



# INTRODUCING ... THE COVENANT CAPACITY PROJECT

**“Capacity building of local governments to advance Local Climate  
and Energy Action – from planning to action to monitoring”**

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## Addressing challenges

- **More local governments (LGs) need to engage in the sustainable energy transition and climate action. Many different reasons:**
  - plan and engage in climate change mitigation
  - address energy security and community resilience
  - stimulate green urban economy
  - offer a good quality of life to citizens
- **We understand & respond to knowledge gaps at municipal level.**
- **We help raise awareness (opportunities, reasons for engaging) and improve access to information to gain knowledge (technical, policy, planning, ..).**



## Our Consortium – 19 Partners

- **Education experts:** ZSI (AT), IHS (NL), FCG (FI)
- **Technical experts:** Act on Energy (UK), AEEPМ (RO), CAN-France (FR), ERKAS (EE), REAC (EL), SOG (IT), WWF Bulgaria DCP (BG), WWF Poland (PL)
- **Cities:** Burgas (BG), Koprivnica (HR), Malmö (SE), Padova (IT)
- **Associations/networks:** CM (SE), EcoEnergy (BG), ICLEI Europe (EU), SOS (SI)



## What is Covenant capaCITY?

A 3-year, high-impact European capacity building project for LGs in 15 countries, with 3 main activities:

- **Easy learning programme** offered to local political leaders and municipal staff
- **'Train-the-trainer' programme** to improve support offered to LGs by:
  - local government associations & networks
  - energy agencies working with municipalities
- **92 Selected cities & towns supported** step-by-step with SEAP development

**Result: LGs empowered to act, also to join Covenant of Mayors.**



## Training focus „energy and ...“:

- Greenhouse gas inventories
- SEAP development
- Stakeholder involvement
- Procurement
- Transport
- Buildings
- Waste
- Water

### Reduce it!

energy savings and efficiency,  
reduce waste

### Clean it!

renewables, clean fuels  
local production & use, waste-to-energy

### Control it!

reduce traffic, promote cycling & walking  
public transport, green fleets

### Monitor and report it!

GHG inventories, report to Council,  
CoM and global platform



## Focus on multiple countries

15 countries addressed through various activities:

**Primary focus:** Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Greece, Italy, Poland, Romania, Slovenia

**Secondary focus:** Finland, France, Sweden, United Kingdom (UK)

**Tertiary focus:** Austria, Germany, Slovakia

Results relevant to representatives and staff of cities, towns and villages across EUROPE!



## How do we work? (I)

- 1) **Online European LG capacity building programme , and same programme in 12 Country versions**
  - Easy guidance for start-up municipalities: why important, role of LG, tips and hints, tools and links (1<sup>st</sup> generation)
  - Advice and ideas for more advanced LGs that already have an Action Plan (2<sup>nd</sup> generation)
- 2) **Study tours (Malmö, Padova, Koprivnica, Freiburg)**
- 3) **Thematic workshops and webinars, e.g. on sustainable procurement**
- 4) **Country activities in national languages):** National conferences, workshops, webinars , SEAP development / improvement support
- 5) **Tools:** Decision-making support too - LEAP Wizard, online Toolbox. ...



## How do we work? (II)

- 5) **Train-the-trainer activities and tools – for capaCITY trainers - to support process.**
  - online virtual library with guidance material for trainers (access only for registered trainers)
  - FAQ - Frequently Asked Questions collected
  - Discussion Forum for Trainers
- 6) **Offer support, communicate, motivate and encourage LGs - working in synergy with other projects: LEAP, Cascade, NET-COM, and many more**

**Join us! Connect! Together we are stronger.**



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