



**Covenant of Mayors**  
for Climate & Energy  
EUROPE

# Covenant of Mayors – Europe

## *A topical initiative for cities in transition*



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# Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)



Founded in **1951**, CEMR groups national associations of Local and Regional Governments within the geographical Europe.

- 60 national Associations of Local and Regional Governments
- 41 European countries
- 110 000 local, intermediate, and regional governments

**CEMR's work is articulated in two pillars:**

- 1. Influencing European policy and legislation in all areas having an impact on municipalities and regions;**
- 2. Providing a forum for debate and exchanges between Local and Regional Governments via their national representative associations.**

# EU Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy



The European Commission's **reference urban initiative**, mobilising **thousands of European municipalities** for over 15 years to act on **climate and energy**, aligned with **EU targets**.

Builds a growing  
community of **local -  
regional – national  
actors** to plan, act,  
learn, exchange.



**12,000+**  
Signatories



**280+**  
Supporters



**200+**  
Coordinators

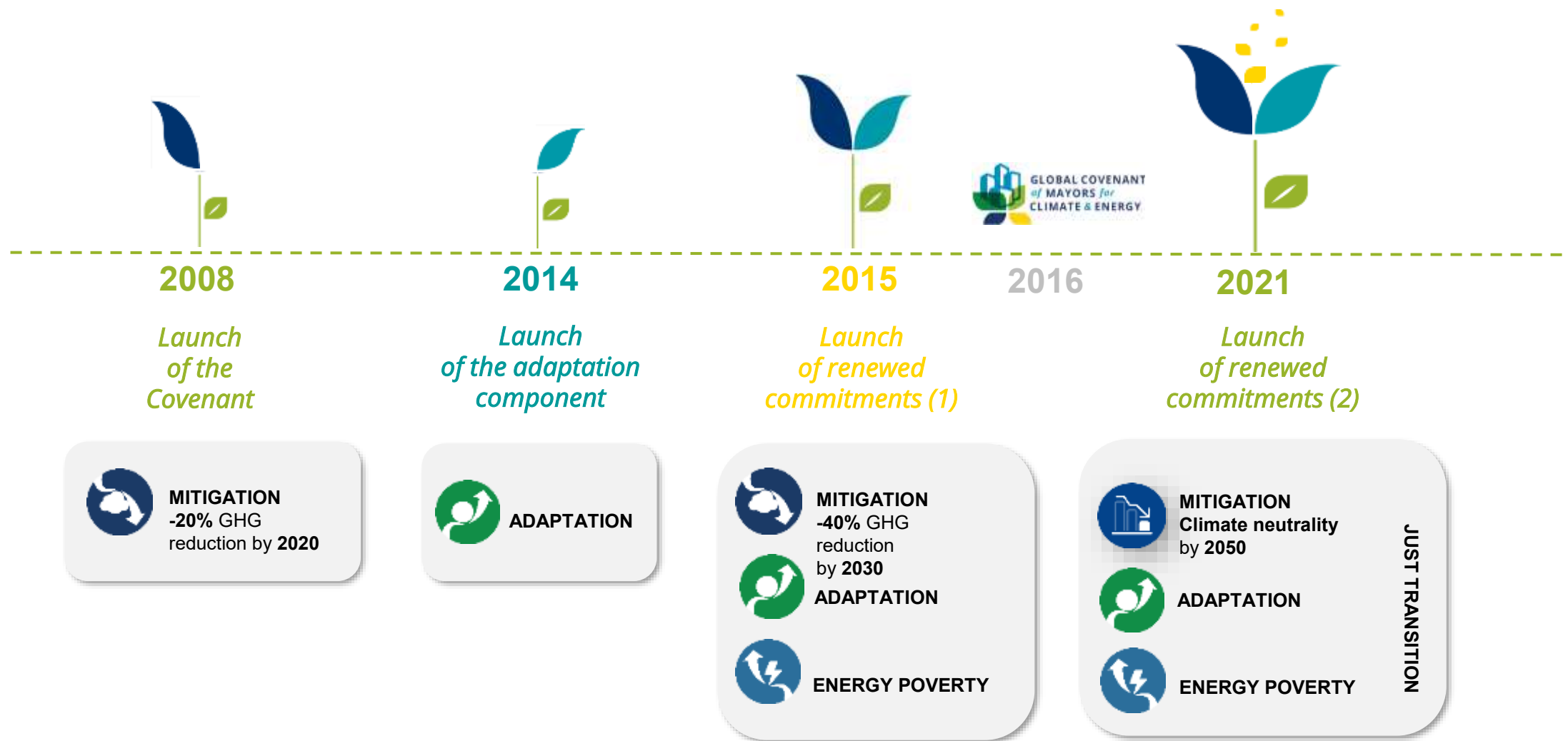


**20,000+**  
Best Practices  
Actions



**8,500+**  
Submitted Action  
Plans

# Evolution of the Covenant of Mayors – Europe





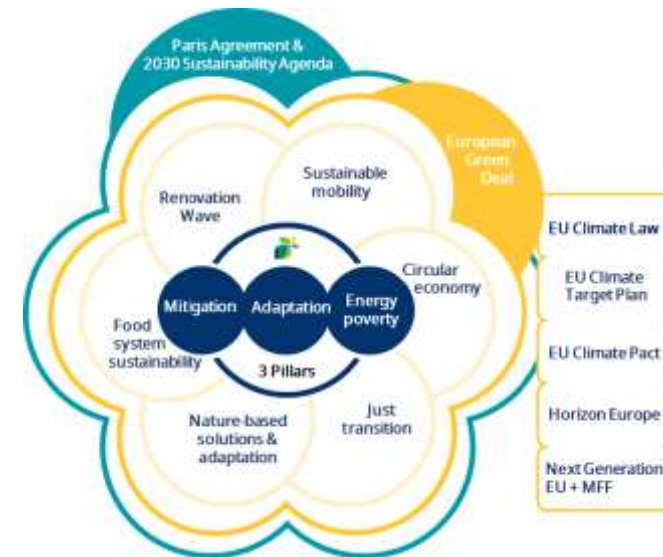
# An EU-wide movement

Largest European movement of local governments acting on climate change, driving climate ambition for over **15 years**, and continuing ...

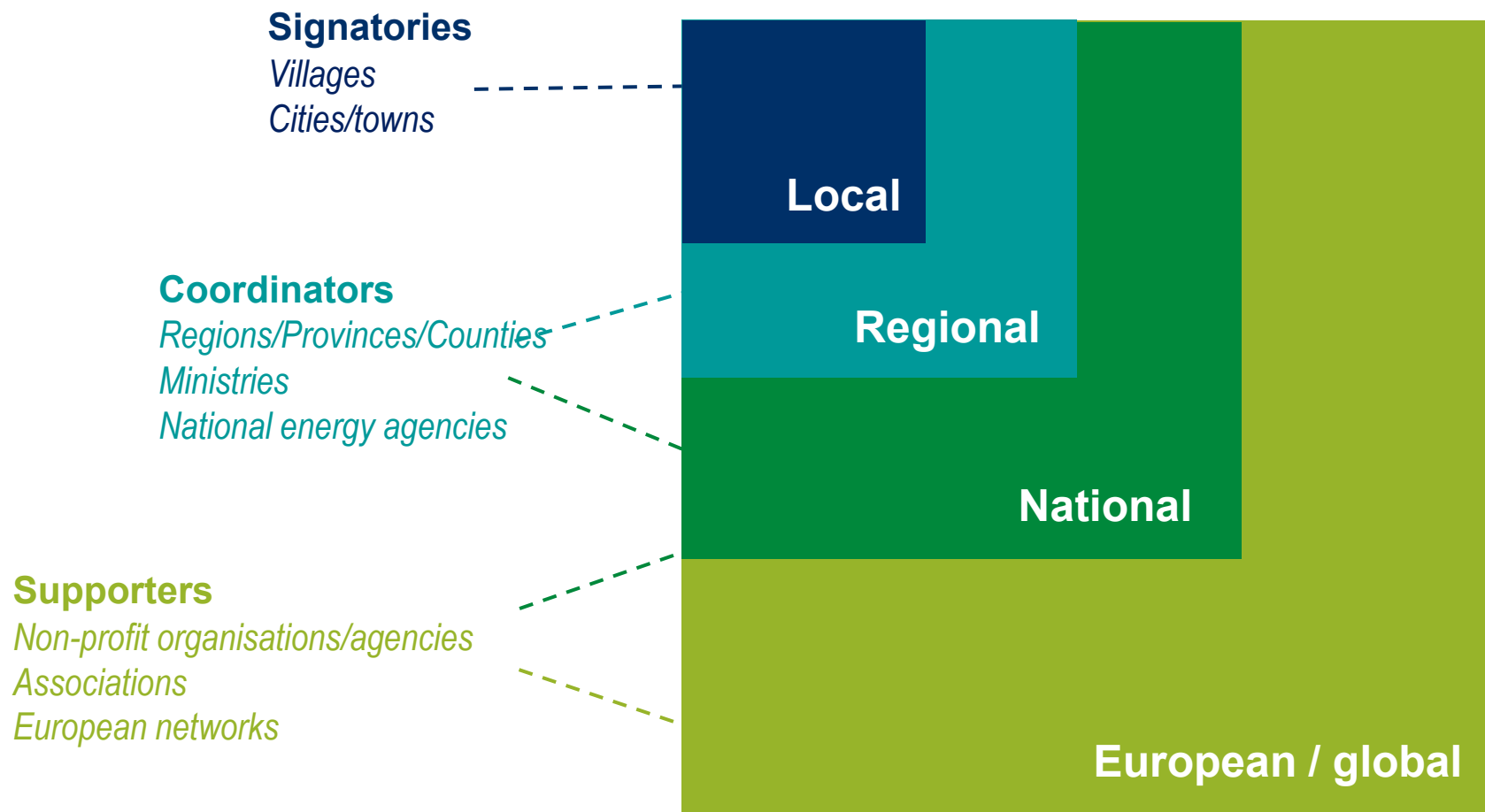
Mobilising **thousands of EU cities and towns** to act towards climate neutrality.



