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Covenant of Mayors

Current challenges and developments

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The Covenant at a glance

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- European initiative launched by the Commission – DG ENERGY in 2008 to endorse and support local and regional authorities in the fight against climate change
- Based on a voluntary commitment by signatories to meet and exceed the EU 20% CO₂ reduction objective

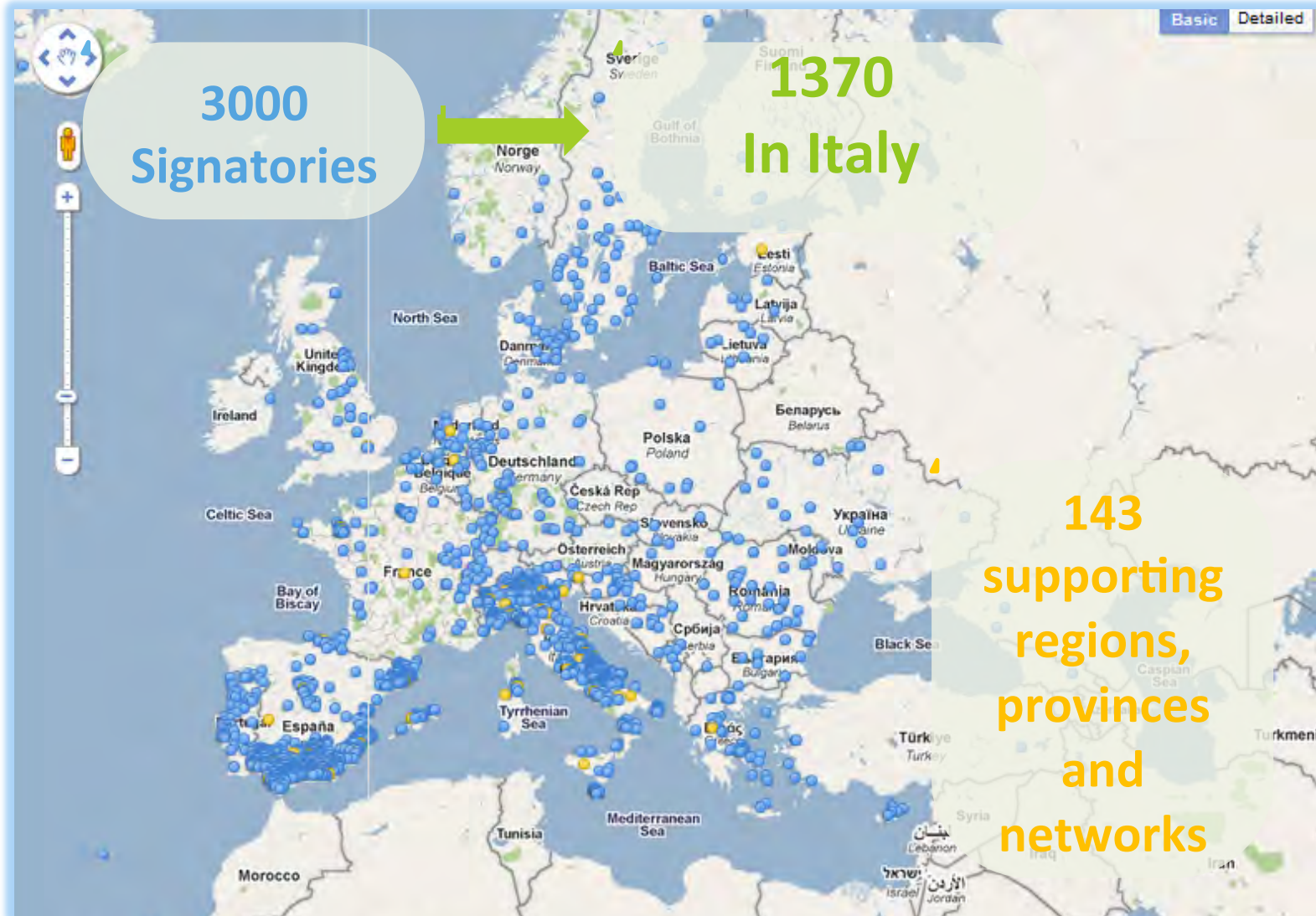




Covenant signatories & supporters



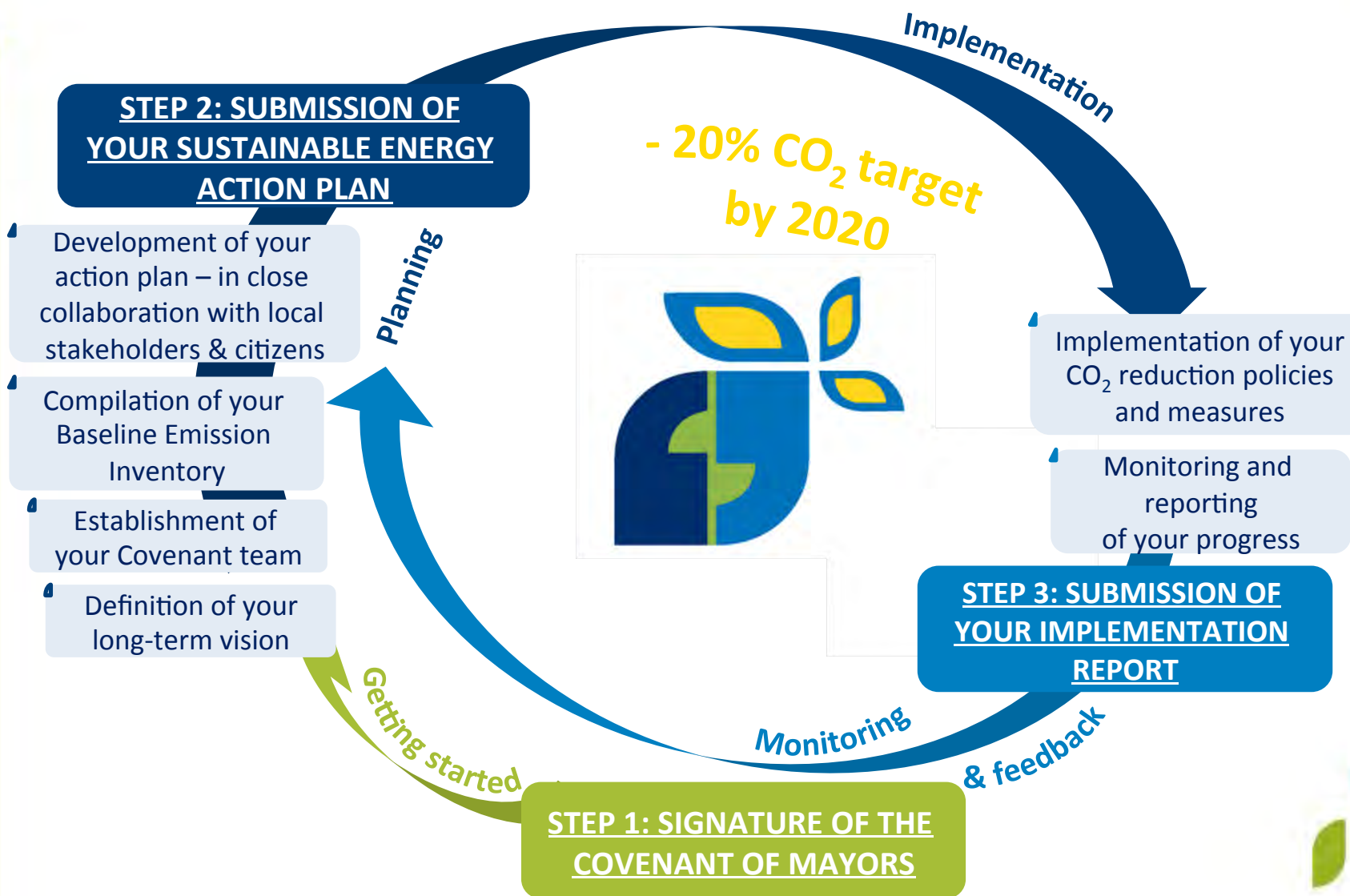
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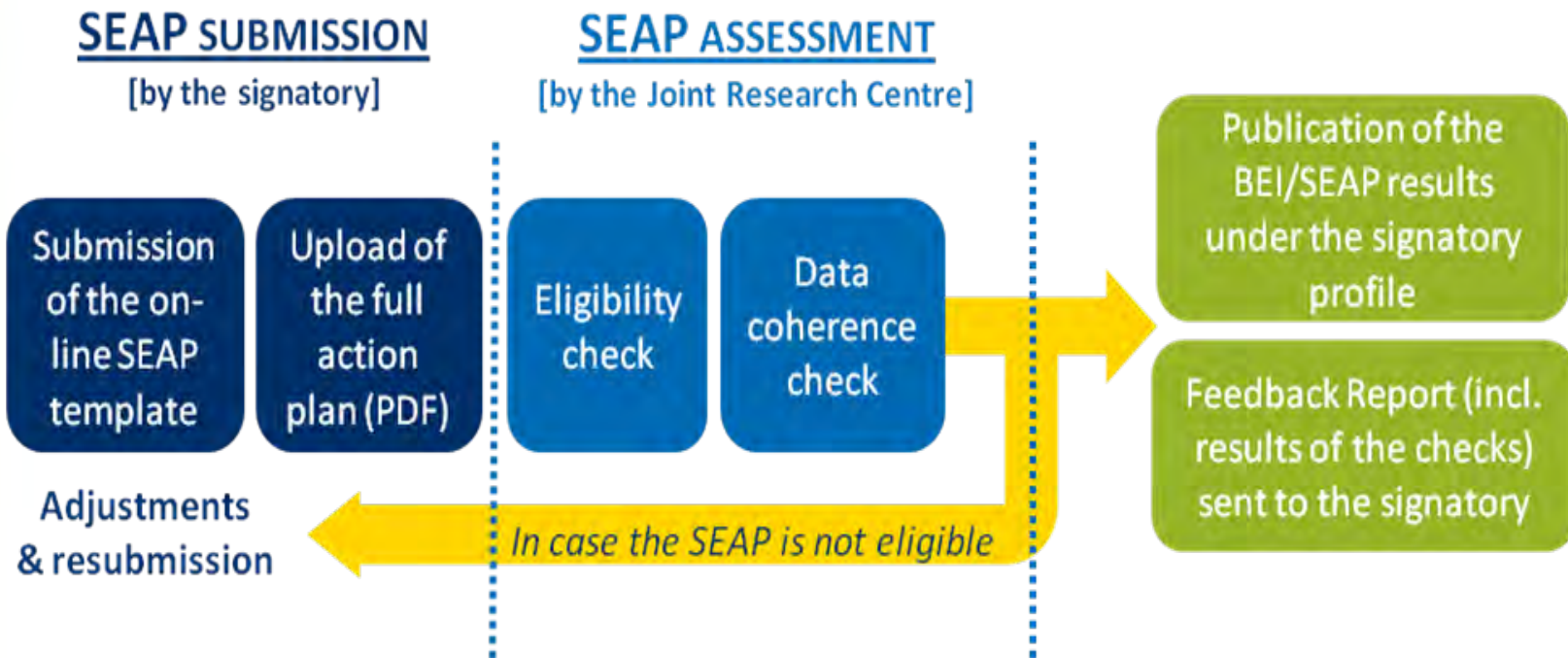
What is a Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP)?

