



Covenant of Mayors
for Climate & Energy
EUROPE



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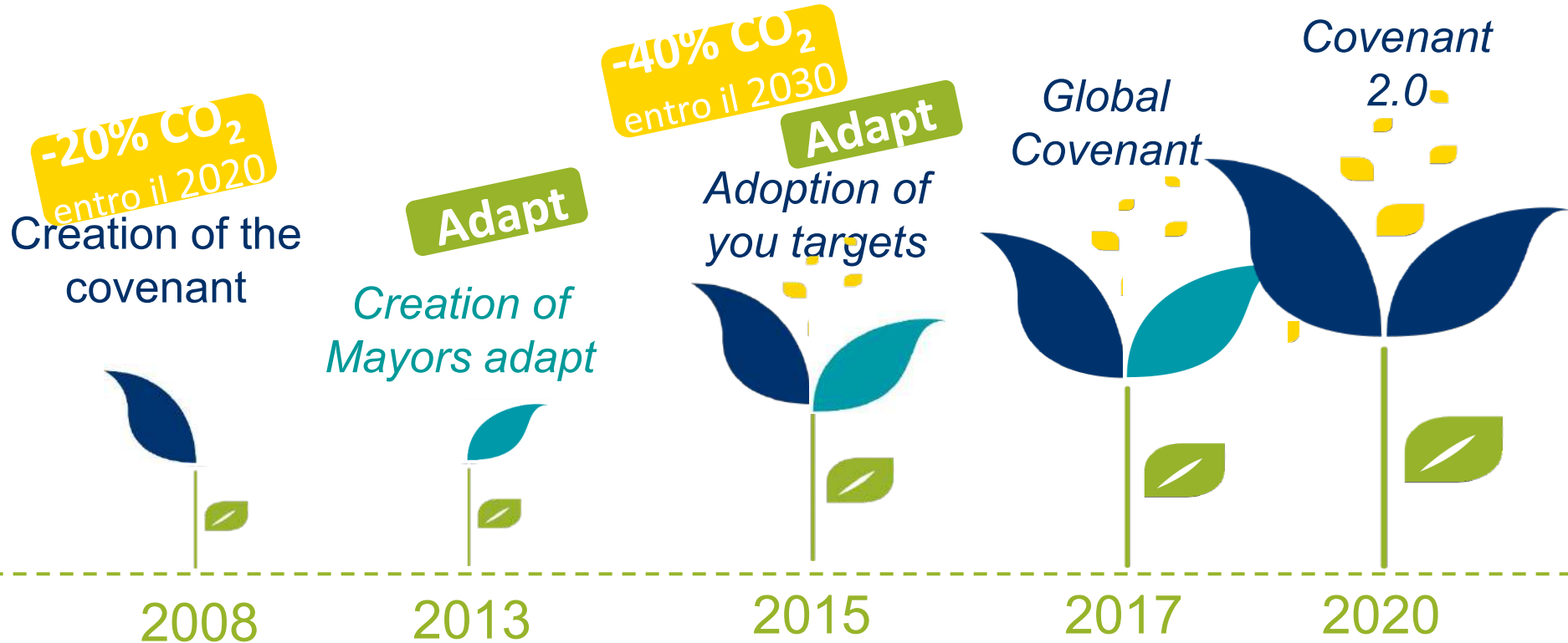
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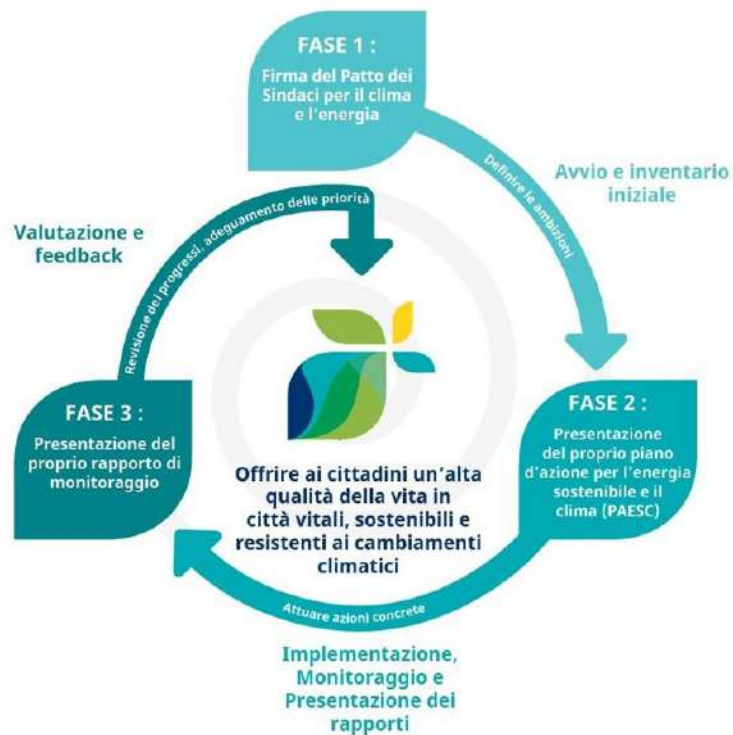