Embedded into **EU policies**, matching local and EU objectives.



# CoM National approach



# The Covenant Commitments in Europe

- *55% GHG emission reduction by 2030 & climate neutrality target by 2050*
- *Increasing resilience and prepare for the adverse impacts of climate change,*
- *Tackle energy poverty as one key action to ensure a just transition.*

## COMMIT



Adopt the Covenant commitments by municipal council decision

Register on [eumayors.eu](https://eumayors.eu) and upload signed commitment text

## ACT



Set city targets and goals

Complete inventories and assessments for mitigation and adaptation pillars

Develop Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP)

Implement actions, monitor, and report on a Covenant-Europe platform

## ENGAGE



Develop a local climate pact or similar

Mobilise pledges from citizens, businesses, and government at all levels

Ensure stakeholder participation in both development and implementation of climate action

## NETWORK



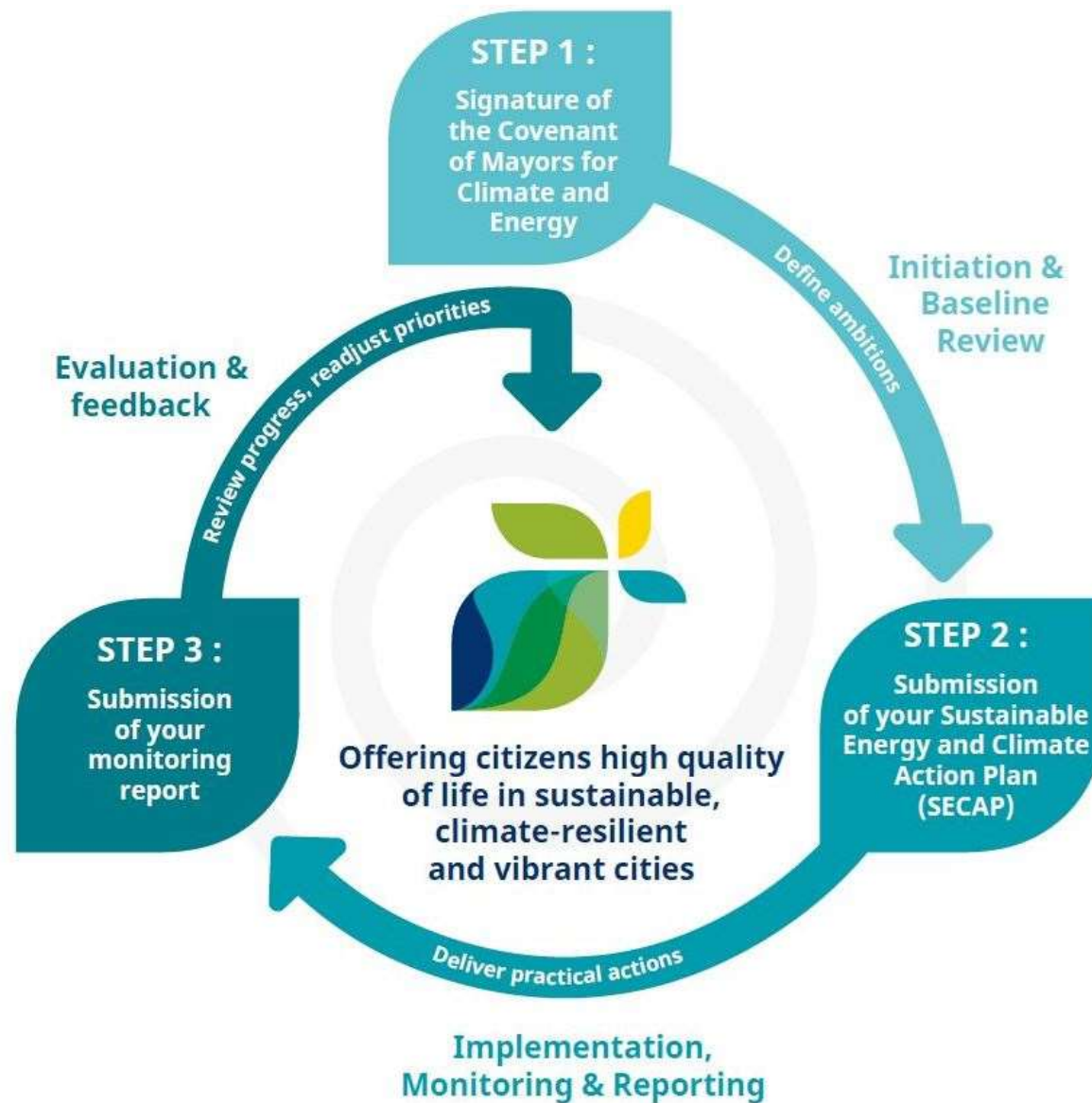
Prepare good practice examples of action implemented

Participate in global and regional advocacy activities

Reference and encourage participation in the Global and EU Covenant of Mayors movement as well as related initiatives



## CoM Framework



# City journey

Cities that join the CoM pledge to:

- set targets, assess baselines and develop an action plan **within 2 years following their formal signing**
- monitor & report progress **every 2 years following the submission of their action plan**



