

What is the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy?

The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) is an international alliance of more than 10,000 cities and local governments from 140 countries across six continents with a shared, long-term vision of a world where committed mayors and local governments – together with partners – accelerate ambitious, measurable climate and energy initiatives that lead to an inclusive, just, low-emission and climate resilient future, working to meet and exceed the Paris Agreement objectives.

GCoM enables cities, local governments, and the networks that support them to bridge the gap from climate ambition to action delivery. The alliance unites and inspires its stakeholders to strengthen global climate coherence, accelerate the energy transition, *and* generate locally tailored solutions for a common purpose: creating an inclusive, just, low-emission, and climate-resilient future for all. Backed by the European Commission and Bloomberg Philanthropies, the alliance is collectively united around a commitment to accelerate and implement city climate action using locally determined approaches under a principle of global coherence.

Organizing principles

- **Local Governments are Key Contributors:** The Global Covenant of Mayors works to organize and mobilize cities and local governments to be active contributors to a global climate solution.
- **City Networks as Critical Partners:** Local, regional and global city networks are core partners, serving as the primary support for participating cities and local governments.
- **A Robust Solution Agenda:** Focusing on those sectors where cities have the greatest impact, the Global Covenant of Mayors supports ambitious, locally relevant solutions, captured through strategic action plans that are registered, implemented, monitored and publicly available.
- **Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Fostering Local Climate Resilience:** The Global Covenant of Mayors emphasizes the importance of climate change mitigation and adaptation, as well as increased access to clean and sustainable energy.
- **A locally tailored and globally coherent alliance:** Driven by the efforts of its cities, local governments, and partners across regions, the Global Covenant of Mayors addresses unique local level needs and ambitions under one united, all-encompassing strategy.

The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy commitment

GCoM signatory cities and communities are leading by example. Whatever the size or location, the mayors and local leaders committed to GCoM stand ready to take concrete measures with long-term impact to tackle the interconnected challenges of climate change mitigation and adaptation, as well as access to sustainable energy. To implement this vision, the mayors and local leaders pledge to implement policies and undertake measures to:

- reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions,
- prepare for the impacts of climate change,
- increase access to sustainable energy, and
- track progress toward these objectives.

The actions GCoM-committed mayors and local officials take now are paving the way for a better quality of life and economic development in their communities. Ambitious and quantifiable commitments from GCoM cities, such as those captured in the One Planet Charter, demonstrate that our cities are taking swift action to ensure the Paris Agreement goals are met. But there is still a great opportunity and need for cities to raise their ambition and commit to bold new actions.