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Stepping up action for a fairer,
climate-neutral Europe



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THE WORLD'S LARGEST MOVEMENT

ON LOCAL CLIMATE AND ENERGY ACTIONS



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As part of the European Covenant of Mayors movement, **cities and towns** are taking **climate and energy action** to secure a better future for their **citizens**.





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Key figures



11765

Signatories



248

Supporters



238

Coordinators



18124

Best practices actions



7832

Submitted action plans

Numbers include EU-27 countries and their signatories, coordinators and supporters



2023 COVENANT EUROPE CONFERENCE

CITIES ON THE FRONTLINE OF THE ENERGY CRISIS

30 MARCH 2023

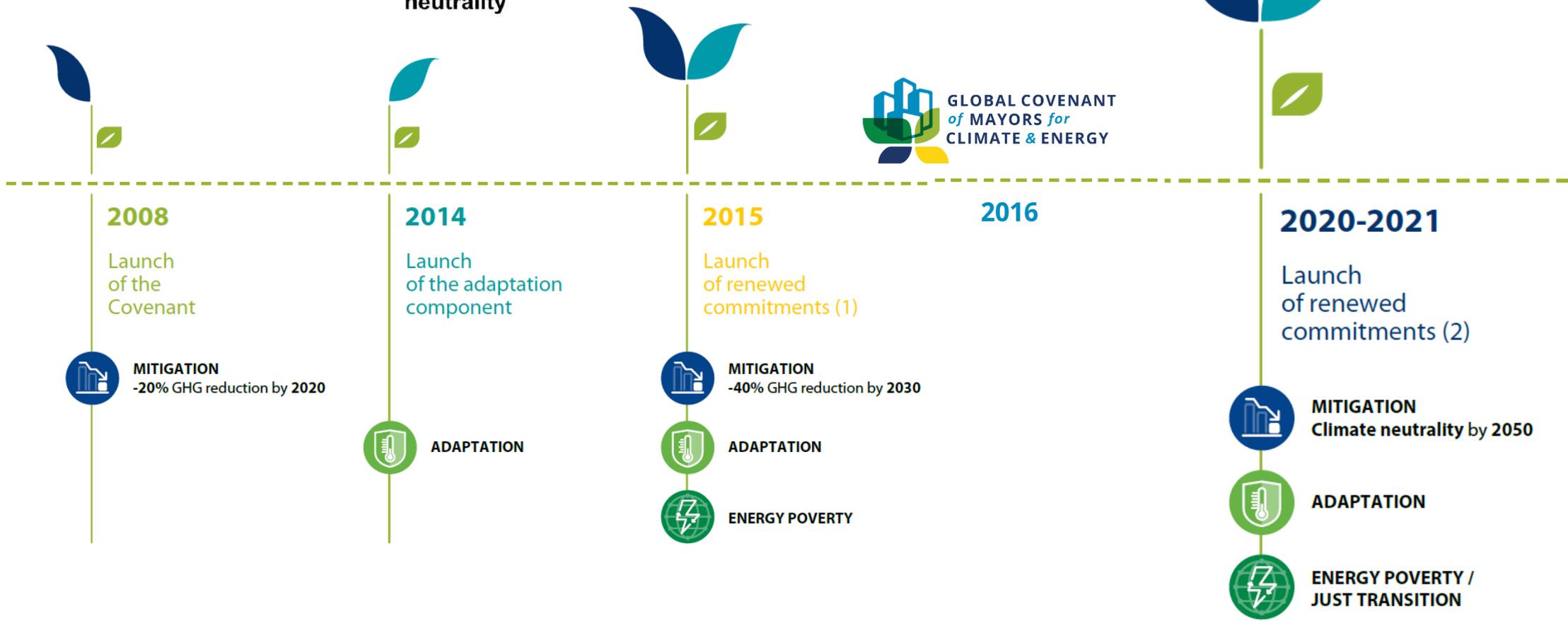


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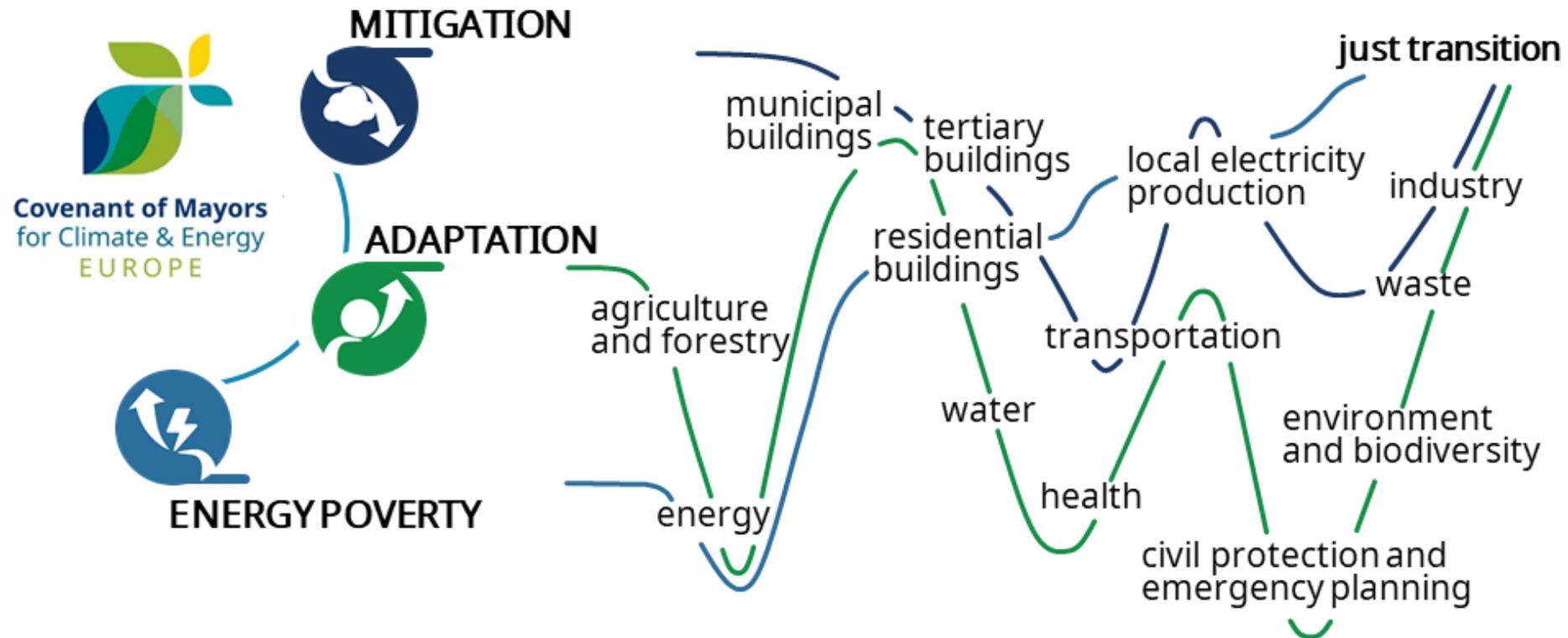
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Three pillars