GLOBAL COVENANT
of MAYORS for
CLIMATE & ENERGY

Evolution of the initiative



The Covenant in practice



Reporting corner	Reporting and monitoring sections
 MY STRATEGY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">MY STRATEGY: Indicate progress towards the target, staff capacity allocated for plan implementation, budget spent so far, describe the monitoring process
 MY INVENTORIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">EMISSION INVENTORY: Update energy consumption, production and emissions factors submitting a Monitoring Emission Inventory (MEI)RISKS AND VULNERABILITIES: Update, as needed, all the previously reported data; note that there are no additional fields for monitoring
 MY ACTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">MY ACTIONS OVERVIEW: Update progress of implementationMY ACTIONS DETAILS: Update progress of implementation



...10 000 cities!

#TogetherTowards2030



Covenant of Mayors
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A growing community



10,234

Signatories



196

Supporters



223

Coordinators



43

Countries



285,813,978

Inhabitants

Covenant in Italy



Number of signatories

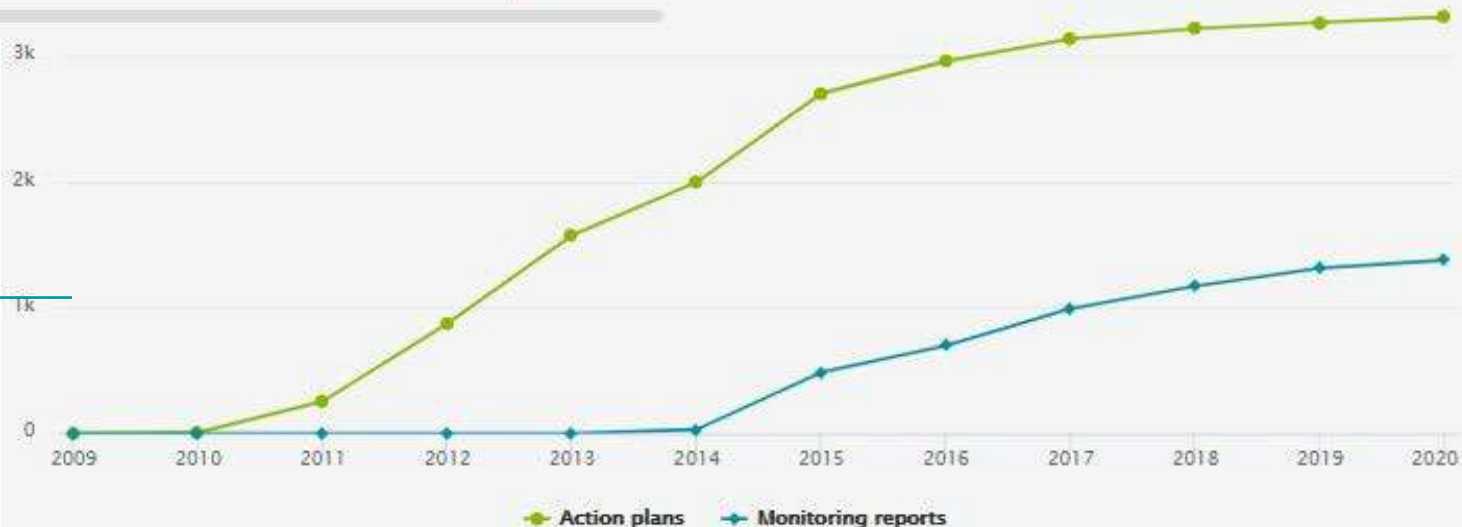
4,822

Action Plans Submitted

3,312 68.69%

Results Monitored

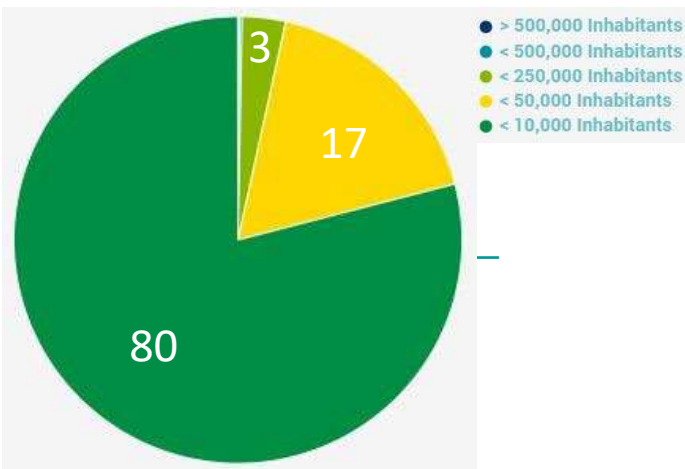
1,025 21.26%



Covenant in Italy



The majority of signatories are municipalities below 10k inhabitants
Unity must be strenght