- **Strategic & operational document:** the SEAP defines concrete reduction measures, together with time frames and assigned responsibilities, which translate the long-term strategy into action
- **Political document:** it must be approved by the municipal council
- **Strategic document,** designed in collaboration with stakeholders and citizens





A look into the SEAP assessment procedure





Key elements of a Sustainable Energy Action Plan

- The SEAP must be approved by the municipal Council
- Clear reference to the 2020 CO2 emissions reduction target – of at least 20%
- The results of the BEI shall be provided in 3 out of 4 key sectors: Municipal, Residential, Tertiary Buildings/Equipment/Facilities, and Transport
- The SEAP should include a set of actions covering at least 2 of the above-mentioned sectors of activity
- The SEAP template correctly filled in online via the Covenant website restricted area and be consistent with the full action plan



Look at our online catalogue of SEAPs to learn from others!



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- ✓ Online platform facilitating the transfer of experience: highly visible & fully transparent results
- ✓ Publication subject to validation by JRC: Eligibility & data coherence checks performed to ensure the quality and credibility of the Covenant

Search for a Sustainable Energy Action Plan...

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Countries CO2 target by 2020

Year SEAPs status

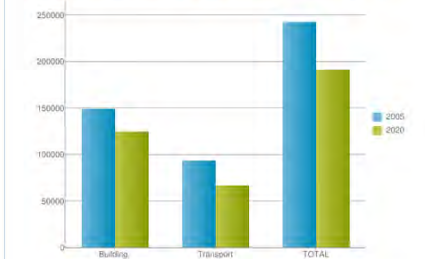
672 Sustainable Energy Action Plans found.

- ✓ Sustainable Energy Action Plan accepted by the European Commission
- ✗ Sustainable Energy Action Plan under evaluation

Signatories	Council deliberation	CO ₂
Porto, PT	26 Oct 2010	45%
Genova, IT	5 Aug 2010	21%
Vitoria - Gasteiz, ES	23 Jul 2010	20%
Nitra, SK	17 Jun 2010	21%
Vaxjö, SE	1 Apr 2008	65%
Vilanova del Vallès, ES	17 Jul 2011	21%
Espoo, FI	21 Jun 2011	28%
Cabeceiras de Basto, PT	17 Jun 2011	22%
Changé, FR	16 Jun 2011	20%



CO₂ emissions per sector (t) – basis, achievement and expectations



CO₂ target per sector:

Buildings and others	Transport	TOTAL
-16%	-29%	-21%

NB.: The CO₂ emissions of the "buildings, equipment, facilities & industry" and "transport" sectors in 2020 are estimated based on data provided by the Covenant signatory in its SEAP template. This webpage is based on the SEAP template that the Covenant signatory has completed when submitting its full SEAP.

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The Covenant key figures

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- 3000 local authorities more than 40 countries voluntary committed = 126m people affected daily (1/4 of all Europeans)
- 800 action plans received so far = reduction from 5,5 CO2/capita to 1,6 CO2/capita
- Thousands new jobs created on the local level
- €1.6bn investments committed

Towards lower energy bills for citizens, comfortable living conditions, public money effectively used...



An unprecedented cooperation among various actors = a multi-faced support!

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Covenant Helpdesk



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- Jointly operated by the CoMO and by the European Commission JRC
- Provides personal assistance, administrative and technical support
- Develops in collaboration with signatories guidelines & methodological support materials for:
 - collecting data & elaborating a CO2 emission inventory
 - developing a SEAP
 - monitoring progress



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Financial support



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- Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE)
- ELENA - EIB
- ELENA – KfW
- ELENA – CEB
- JESSICA & JASPERS
- European Energy Efficiency Facility (EEF)
- Smart Cities and Communities initiative

Capacity building and know how

Technical assistance and development of investment plans, access to loans

Funding for Investments [concrete projects]





Financial support: the future

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- The Multiannual Financial Framework for 2014-2020 is now under negotiation (until end of 2012)
- Budget proposal: €1,025 billion
- Key principles:
 - Delivering the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy
 - Mainstreaming environment and climate across EU policies funding instruments
- Structural Funds: €376 billion > ERDF: 20% earmarked for energy efficiency and renewables
- LIFE+ programme: €3.2 billion
- “Connecting Europe Facility”: € 40 billion
- The Intelligent Energy Europe – programme is not among the funding instruments





Covenant: current challenges

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- Methodological framework still under development: monitoring concept
- Better show the achievements and potential of the Covenant: CO2 reduction, energy savings but also economic information (jobs created, investments carried out)
- Opening of the COMO East office for the Eastern Partnership countries
- Possible extension to Balkans and the Mediterranean
- Using this exceptional multilevel governance model for further policy areas





Covenant ceremony – join us



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- When? 29 November 2011
- Where? European Parliament, Brussels
- 3 Reasons to join:
 - Receive continued support from the EU institutions
 - Share experience with other local authorities and get inspired
 - Send a hopeful message for Durban, COP 17: local governments are committed and act!





Conclusions – Why participate?



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- The Covenant of Mayors is not “just another campaign” but a serious commitment by local authorities with reliable and quantifiable contributions to the EU 3x20 targets.
- The Covenant Signatories can benefit from an extensive support and networking opportunities provided by the Covenant of Mayors Office, Joint Research Centre, institutions and other involved actors.
- The more local authorities join the movement, the better chances they have to obtain financial, legislative and other support from the institutions at regional, national and European level.





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Thank you for your attention!

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