



## Peer Learning Programme - 2022

### Call for Territorial Coordinators and Supporters

The Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy - Europe is offering regional and sub-regional authorities and entities across Europe the opportunity to take part in peer learning exchanges that aim to increase regional and sub-regional authorities' capacity and knowledge to mitigate and adapt to climate change and tackle energy poverty and develop / implement long-term strategies. Applications are open until Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2022, CoB.

#### 1. What is the peer learning programme about?

The Covenant of Mayors - Europe peer learning programme has been designed to cater to the different needs of our Community. In this vein, we are launching *the **Expert Mission programme*** offering regional and sub-regional authorities and entities the possibility to participate in exchanges that aim to increase their capacities to develop and implement ambitious regional and sub-regional long-term strategies\* as well as to support the development and/or implementation of local action plans.

*\* ambitious long-term regional strategies refers to strategies / plans with the ultimate objective of reaching climate neutrality by 2050 and, if any, with the indication of clear long-term targets (i.e. %GHG emissions reduction by 2050).*

Up to 5 successful applicants will be offered a place on the programme. Priority will be given to territorial coordinators working on long-term regional strategies. However, if not enough good applications are received on this priority, applicants addressing the support to the development / implementation of local action plans may be selected.

[Find out more about our evaluation criteria.](#)

Furthermore, applicants may be offered a place in the Peer Review Programme aiming at providing in depth-review of signatory Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs) by experts who have previously participated in the development and the implementation of plans. Up to 6 reviewers are selected among a pool of experts composed by advanced cities and covenant coordinators.

#### 2. Who can apply?

The 2022 peer learning programme is open to:

- All active Covenant of Mayors – Europe Territorial Coordinators from the European Union member states and EFTA countries.



- Regional and local Energy and Climate Agencies, acting as active Covenant Supporters, from the European Union member states and EFTA countries.
- Non-Covenant of Mayors Territorial Coordinators from the EU member states and EFTA countries, under the condition that they will complete their registration to the Covenant of Mayors - Europe before the end of May 2022.
- Regional and local Energy and Climate Agencies, non-Covenant Supporters, from the EU member states and EFTA countries, under the condition that they will complete the registration to the Covenant of Mayors – Europe before the end of May 2022.

**If you are a municipality or local authority, [please apply to the call for signatories](#).**

### 3. What do you commit to?

The exchange may involve travel and/or responsibilities to host a partner, or may take place purely online, depending on active Covid measures at the time of the exchange and willingness of participants. Throughout the exchange, you may be required to invite relevant departments of your regional / sub-regional administration, policy makers, and relevant stakeholders, and to define and implement concrete actions through the course of the programme. Additional commitments may include:

- join online meetings to understand and discuss the specific needs and challenges of participants
- identify clear learning objectives, and define and implement concrete actions throughout the learning programme
- prepare jointly with participants an agenda for the physical visit (if necessary)
- invite relevant departments of your regional / sub-regional administration, policy makers, cities' representatives, and other relevant stakeholders
- provide support to participants with the development or implementation of actions related to long-term planning.

Further information as to your exact commitments will be available upon offer of a place on the peer learning programme.

### 4. Why join the Expert Mission peer learning programme?

The Covenant of Mayors - Europe peer learning programme has been designed to cater for the various needs of our Community. The benefits of joining include:

- Participants will build their capacity to address challenges through tailored discussions;



- Opportunity to network with others through a focused learning programme;
- Promotion on Covenant of Mayors – Europe channels;
- Possibility to be offered speaker slots at Covenant of Mayors - Europe events;
- Chance for more advanced participants to share best practices and be promoted within the Community as such;
- Support of projects dissemination through the Covenant - Europe communication tools;
- Potential opportunity to join as guest to the Group of Practitioners meeting in Brussels, to liaise with highly engaged practitioners of the Community.

#### 5. **Enabling Resources**

To ensure that participants 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 B2 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 the exchange involves a travel, the latter will be reimbursed up to a certain amount.

Participants selected as mentor will receive compensation for their expertise.

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

#### 6. **How to apply?**

Interested local authorities simply need to fill in an online application form available here: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/CoM CTC CS peer learning application form 2022>

Applications are open until Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2022, with all learning programmes starting in May 2022.

#### 7. **Data and privacy policy**

The Covenant of Mayors – Europe 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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