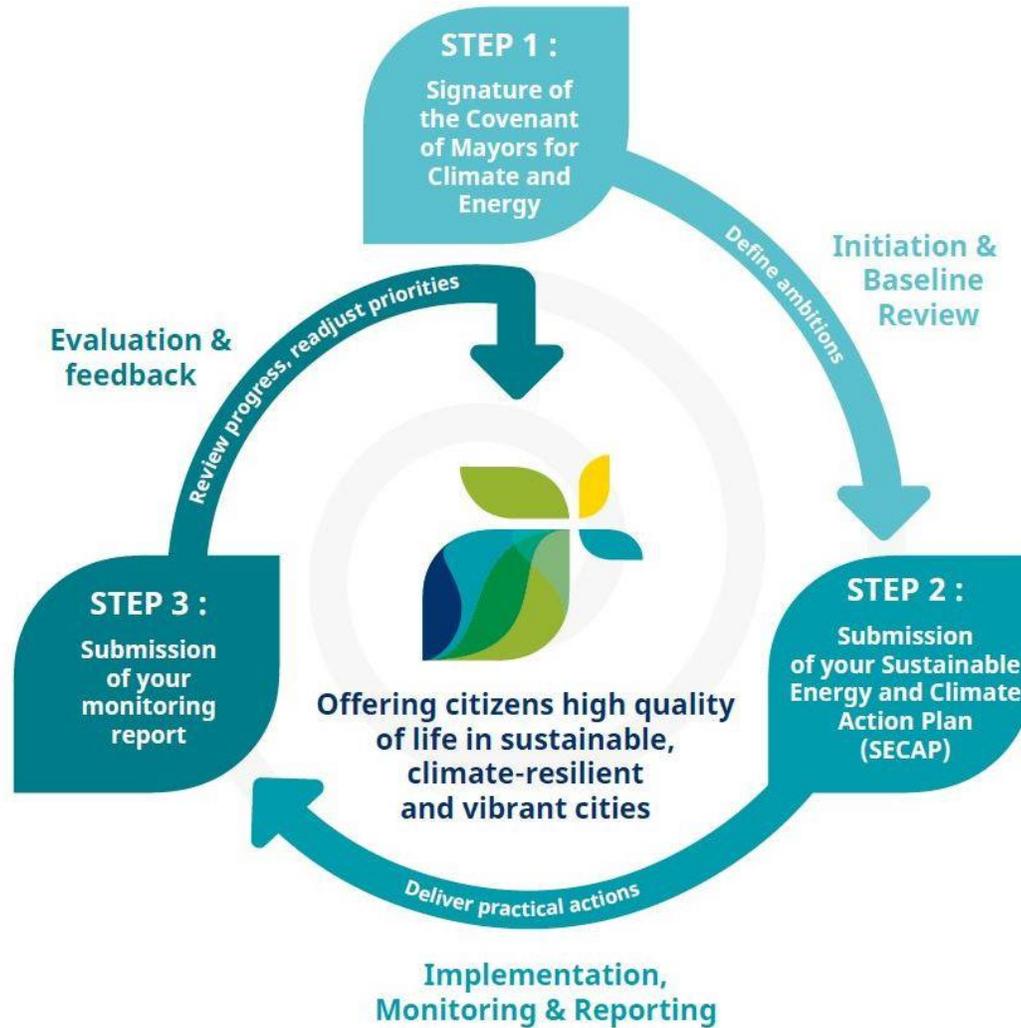
that translate to action in reducing GHG emissions, strengthening resilience, tackling energy poverty and ensuring a just transition.



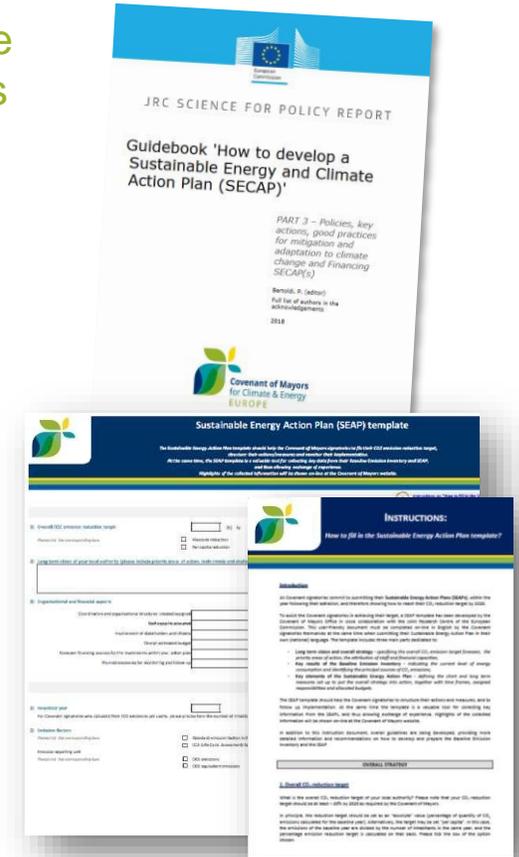
The Covenant step by step



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Guidance materials



Supporting signatories



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With capacity-building events

Webinars

National Workshops

Thematic coalitions

Peer learning programme



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With a capacity-sharing platform:

Resource Library

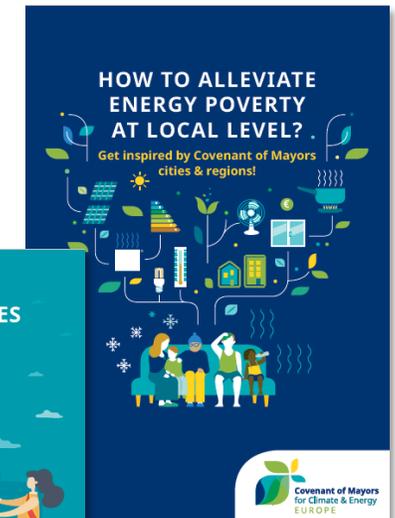
- hundreds of resources, including good practices, case studies, handbooks, webinar recordings, etc.