The covenant is not only make by cities
A crucial role is played by supporters and coordinators

Covenant in Italy



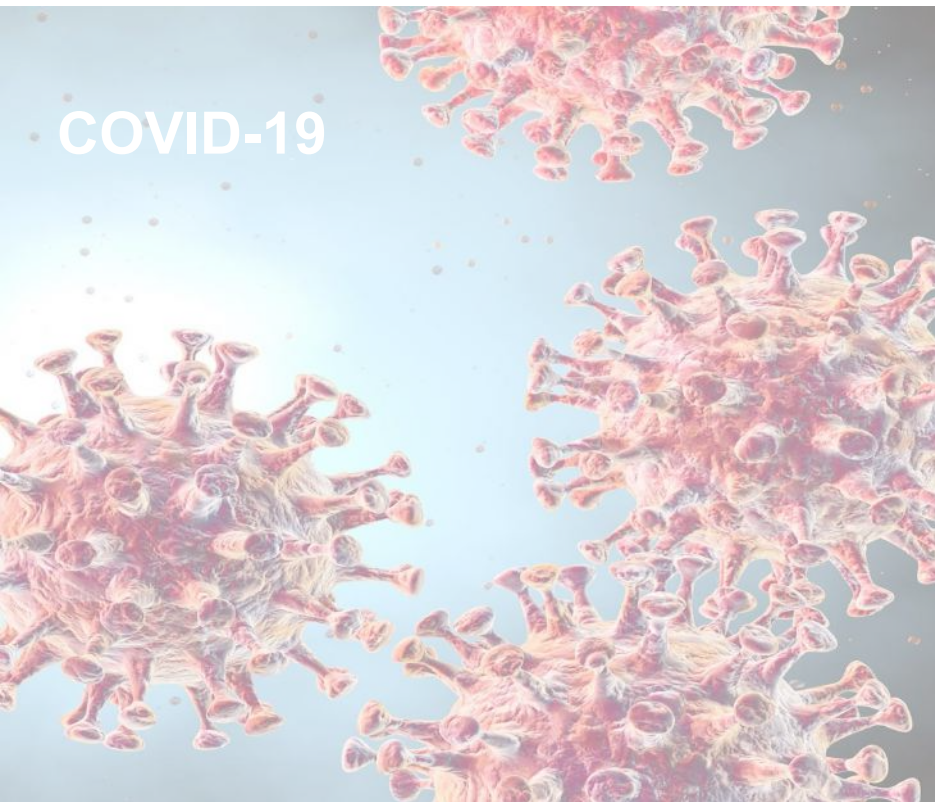
Transition from PAES to PAESC as a key objective for the covenant (especially in Italy)

	SEAP (2020)	SECAP (2030)
Pi a n o	 3,227 Signatories with submitted action plans	 564 Signatories with submitted action plans
M o n i t o r i n g	 1,020 Signatories with submitted monitoring	 160 Signatories with submitted monitoring

New contest new challenges



COVID-19



Become
climate-neutral
by 2050

The European
Green Deal

#EUGreenDeal

New long-term
budget and
recovery plan

#EUBudget #StrongerToge

EUROPEAN
CLIMATE PACT



The EU Adaptation Strategy

Open letter from the Covenant of Mayors – Europe Board

Accelerating the transition towards climate neutrality

The current COVID-19 crisis has confronted the global community with major challenges in a very short period of time. In addition to the health care system, the economy, the social systems as well as our lifestyles in general are greatly affected.

In this context, **local communities, cities and regions remain on the frontlines** of the response to the crisis. They have taken extraordinary and unprecedented measures with significant social and economic consequences, while reorganising their citizens' everyday life. They are thus making an important contribution to coping with the current COVID-19 pandemic without losing sight of the climate emergency.