# Support for Covenant signatories



## METHODOLOGICAL GUIDANCE



**Covenant Reporting Guidelines and video tutorials** on reporting to the Covenant

**JRC Guidebook** on methodological principles, procedures, and best practices to develop action plans

Compilation of all [methodological guidance](#)

**WEBINARS ON CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION**

Click on the boxes to watch recording of webinars:

 Implementing a pathway scenario for adaptation at the local level <a href="#">Useful information &gt;&gt;&gt;</a>	 Co-creation of climate action and adaptation plans by local governments and researchers <a href="#">Useful information &gt;&gt;&gt;</a>	 How to engage citizens in local climate action with online tools? <a href="#">Useful information &gt;&gt;&gt;</a>	 Business models for nature-based solutions <a href="#">Useful information &gt;&gt;&gt;</a>	 Integrating mitigation and adaptation for more effective climate action <a href="#">Useful information &gt;&gt;&gt;</a>
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Webinar series:

 #1: Assessing risks and vulnerabilities <a href="#">Useful information &gt;&gt;&gt;</a>	 #2: Designing an adaptation strategy and action plan <a href="#">Useful information &gt;&gt;&gt;</a>	 #3: Monitoring and evaluating adaptation actions <a href="#">Useful information &gt;&gt;&gt;</a>	 #4: Financing adaptation actions <a href="#">Useful information &gt;&gt;&gt;</a>
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## CAPACITY BUILDING



[Webinars](#) dedicated to a variety of climate and energy topics, featuring practical experiences and lessons learned

