

Covenant capaCITY Conference

Energy Action Planning made easy!

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Organisers: City of Malmö, Sweden and ICLEI Europe, the Covenant capaCITY project coordinator

PROGRAMME

09:00 – 09:45	Registration and coffee
09:45 – 09:55	Welcome by host Milan Obradovic, Chairman of the Environment Committee, City of Malmö
09:55 – 10:05	Event Moderator: Per Grankvist, Sustainability expert and author
10:05 – 11:00	PLENARY 1: Why is climate protection and sustainable energy necessary? <i>This first session explores important issues that impact on cities and towns, and highlights why the link to the green economy agenda and quality of life are sounds underpinning factors for local governments across Europe.</i>
10 mins ppt	Introducing the Covenant capaCITY project and support offered Presentation by: Maryke van Staden, Project Coordinator, ICLEI Europe
30 mins ppt	Climate change & sustainable energy: understanding the context and need for local action Presentation by: Rian van Staden, Principal Consultant, Intelligent RE
15 mins panel	Panel discussion: “It makes sense!” Political leaders exploring benefits of local action Atanaska Nikolova, Deputy Mayor European Policies, Environment, Burgas, Bulgaria Alessandro Zan, Councilor for Environment, Padova, Italy Helena Hecimovic, Councilor, Koprivnica, Croatia
11:00 – 12:00	PLENARY 2: What is a Sustainable Energy Action Plan? What are your needs? <i>Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs) offer a great opportunity to initiate a comprehensive strategy in your community. Yet, they can also represent a real challenge both in the planning, implementation and monitoring phase. This session will focus on practical guidance and share some support options.</i>
15 mins ppt	The SEAP process in practical steps – where to start and what to consider Presentation by: Marco Devetta, Energy Consultant, Sogesca, Italy
15 mins ppt	What support does the Covenant of Mayors Help Desk offer? Presentation by: Pirita Lindholm, Covenant of Mayors Office and Climate Alliance
15 mins ppt	Cool resources: Online Toolbox and Local Energy Action Plan WIZARD Presentation by: Giorgia Rambelli, Project Officer, ICLEI Europe
15 mins Q&A	Question time to audience: What support do you need?

12:00 – 13:30	Networking lunch
13:30 – 14:10	<p>PLENARY 3: How to identify and solve problems in the start-up phase?</p> <p><i>Joint session with Cascade project. Focus on finding funds to develop an emissions inventory and action plan, and to implement actions. What financing options can be considered - beyond improving energy efficiency as the cheapest energy? What key challenges have municipalities overcome when they started with local climate and energy action?</i></p>
15 mins ppt	<p>Money, money, money: Financing options for cities and towns</p> <p>Presentation by: Pirita Lindholm, Covenant of Mayors Office</p>
Panel 25 mins, including Q&A from audience	<p>Cascade project: panel discussion: Technical experts share experiences in starting local planning – identifying problems and finding useful solutions</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simone Tola, Senior Project Manager for Sustainable Energy Planning, AGIRE, City of Venice, Italy • Agnes Haehnel-Schoenfelder, Head of the Climate Protection Centre, City of Mannheim, Germany • Thomas Quero, Chargé de Mission, Nantes Métropole, France
14:10 – 15:10	<p>PLENARY 4: Where can you get support for your GHG inventory and SEAP development?</p> <p><i>There are many different issues to be considered when starting with a greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory and outlining a local action plan. Your municipality may not have the required technical expertise in all areas. Explore with us what is available and where you can get assistance.</i></p>
15 mins ppt	<p>Dealing with data challenges when conducting a Baseline Emissions Inventory (BEI)</p> <p>Discussion with audience: How do municipalities deal with this issue? Led by Marco Devetta and Maryke van Staden, representing the Meshartility project.</p>
15 mins ppt	<p>Understanding local governments' needs and where to get support – the key role of Covenant Coordinators and Supporters</p> <p>Presentation by: Miriam Badino, Coordinator of the ENERGY for MAYORS project, Province of Genova, Italy</p>
15 mins ppt	<p>Energy agency support and cooperation – creating a win-win relationship to stimulate the local green economy</p> <p>Presentation by: Anders Nylander, Project Manager, Skåne Energy Agency, Sweden</p>
15 mins Q&A	Question and answer time
15:10 – 15:50	Coffee break
15:50 – 16:35	<p>PLENARY 5: How can you promote what you do? How can you prove it is effective?</p> <p><i>It is important and very useful to show that your municipality is making an impact – towards your Council, your citizens, local businesses and others. How best to shape and send the right messages to the appropriate actors are investigated here.</i></p>

15 mins ppt	<p>Awareness raising of your community: sharing the right messages Presentation by: Rachel Jones, Partnership Manager, Act on Energy, United Kingdom</p>
15 mins ppt	<p>National networking platforms to encourage exchange and synergies Kinga Kovacs, Project Manager and NET-COM project coordinator, Energy Cities</p>
15 mins Q&A	<p>Question and answer time</p>
16:35 – 17:20	<p>PLENARY 6: How can stakeholders be involved effectively in a win-win approach? <i>Many different groups should be engaged in the SEAP process right from the start – this is a key to success. Who should be involved, and how can one do this? This will be explored here.</i></p>
15 mins ppt	<p>ENGAGE – how to involve local citizens to play their part in building a sustainable energy future Presentation by: Sohie Kim-Hagdahl, Environmental Coordinator, City of Växjö, Sweden</p>
15 mins ppt	<p>IMAGINE your involvement in local climate action – a cool approach to engaging citizens Presentation by: Elena Anastassova, Dobrich Municipality, Bulgaria</p>
15 mins Q&A	<p>Question and answer time</p>
17:20 – 17:35	<p>Conclusion by event moderator and Covenant capaCITY project coordinator</p>
17:40	<p>Conference ends</p>
	<p>Invitation: Visit the Tutankhamen exhibition (in same building, on ground floor) – conference delegates get a discount</p>
20:00 – 22:00	<p>Mingle-buffet in city centre – a great networking opportunity hosted by the City of Malmö. Venue: Hipp Restaurant, Kalendegatan 12, 211 35 Malmö - www.hipp.se</p>

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