

Peer Learning Programme - 2021/22 - Call for Supporters

The Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy is offering energy agencies across Europe the opportunity to take part in peer learning exchanges that aim to increase regional / sub-regional entities' capacity and knowledge to mitigate and adapt to climate change, tackle energy poverty, and develop and implement ambitious long-term strategies. Applications are open until Wednesday 31st March 2021, CoB.

1. What is the peer learning programme about?

The Covenant of Mayors peer learning programme has been designed to cater to the different needs of our CoMmunity. In this vein, we are **launching tailored programmes** offering regional and sub-regional entities the possibility to participate in exchanges that aim to increase their capacities to mitigate and adapt to climate change, to develop and implement ambitious long-term strategies, as well as to address energy poverty.

These programmes will ensure stimulating exchanges including activities such as:

- Exchanging ideas on how to encourage and manage private sector commitments;
- Learning how to co-create a climate pact with citizens and business or to develop a climate neutrality strategy;
- Hearing from experts on how to transition to 100% renewable energy sources.

2. Who can apply?

The 2021/22 peer learning programme is open to:

- Energy agencies acting as Covenant of Mayors - Europe official Supporters from the EU and the Horizon 2020 associated countries ([list here](#)), except those from the UK or those covered by another regional covenant.
- Non-Covenant of Mayors – Europe official Supporters from the EU, under the condition that they will complete their registration to the Covenant of Mayors 2030 before the start of the peer learning programme in June 2021*.

3. What do you commit to?

As each learning programme is different, your commitment as a participant varies depending on the programme. Certain exchanges will involve travel and responsibilities to host a partner entity, while others will take place purely online. Additional commitments may include:

- Preparing jointly the visits by co-designing the agenda, identifying topics and arranging the practical modalities
- Making a transferability assessment of measures discussed
- Participating in online meetings

Further information will be available upon selection in a peer learning programme.

4. Why join the peer learning programme as a mentor?

The Covenant of Mayors peer learning programme has been designed to cater for the various needs of our CoMmunity by providing tailored peer learning exchanges. As participants, the benefits of joining include:

- Possibility to be offered speaker slots at Covenant of Mayors events



- Chance for mentors to share best practices and be promoted within the COMMunity as such
- Support of projects dissemination through the Covenant communication tools
- Reimbursement of travel, if any.
- Financial compensation for your expertise if acting as mentor.

5. **Enabling Resources**

To ensure that participants can gain the most and ensure a successful journey through the peer learning programme, certain conditions are necessary. All participants are required to have at least level B1 command of English to ensure effective learning. Additional requirements include having appropriate financial and human resources to be actively engaged in the learning process. If acting as a mentor, you will be reimbursed for your travel and accommodation to the learner entity, and additionally compensated for your expertise.

Further information will be made available to successful applicants upon contact to offer a place on a peer learning programme.

6. **How to apply?**

Interested Covenant Supporters simply need to fill in an online application form available here: https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/CoM_CS_peer_learning_programme_application_form_2021.

Applications are open until Wednesday 31st March 2021, with all learning programmes starting in June 2021.

7. **Data and privacy policy**

The Covenant of Mayors Office will store the application forms for 5 years after the termination of the current service contract with the European Commission. After those 5 years (December 2028), the application forms will be deleted. Please note that during this period, the application forms might be shared with the European Commission.

8. **More information**

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About the Covenant of Mayors

The Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy brings together local and regional authorities voluntarily committed to implementing the EU's climate and energy objectives on their territory. This unique bottom-up movement, which started in 2008 with the support of the European Commission, now counts over 10.000 signatories. In 2015, the initiative took on new objectives: in line with EU targets the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy steps up the initial CO₂-reduction commitment to 40% and includes adaptation to climate change. Signatory local authorities share a vision for making cities decarbonised and resilient, where citizens have access to secure, sustainable and affordable energy.

Signatories commit to developing Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs) and to implementing local climate change mitigation and adaptation actions. The Covenant of Mayors is supported by an Office in charge for the overall coordination of the initiative. The Covenant of Mayors Office is managed by a consortium composed of networks of local and regional authorities including Energy Cities, Climate Alliance, CEMR, Eurocities, FEDARENE and ICLEI.