**Workshops** including country-specific meetings tailored to the needs of signatories

**Peer learning programmes** tailored to signatories at various stages of the climate adaptation and mitigation journey



# Support for Covenant signatories



## KNOWLEDGE SHARING

### Case studies

to share and learn from the experiences of Covenant signatory cities



### Thematic publications on

Adaptation measures to prepare for floods, heatwaves and other climate change impacts



## TOOLS



Urban Adaptation Support Tool ⇒ guidance on the entire adaptation cycle and references to resources

E-learning platform ⇒ thematic modules in MyCovenant on the Covenant commitments



## Case studies

- Wrocław, Poland: **Citizens catching the rain for climate adaptation**
- Riba-Roja de Túria, Spain: **Building fire resilience using recycled water**
- Barcelona, Spain: **Using insurance data to improve resilience to climate change**
- Brno, Czech Republic: **Rainwater management in Pod Plachtami Park**
- Breda, the Netherlands: **The See2Do projects encourages citizens to improve energy efficiency**
- Métropole Nice Côte d'Azur, France: **Pavement irrigation to improve thermal comfort**
- Murcia, Spain: **Measuring social vulnerability and sectoral adaptive capacity**
- Kispest - Budapest District XIX, Hungary: **Tackling local needs: the development of an adaptation strategy using a citizen survey**



# Smart Cities Marketplace



**Facilitated access to financing and free advisory support to bridge gaps in sustainable city projects.**





# A VALUABLE RESOURCE for cities, city-led consortia, and investors



## FOCUSED ON

on EU cities, i.e. from small and mid-sized cities ( $\leq 100,000$  inhab.)

## MAIN THEMATIC FOCUS

Clean energy  
Sustainable mobility  
ICT solutions for climate neutrality

## GET ACTIONABLE INFORMATION !

on how to become climate-neutral, sustainable and inclusive

## GET FREE SUPPORT !

To identify and shape your sustainable city projects  
To replicate or scale up existing sustainable city projects

## FREE-OF-CHARGE TAILORED SUPPORT

Expertise delivered **locally** +  
in **your language** +  
**according to your needs** and availability  
to address your gaps (**legal, technical, financial, governance-related**)

## FACILITATED ACCESS TO FUNDING AND FINANCING

through the **Investor Network**  
**Pan-EU coverage**  
+ **all volumes** of investment  
+ **all topics in scope**

## KNOWLEDGE AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES WITH PEERS

with **cities, technical providers, investors, and other key players** with interest in co-developing projects in the areas of clean energy, sustainable mobility and ICT