As the pandemic progresses, we learn which mechanisms are useful for overcoming such global challenges. Certainly, there are valuable lessons from the approaches tested on the ground during times of great crisis, for instance:

- A strong political leadership – respecting the scientific evidence as well as the democratic principles – is crucial for taking relevant and timely action;
- Cooperation and coordinated response between States as well as between the different levels of governance have proven to be important elements for an effective response to such a crisis;
- Solidarity and responsibility towards citizens is essential for ensuring a just transition for all.

All levels of governments can boost resilience to crises and strengthen their economies by further leveraging local resources and acknowledging territorial circumstances – thus moving from sectoral to territorial and from globalisation to localisation, still unning people across borders.

Those are some of the principles which already guide the actions undertaken by the more than 10,000 local authorities committed to the Covenant of Mayors initiative in Europe and worldwide. As agents of change, they are taking their responsibility seriously for local and global transformation. Above all, they are aware that any recovery plan must also take the planetary resource boundaries into account – for example:

- The City of Amsterdam (NL) decided to make use of the "Toeristisch Model" they have worked on over the last 5 years to guide their recovery measures;
- The City of Ghent (BE) has installed a "lockdown fastlane" to develop short- and long-term measures focusing on the most vulnerable, and has mobilized 25 million euro to overcome the corona crisis;
- The city of Milan (IT) announced an *ambitious* scheme to reduce car use after lockdown – transforming 35 km of streets over to cyclists and pedestrians.

Even though at the moment, the focus is on containment and protection measures, national governments and the EU are already preparing relief packages intended to put the economy back on track. To best support cities and regions in their recovery efforts while accelerating the energy and climate transition, these investments should be channelled towards the transformation to a climate neutral society. Otherwise the consequences of climate change will lead to much more profound and long-term crises. A Green Recovery Strategy should therefore be strategically oriented towards the future challenges of the societal transition. Every Euro spent on overcoming the crisis should be used to increase resilience to future crises. Putting an end to fossil fuel subsidies should be an additional step of the EU national governments to redirect financial flows towards other climate action.

The Covenant of Mayors – Europe Board



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Mayor of Heidelberg



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Croatian President



Covenant cities push for GREEN RECOVERY

open letter



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Dear Mayors across Europe,

President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, is addressing you [in an official letter](#) that we are delighted to send you today.

"The accomplishments of the Covenant of Mayors reflect your tireless endeavour in making our cities, towns and villages more sustainable and more liveable, and will be critical to our collective success. You are the ones driving change at the local level, all across Europe, translating European objectives and policies into local action, which directly benefits our citizens and inspires the rest of the world, now gathered in a Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy."

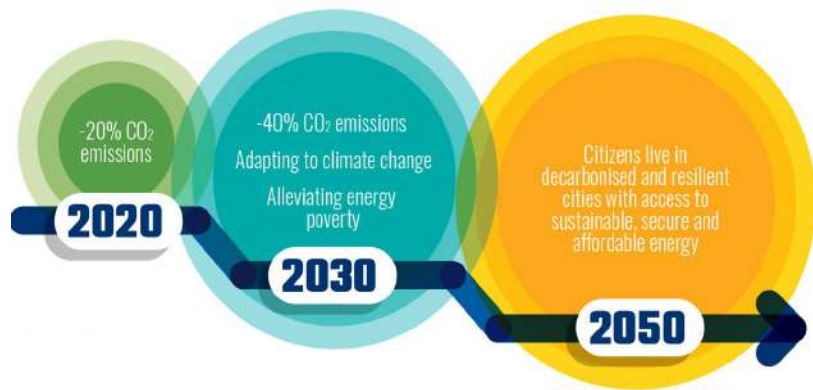
Covenant Ceremony Letter to the mayors

Consultation on the future of the covenant



Covenant 2.0
... as a main pillar of the climate pact?

Growing initiative



→ align the Covenant to the new objectives

1. Increase the ambitions

→ Include new sectors (air quality, waste management,...)

→ turn the Covenant into the umbrella initiative for all EU activities targeting cities, in support to the Green Deal



2. Enlarge the scope of action

→ enlarge the third pillar related to energy poverty, including other aspects of the just transition ensuring no one is left behind in the path to climate neutrality

→ include “just transition for all” as main principle to guide the energy and climate transition



3. Ensure a just transition for all

→ promote a higher involvement
of civil society

→ promote a higher collaboration
with national governments



4. Guarantee social inclusion and cooperation

Activities



Workshops/webinars

Expert missions & peer review

Twinning programmes

National strategies

Annual Awards

Call is open!

