




RENEWED AMBITION AND SCOPE OF ACTION

This year, the [Covenant of Mayors](#) and [Mayors Adapt](#) ceremonies are held jointly, as part of a unique bottom-up movement of local authorities. On the occasion of this 2015 ceremony, the European Commission officially announces the launch the new Covenant of Mayors, as a follow-up to a recent consultation conducted by the Covenant of Mayors Office with the support of the Committee of the Regions. Ahead of the COP21 Conference in Paris, Signatory cities are invited to endorse a new post-2020 Covenant which:

-  features a new target of at least 40% reduction in CO2 emissions by 2030;
-  includes both the mitigation and adaptation pillars through the integration of the Covenant of Mayors and Mayors Adapt;
-  reinforces the external dimension of the Covenant of Mayors.

Timing: 09.30-14.30, followed in the afternoon by an information session on urban adaptation to climate change

Venue: Hemicycle of the European Parliament, Altiero Spinelli Building, Rue Wiertz 60, Brussels

08.00-09.15 **Marketplace and welcome coffee**

Opening Session

On the road to Paris, a new Covenant of Mayors embracing mitigation and adaptation

09.30-10.15 Keynote speeches by:

Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, Vice-President of the European Parliament
Miguel Arias Cañete, European Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy
Patrick Klugman, Deputy-Mayor of Paris in charge of International Relations

Master of Ceremony: **Katrina Sichel**

Political endorsement

Presentation of the new commitments and scope of action by **Commissioner Miguel Arias Cañete**

10.15-11.00

Statement by Markku Markkula, President of the Committee of the Regions
 Family picture

Statements by Mayors
 Anneli Hulthén, Mayor of Gothenburg
 Vents Armands Krauklis, Mayor of Valka
 Alan Coleman, Mayor of Cork

Statement by Daniele Violetti, Chief of Staff of Executive Secretary of UNFCCC

11.00-11.45	<p>Panel discussion</p> <p>Local communities driving the transition to a resilient Energy Union</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Gerassimos Thomas, Deputy-Director-General of DG Energy, European Commission</p> <p>Dario Nardella, Mayor of Florence Daniël Termont, Mayor of Ghent Eckart Würzner, Mayor of Heidelberg Camille Gira, Secretary of State for Sustainable Development of Luxembourg</p>

11.45-12.30	<p>Panel discussion</p> <p>Supporting local and regional authorities in delivering energy and climate (mitigation and adaptation) policies</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Jos Delbeke, Director-General of DG Climate Action, European Commission</p> <p>Peter Hoeppe, Head of the Geo Risks Research Department, Munich Re Atanaska Nikolova, Deputy-Mayor of Burgas Claude Gewerc, President of the Region of Picardie Werner Schmidt, Director for Environment and Regional Development, Project Directorate, European Investment Bank</p>

12.30-13.00	<p>Closing Session</p> <p>Johanna Rolland, Mayor of Nantes Céline Fremault, Minister of the Government of the Brussels-Capital Region, responsible for Housing, Quality of Life, Environment and Energy</p>

13.00-14.30	<p>Networking lunch</p> <p><i>Yehudi Menuhin Space, 1st floor</i></p>

14.30-18.00	<p>Information session on urban adaptation to climate change (open to Mayors Adapt and Covenant of Mayors signatories)</p> <p><i>Room PHS5B01, 5th floor</i></p>