

Who can join the Covenant of Mayors – Europe?

Covenant Signatories

Any European local authority can become a Signatory of the Covenant of Mayors - Europe, whatever its size and whatever the stage of implementation of its energy and climate policies, as long as it is represented by an elected local council or an equivalent decision-making body with elected members.

Supra-local authorities

Supra-local authorities falling into the categories below can join as individual signatories:

- County councils
- Metropolitan areas
- Greater cities

These authorities can join the initiative as Covenant Signatories if the adhesion is linked to the development and implementation of a sustainable energy and climate action plan for the whole territory they administer.

Local public entities aggregating municipalities

Union of municipalities, local action groups, communities of municipalities and similar entities can join the Covenant of Mayors – Europe by creating a group of signatories. Each municipality / local authority, part of the local public entity, shall adhere to the initiative. The local public entity will be granted access to the initiative (and the platform) once all its municipalities / local authorities have completed the adhesion process.

Covenant Coordinators

The role of Covenant National Coordinator is reserved to national ministries and national energy agencies only.

The role of Covenant Territorial Coordinator is reserved to regions, provinces and counties only.

The category of Territorial Coordinator also includes Portuguese Comunidades Intermunicipais and Areas Metropolitanas, being established by law as administrative regions.

Italian Metropolitan Cities are included in the category of Territorial Coordinator as well, being established by law and substituting, de facto, the old province structure.

Covenant Supporters

The role includes the following categories:

- Regional and local thematic agencies
- Networks of local / regional authorities
- Non-governmental and civil society organisations
- Associated partners

Local public entities aggregating municipalities

Local action groups, communities of municipalities and similar entities can be recognised as networks of local / regional authorities and join the initiative as Covenant Supporters if the following criteria are met:

- The adhesion to the initiative is linked to the support of Covenant Signatories in the development and/or implementation of their action plans
- The entity is governed by public and non-profit entities only.

Associated Partners

European Federations of the private sector and other such structures which are in position to provide linkages with private companies and civil society, as well as support to Covenant signatories - notably in the form of technologies, tools, financial incentives, promotional materials, cultural and participative initiatives - can join the Covenant as Associated Partners.

Find out more in our [FAQs](#).