# Boosting investments by Local Renewable Energy Communities (REC)



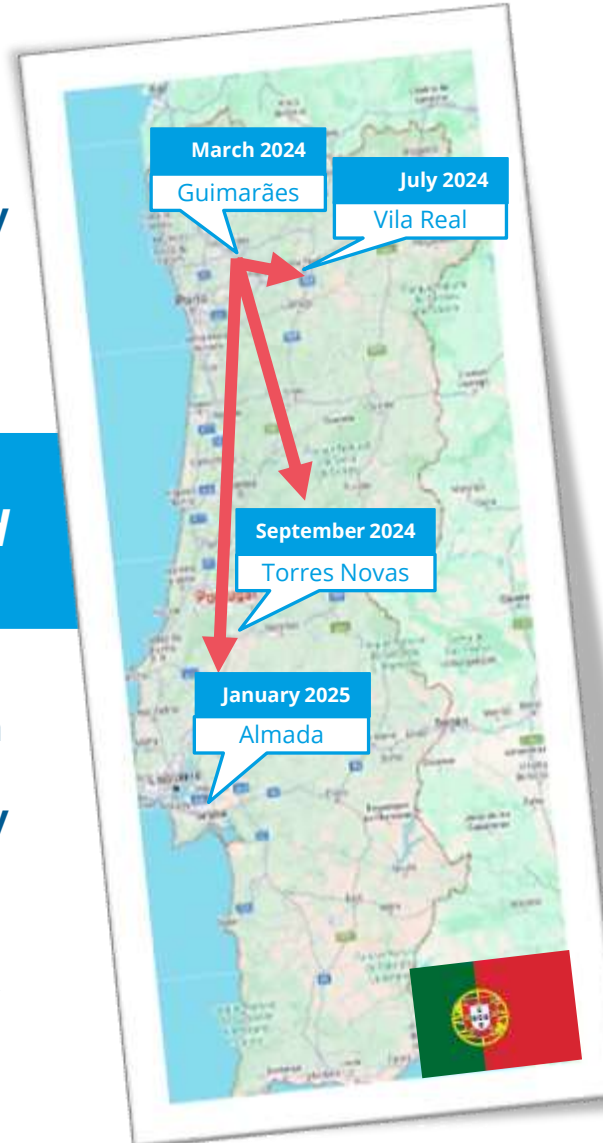
## Guimarães

- **GOALS:** develop REC and install 50MW of PV power
- **NEEDS ADDRESSED WITH SCM 1-to-1 Advisory Services:** economic feasibility + financial structuring + prepare procurement docs
- **INVESTMENT VOLUME:** about €48,3M
- **EXPECTED ENERGY GENERATION:** 68,5 GWh/y

*The experience of Guimarães was showcased at a SCM Local event and started to inspire other cities...*

## Vila Real

- **GOALS:** implement Collective Self Consumption (ACC) and install 50MW of PV power
- **NEEDS ADDRESSED WITH SCM 1-to-1 Advisory Services:** economic feasibility + prepare procurement docs
- **INVESTMENT VOLUME:** about €0,68M
- **EXPECTED ENERGY GENERATION:** 1,1-5 GWh/y



## Torres Novas

- **GOALS:** develop REC and install 1,5MW of PV power
- **NEEDS ADDRESSED WITH SCM 1-to-1 Advisory Services:** economic-financial feasibility + prepare procurement docs + facilitated access to financing
- **INVESTMENT VOLUME:** €1,35M
- **EXPECTED ENERGY GENERATION:** 1'950 GWh/y
- **EXPECTED EMISSIONS REDUCTION:** 719.6 tCO<sub>2</sub>eq/y

## Almada

- **GOALS:** develop REC and install 17,5MW of PV power
- **NEEDS ADDRESSED WITH SCM 1-to-1 Advisory Services:** technical expertise, legal advice, procurement preparation and financial structuring
- **INVESTMENT VOLUME:** about €18,6M
- **EXPECTED ENERGY GENERATION:** 25,02 GWh/y

# WHO

- Cities and city-led consortia from EU Member States
- **Businesses, SMEs, and project developers** encouraged to contact the relevant city administration(s) to see if a consortium can be formed
- Investors

# HOW



***Request application form to:***  
***matchmaking@smartcitiesmarketplace.eu***



## Tailored support to bring your city's vision to life

### Open call for:

- Planning support
- Assistance in developing an investment concept
- Strategies for engaging citizens and stakeholders
- EU Covenant of Mayors signatories



AS TEMPERATURES  
RISE...



CITIES HIT  
REFRESH





Safeguarding Europe's quality of life starts in our cities and towns, by building resilience locally and harnessing the strength of our communities.



# Hit REFRESH to

**RESTORE** health

for safer, more liveable environments for everyone.

**REBUILD** communities

for more inclusive societies and strong social ties.

**RENEW** urban design

for heat-resilient spaces adapted to a hotter future.

**REVIVE** local economies

for vibrant and safe place to live, work and visit.

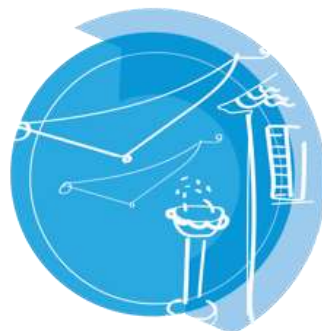


# Hit REFRESH with



NATURE

Keeping it fresh with green spaces, shaded corridors and water features.



DESIGN

Promoting heat-resilient infrastructure and urban planning.



GOVERNANCE

Leading with proactive policies, widespread awareness and warning systems.



COMMUNITY

Working together to support the most vulnerable.

# Get Inspired to **REFRESH** your city!

## City of Botkyrka - Sweden



# Get Inspired to **REFRESH** your city!

## City of Marseille - France





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## Explore our map

To dive into stories from our pioneer cities and discover other signatories' actions!

## Meet us at an **EVENT** or **WORKSHOP**

To learn from experts and other cities



Check out  
our online agenda

## Explore our **REFRESH KIT**

To find helpful resources

coming soon





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# Thanks for your attention!



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