→ all info on

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Guida per lo
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PAESC

Template per il
PAESC & istruzioni



Urban Adaptation
Support Tool



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Other opportunities



Green City Accords



Other urban initiatives



Circular Cities & Regions initiative

European city networks



Awards



What is the EUCF –where do we stand (last call)





Designed by cities for cities

to support local investments
in sustainable energy

Financing sustainable energy projects

BARRIERS

Limited human resources and capacity

Conservative approach to project finance

Lack of experience with developing investment packages

Reluctance to invest in project preparation

Difficulty of matching elections and investment cycles

Financing sustainable energy projects

EUCF AIMS



Provide technical, legal and financial expertise

Deliver **200+** investment



concepts



Build capacity of **400+** municipal staff

Facilitate access to private & public



finance



Reach out **10 000+** cities encouraging replication



EUCF
European City Facility



EUCF first beneficiaries



250+

APPLICATIONS



28 

COUNTRIES

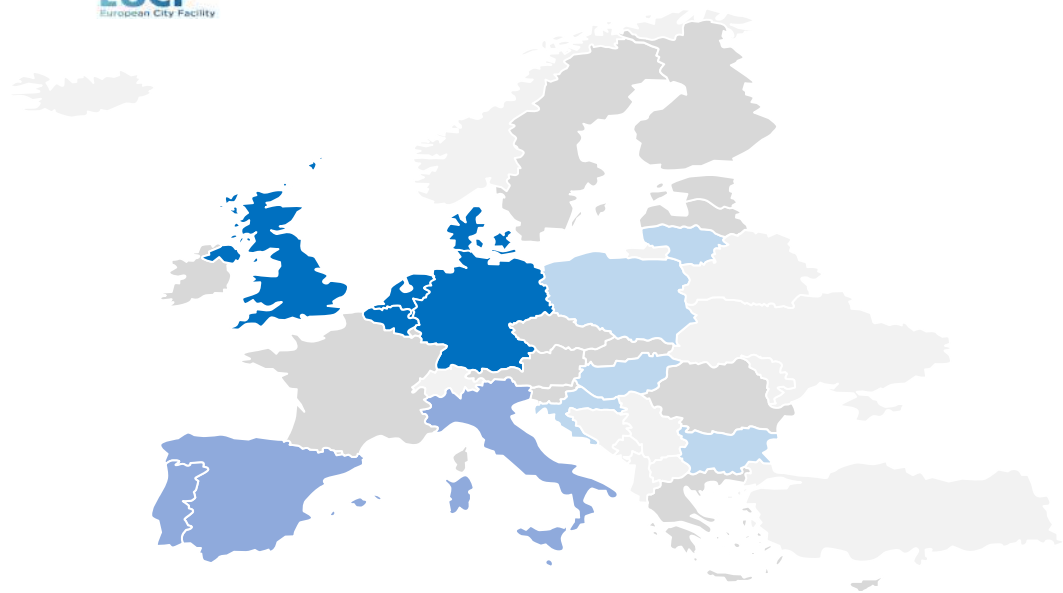


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BENEFICIARIES

14 

COUNTRIES



14

COUNTRIES

6 

GROUPINGS

BIGGEST beneficiary

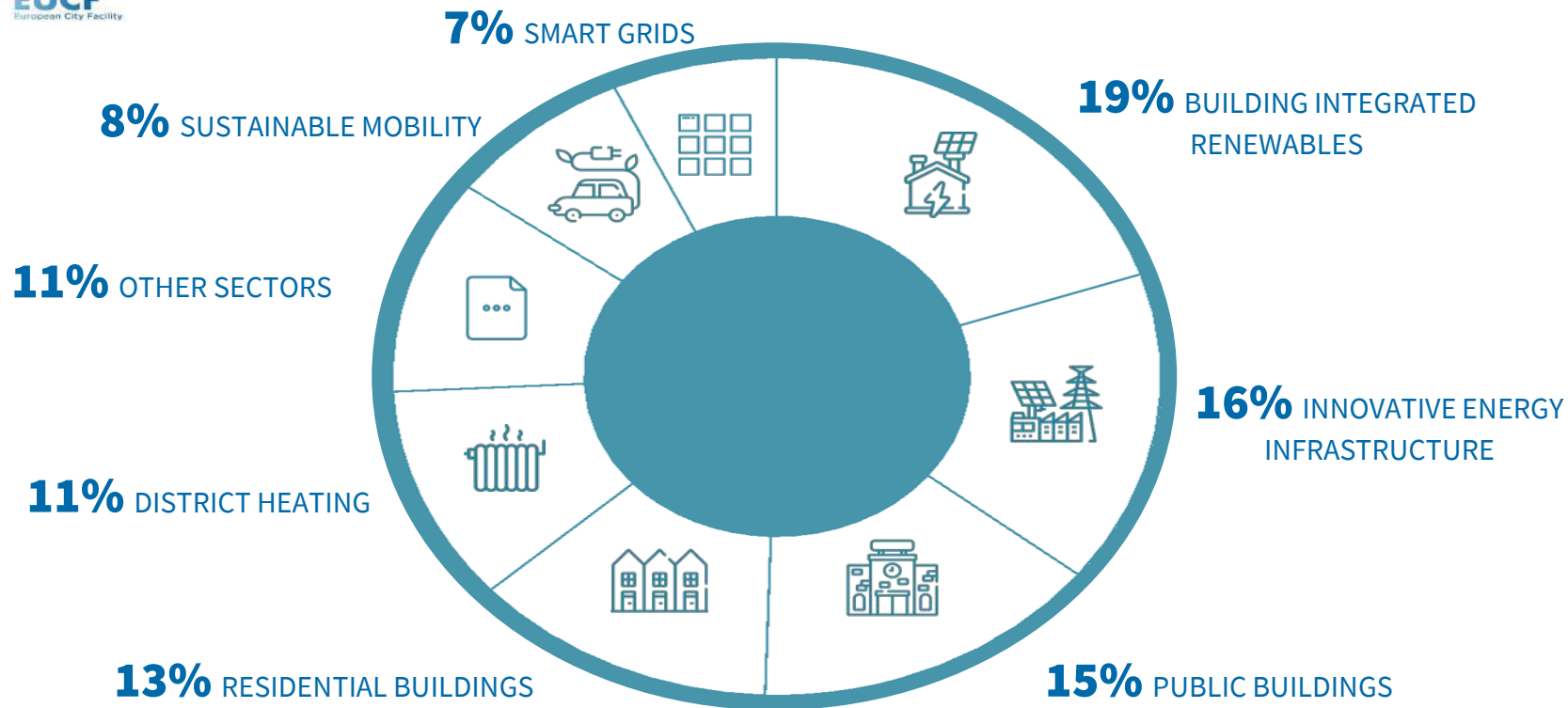
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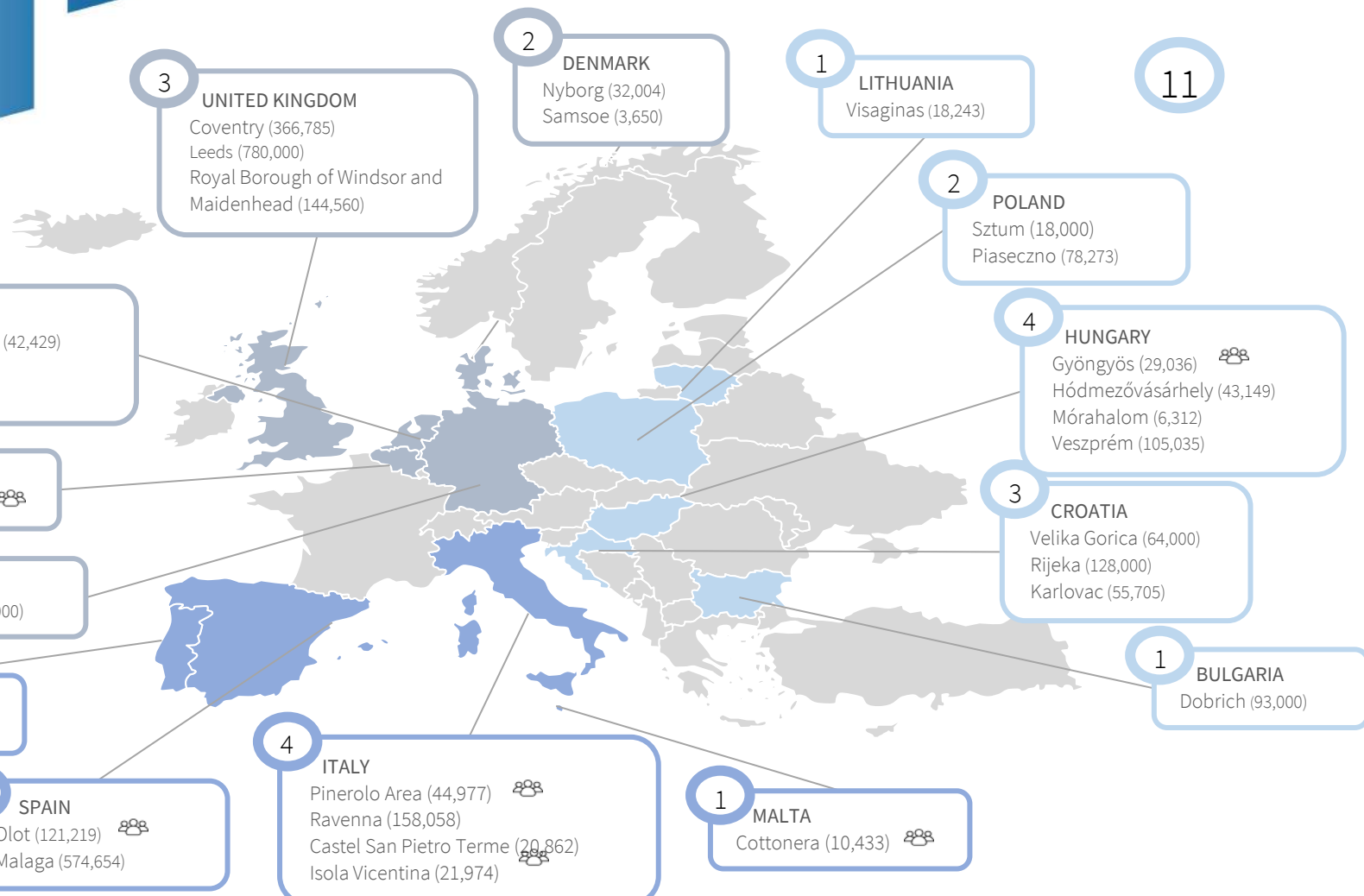
inhabitants