Discussion Forums

- Exchange with your peers

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With an online interactive funding guide

Interactive funding guide

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Country ▾

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European Structural and Investment Funds	European Funding Programmes	Project Development Assistance	Financial Institutions Instruments	Alternative Financing Schemes
Cohesion Fund	CEF	EEEF	EFSI	Citizen Cooperatives
EAFRD	Horizon 2020 ▾	ELENA	Municipal loans	Crowd-funding
EMFF	JPI Urban Europe	Horizon 2020 PDA	NCFF	EPC
ERDF	LIFE	JASPERS		Green municipal bonds
ESF	Territorial Cooperation ▾			on-bill-financing
	UIA			Revolving loan funds
	URBACT			Soft loans, guarantees

Support services



The Cities Energy Saving Sprint

*Emergency energy saving measures
by cities, for cities*

#StandWithUkraine
#EUCitiesSaveEnergy
#citiesREPowerEU



MAYORS SHARE LOCAL MEASURES



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[Visit the Repository](#)

Learn about the energy saving measures that cities across Europe are taking



Share your city's measures!

Contact energy-saving-sprint@eumayors.eu to add your local actions to the repository



[Use the Toolbox](#)

[Read a synthesis of energy saving tips](#) on heating, lighting, mobility, awareness-raising, etc





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NATIONAL ENERGY AND CLIMATE PLANS





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UNDERSTANDING THE LEGISLATION

The Regulation on the Governance of the Energy Union has redefined how the European Union (EU) and its Member States (MS) **plan and deliver on the EU's energy and climate goals.**

The Energy Union Governance framework will **enable the EU to track MS' progress in implementing the 5 pillars of the Energy Union strategy:**

- (1) decarbonisation,
- (2) energy efficiency,
- (3) energy security,
- (4) internal market and
- (5) research and innovation.



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Under this regulation, all MS are required to develop **National Energy and Climate Plans (NECP)** covering the period from 2021 to 2030.

These plans have been **submitted in 2020 and will be updated in 2023 (draft) and 2024 (final version)**. The NECPs are a key pillar to delivering on the EU's 2030 climate targets and driving forward the implementation of the EU Green Deal and the climate neutrality objective by 2050.

The implementation of the EU Green Deal is not only dependant on the Energy Union but on a wide range of policy processes and legislations at EU (such as the Fit-for-55 package), national (such as Long-Term Renovation Strategies - LTRS and National Recovery and Resilience Plans), and local levels (such as Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans) that are interdependent.

Achieving a climate-neutral EU implies complex governance arrangements due to the **multi-actor and multilevel dimensions of the challenge**.



UNDERSTANDING THE LEGISLATION



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Article 11

Under Article 11 of the regulation on the Governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action, the **EU stresses that MS shall establish a multi-level climate and energy dialogue** to deliver on the clean energy transition and the European Green Deal.

Within these dialogues, local and regional authorities, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), businesses, investors, other stakeholders and the public are enabled **to engage and discuss the different scenarios for national and climate policies in the short and long-term** and review progress made, including the integrated NECP.





UNDERSTANDING THE DIALOGUES

MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE

Rather than just a top-down approach, in which national representatives draft and decide on policies with which sub-national actors must align, Multilevel Governance (MLG) builds on:

- **Vertical integration:** to enhance higher-level decisions and align them to sub-national needs;
- **Horizontal integration:** engage peers at the same level to ensure synergies and avoid overlaps.

MLG not only requires institutional arrangements (dialogue platforms), but also information-sharing and capacity-building across all governance levels. **It is necessary that the national level provides the necessary information, resources and tools that specifically strengthen the actions of local actors.**

Involvement of local governments in the **planning, implementation and monitoring phases**



SUPPORT FROM THE COVENANT



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- ✓ Contribute to ensuring that local governments are partners in the development of national policies
- ✓ Support EU Member States in the compliance with Article 11 of the NECPs
- ✓ Explore ways to profile the Covenant of Mayors as a supporting community to the achievement of the national targets





Join the movement!

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