



Covenant of Mayors

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Addressing climate change in Alpine Space
Municipalities

Main messages

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What is the Covenant of Mayors?

Context

- EU Climate and Energy Policy (2008)
 - EU 20-20-20 targets
 - Member States
- Local and regional authorities
 - Urbanisation (74% EU population)
 - 70% total primary energy demand
 - GHG emissions
- Voluntary and formal commitment
 - TARGET: at least -20%CO₂ by 2020

The core aspects

- Bottom-up approach and participation
- Subsidiarity Principle and Multi-level governance
- Clear targets platform for exchange good practices
- Strategies (SEAPs)
- Monitoring and reporting
- Suspension

Eligibility criteria

- SEAPs have to be agreed by the Municipal Council
- SEAPs must include a clear target for CO₂ emissions reduction by 2020, at least 20%
- Key sectors to achieve CO₂ emissions cut:
 - Buildings /equipment (municipal or residential)
 - Transport (public/private)



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The Covenant of Mayors in numbers

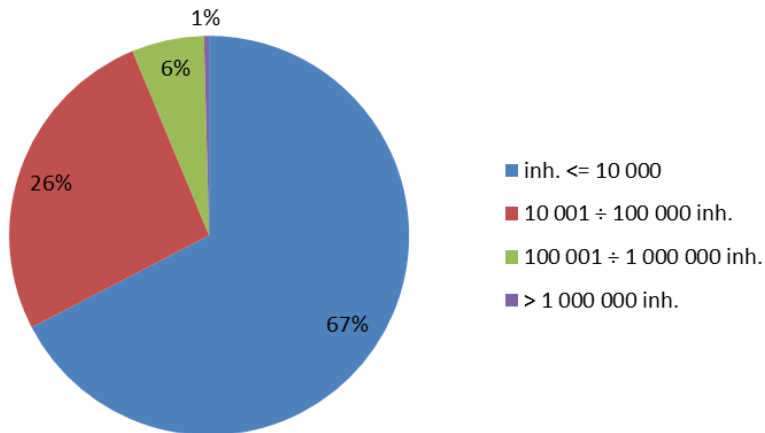
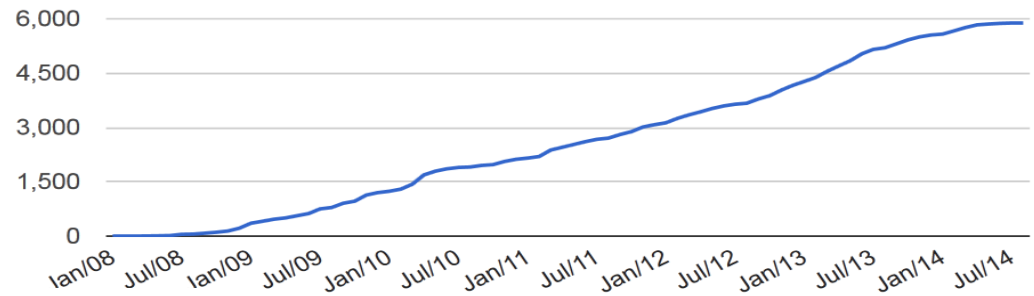
6,200 signatories from **54 Countries**
250 regions, provinces and gas roots associations
190 million inhabitants
More than 4000 Sustainable Action Plans



Signatories over time as of 8th September 2014

6200 signatories

~200 million inhabitants





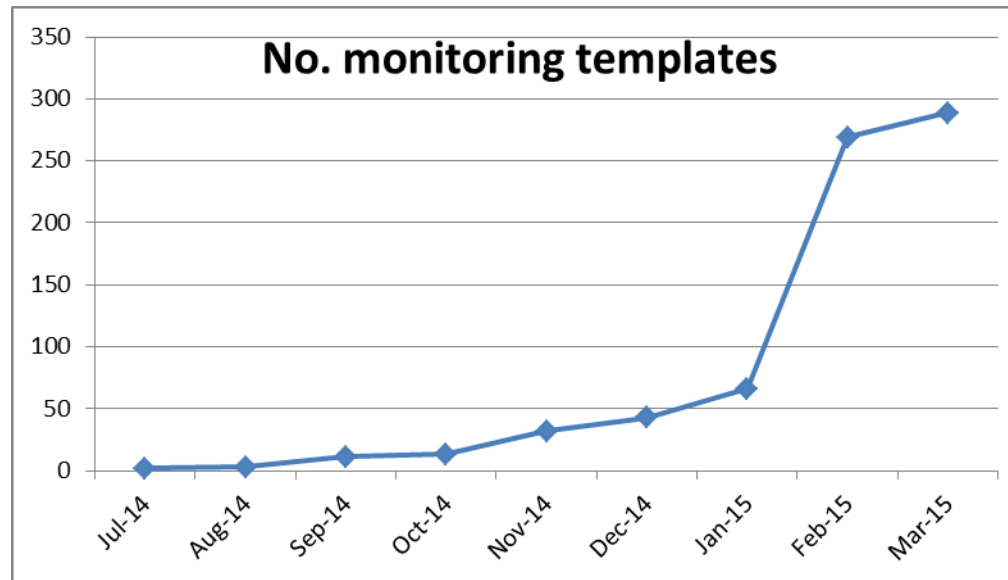
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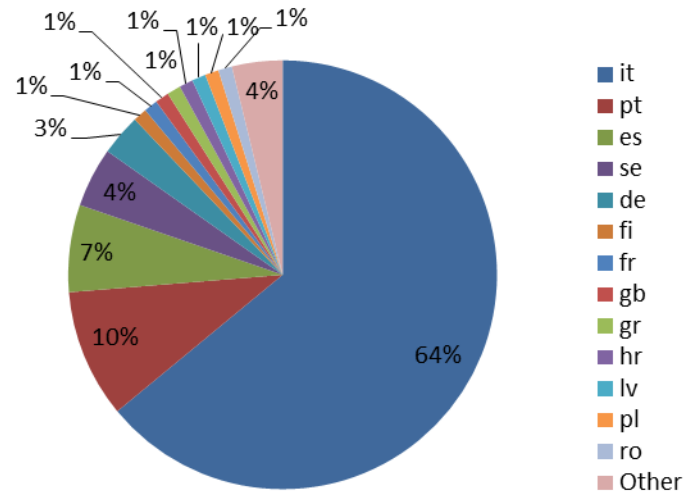
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Monitoring templates by country





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Covenant of Mayors post 2020



- EU 2030 climate and energy targets and adopt a target of “*at least 40% CO₂ reduction by 2030*”;
- To make a clear reference, to energy efficiency and renewables policies as instruments to contribute to the 2030 target, but without making these Covenant targets.;
- To strengthen the links between the CoM and Mayors adapt and develop synergies with the SC&C