SMALLEST beneficiary

3 650 

inhabitants





3 REGIONAL CALLS | 31 COUNTRIES



NORDIC COUNTRIES & WESTERN EUROPE

Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom



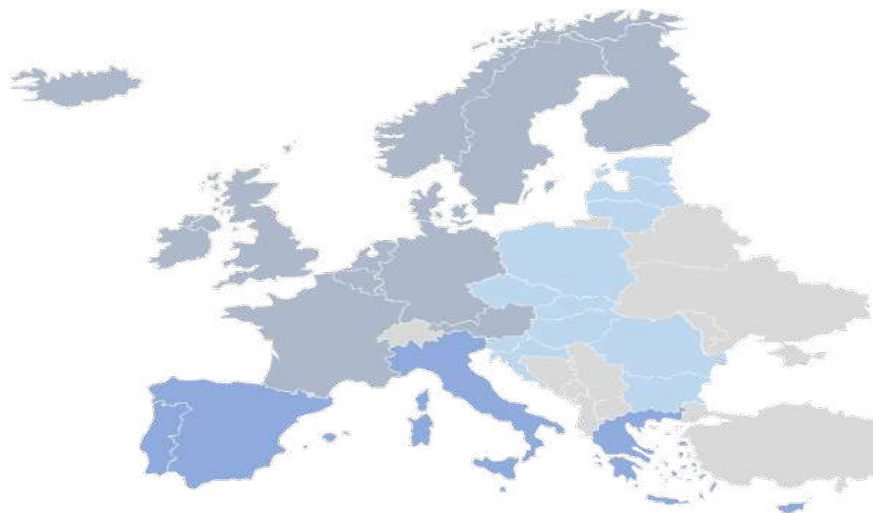
CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia



