioning supply chains, resource material, energy... All of which is delivered locally. Europe will only be stronger if every community is. And to strengthen them, it’s time we move from regulation to implementation, from sectorial projects to long-term placed-based planning.” - **Claire Roumet, Executive Director.**

- **Eurocities**

“Cities and regions have proven their commitment to work with decision makers at EU and national level to ensure a climate neutral future for Europe. However, if the European Green Deal is truly to become a reality, the EU must empower local and regional governments with the funding, policies and cooperation mechanisms they need to ensure a just, resilient future for everyone. To make sure our voice is heard by the EU institutions, we have created the Local Alliance with other organisations that share our values. The EU must listen to our call for a strategic alliance to deliver a sustainable future.” - **André Sobczak, Secretary General.**

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"The Green Deal in Europe means a modern infrastructure, new and better jobs, competitive companies, healthy cities and homes. From a small town to a capital city, from a tiny bakery to a large industry, from a single citizen to a community movement, climate neutrality is an opportunity. EU’s municipalities, regions, and their energy agencies are joining forces in support of the European Commission’s goal to implement the Green Deal. With the right support, as detailed in this joint letter, subnational governments, and their energy agencies can help the EU in overcoming the current global challenges and ensure a sustainable future for all European citizens." - **Filip Dumitriu, Executive Director.**

- **ICLEI**

“European cities and regions have embraced the EU Green Deal and engaged their local communities in bringing about sustainable local change. We call on EU and national decision-makers to take the next step in providing clarity, financial support and meaningful cooperation mechanisms to help put policy into practice. In this EU election year, it is more urgent than ever to bring on board local governments as serious partners for shaping a sustainable, fair, democratic and just European future.” - **Wolfgang Teubner, Regional Director.**

- **POLIS**

“Our member cities and regions are working hard to accelerate the shift to sustainable mobility. It is not an easy task, neither technically nor politically. But a growing number of local political and professional leaders are stepping forward in the right direction, they’re making things happen. They must be supported.” - **Karen Vancluysen, Secretary General.**