

COVENANT OF MAYORS

1. Roadmap

The draft text of the Covenant is to be uploaded in Commission's websites and other websites, with a notice informing that the Covenant is now in a phase of consultation with stakeholders. All comments are to be sent to:

TREN-COVENANT@ec.europa.eu

All official languages are accepted, although for practical reasons it would be appreciated if comments are sent in one of the official working languages (EN, FR, DE)

Deadline 30th April 2008

Final version in English of the Covenant will be made public on 30th June (translations in 23 languages no later than 31st July). Annexes and Benchmarks can continue to be worked out later on.

Intended signature date: during EUSEW' 09, Jan-Feb 2009, Brussels

In parallel a number of key events are held, namely

- Presentation and debate events. Already scheduled: Eurocities (February-Murcia), Committee of Regions Plenary Session (April- Brussels), Climate Alliance (April- Aachen) Energie-Cités (April – Cork), ICLEI (April – Rovigo), UNDP (May – Split), Italy (July –Torino)
- Negotiation meetings and events for benchmarks of excellence
- Workshops for co-ordination with regional and local authorities for small cities
- Technical workshop on monitoring tools
- Negotiations with interested Member States for determining their support to the Covenant

2. Procedure

In parallel to the internet consultation, mayors present their intention to join the Covenant to their City/region councils. Municipal councils should formally approve the final text before 15 December 2008 to get into the first group of cities and regions joining the Covenant.

First group of Mayors sign their adhesion to the Covenant in Jan'09. Signature ceremonies to take place annually.

Sustainable Energy Action Plans to be presented in the periods foreseen in the Covenant (to be determined during the consultation process). Timing and frequency of reports are also to be determined during consultation process.

3. Communication strategy

Immediate upload of draft text of the Covenant and this proposal for a roadmap in following websites:

- DG TREN
- Commissioner Piebalgs
- Committee of the Regions
- Sustenergy
- ManagEnergy
- Concerto

- Civitas
- Network's websites
- National federations of municipalities and regions
- Italian Minister of Environment
- Those cities willing to do it.

Translation of the draft Covenant in 23 languages is to be made available during February. The final version will be prepared first in English, then translated into all 23 languages. Those cities willing to sign the Covenant also in a non-official language will be entitled to do that if they provide for the translation.

4. Technical support services funded by the Commission

Covenant Secretariat to be appointed through market procedure. Expected publication date early April, expected signature of contract October 2008.

Extra tasks to be defined to be appointed through market procedure (budget 1.5 Mio€). Expected publication date early April, expected signature of contract October 2008.