

“Y(OUR) EARTH: THE NEW COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR A FAIRER, CLIMATE-NEUTRAL EUROPE”

12 May 10.30-12.00 (CEST)

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Following the European Union’s commitment to become climate-neutral by 2050 and the new climate targets for 2030, the Covenant of Mayors – Europe is entering a new phase of development with the launch of the “**Covenant for a fairer, climate-neutral Europe**”.

This webinar will be an opportunity to discover the new Covenant of Mayors and inform municipalities about the new commitments, at the same time providing inspiration for new actions through showcasing local actions for (Y)OUR EARTH!

AGENDA

Moderator: **Mrs Sandra Bērziņa**, Adviser on Environmental Protection Issues, Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments

10:30- 10:35	Opening speech <i>Mr Gunārs Ansiņš, Covenant of Mayors – Europe Ambassador from Latvia, Vice Mayor of Liepāja city council</i>
10:35 – 10:50	Are we “fit for 55”? The new European political framework for climate and energy <i>Ms Katerina Fortun, DG CLIMA, European Commission</i>
10:50 – 11:00	New Covenant: what does it really mean? <i>Mr Pedro Bizarro, Officer, Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy - Europe</i>
11:00 – 11:10	The cost of inaction on climate change <i>Doc. dr. Vaida Šerevičienė, Faculty of Environment protection, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, Lithuania</i>
11:10 – 11:25	“Renovation Wave” to help cities and regions achieve climate neutrality <i>Mr Andres Jaadla, Covenant of Mayors Ambassador from Estonia, Councilor of Rakvere City Council, Estonia</i>

<i>Local actions, global targets: learn and inspire for greener future</i>	
11:25 – 11:35	<p>The experience of Smiltene municipality towards a climate action plan and its implementation</p> <p><i>Mrs Ieva Dille, Head of Development Department, Smiltene municipality, Latvia</i></p>
11:35 – 11:45	<p>What to do to become the winners of Green Leaf?</p> <p><i>Mr Arnout Ruelens, Climate Program Coordinator, city of Mechelen, Belgium</i></p>
11:45 – 11:55	<p>Energy efficiency first: powering a climate-neutral economy</p> <p><i>Mr Mārtiņš Tīdens, Deputy Executive Director, Liepāja city council, Latvia</i></p>
11:55 – 12:00	<p>Final remarks</p> <p><i>Mr Pedro Bizarro, Officer, Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy - Europe</i></p>