SOUTHERN EUROPE

Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1

**TYPE OF
APPLICANT**

2

**EXISTENCE OF
ENERGY AND
CLIMATE
PLANS**

3

**POLITICAL
COMMITMEN
T**

4

**COMMITMENT
TO
MONITORING
PERIOD**

CALLS CALENDAR

CLOSED

29 March 2021

31 May 2021

CALL 2

CLOSED

15 Ottobre 2021

15 Dicembre 2021

CALL 3

CLOSED

25 May 2020

2 October 2020

CALL 1

FORTHCOMING

Spring 2022

CALL 4



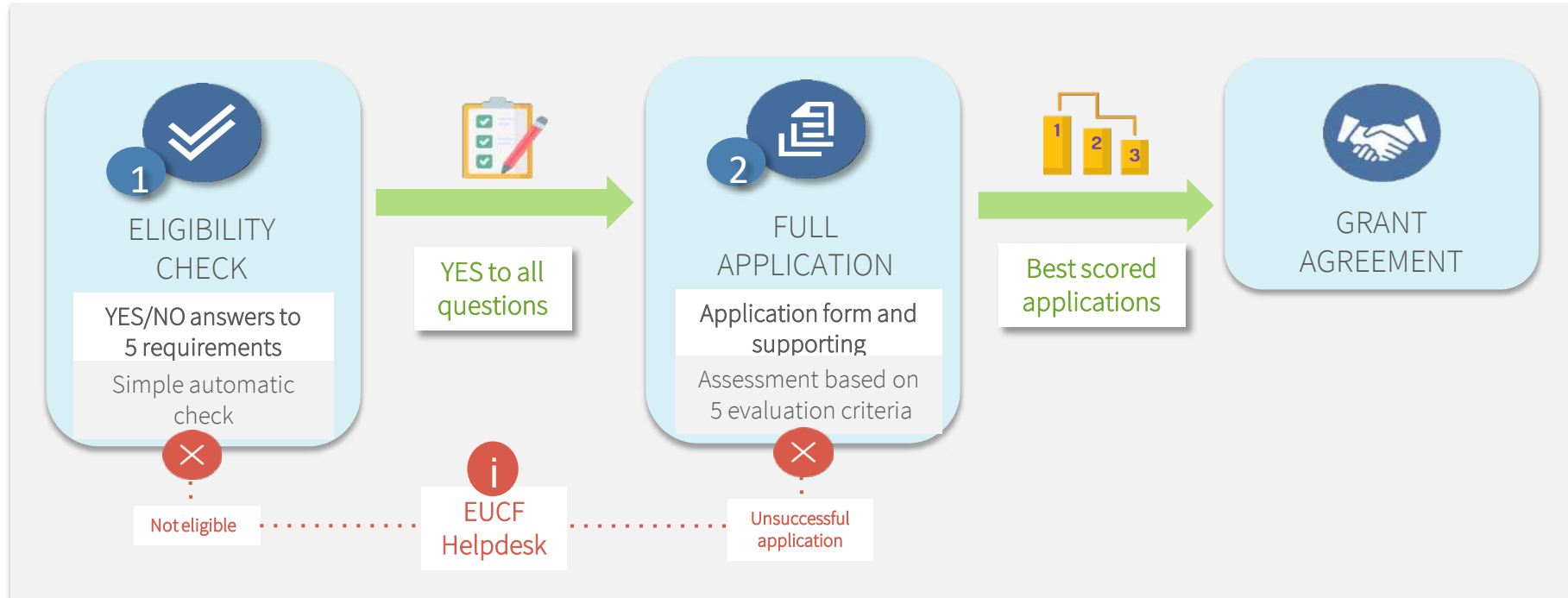
How to apply to the EUCF



This project has received funding from the
European Union's Horizon 2020 research and
innovation programme under grant agreement
No 864212



What is the overall application procedure?



Who is eligible for EUCF support?



Are you a **municipality/local authority**, a grouping of municipalities/local authorities, or a **local public entity aggregating municipalities/local authorities**?



Is your municipality/local authority, grouping of municipalities/local authorities, or local public entity aggregating municipalities/local authorities located entirely in the **EU-27 Member States**, in **one of the EEA-EFTA States (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) or the UK**?



Does your municipality/local authority, grouping of municipalities/local authorities, or local public entity aggregating municipalities/local authorities have a **politically approved SEAP, SECAP or plan of similar ambition**?



Will you be able to provide a **proof of political commitment** to develop the investment concept by your Mayor or other relevant political representative?



Do you commit to the **EUCF monitoring period of two years**?

What has to be submitted for the EUCF application?



Online application form

To be filled by the applicant in the EUCF website user zone

Three sections:

-  1 Identification of the applicant
-  2 Development of the investment concept
-  3 Implementation of the investment project



Supporting documents

Annex A.1: SEAP, SECAP or plan of similar ambition

Annex A.2: SEAP, SECAP or plan of similar ambition – Summary

Annex B: Letter of support to the project by the Mayor or other relevant political representative

Annex C: Self-declaration form by a legal representative of the municipality/local authority, grouping or local public entity aggregating municipalities/local authorities

Annex D: Calculation log – Expected energy savings and/or renewable energy production

Annex E: Calculation log – Expected size of investment

Which information has to be provided in the application form?

Identification of the applicant



01

- 1.1. Name of the municipality/local authority or local public entity aggregating municipalities/local authorities
- 1.2. LAU and/or NUTS 3 code
- 1.3. Population size
- 1.4. Contact person
- 1.5. Organisation
- 1.6. Tax identification number or equivalent
- 1.7. - 1.11. Contact details

Development of the investment concept



02

- 2.1. Title of the proposed investment concept
- 2.2. Allocation of grant amount
- 2.3. Activities funded by grant amount
- 2.4. Governance for the development of the investment concept
- 2.5. Engagement of stakeholders

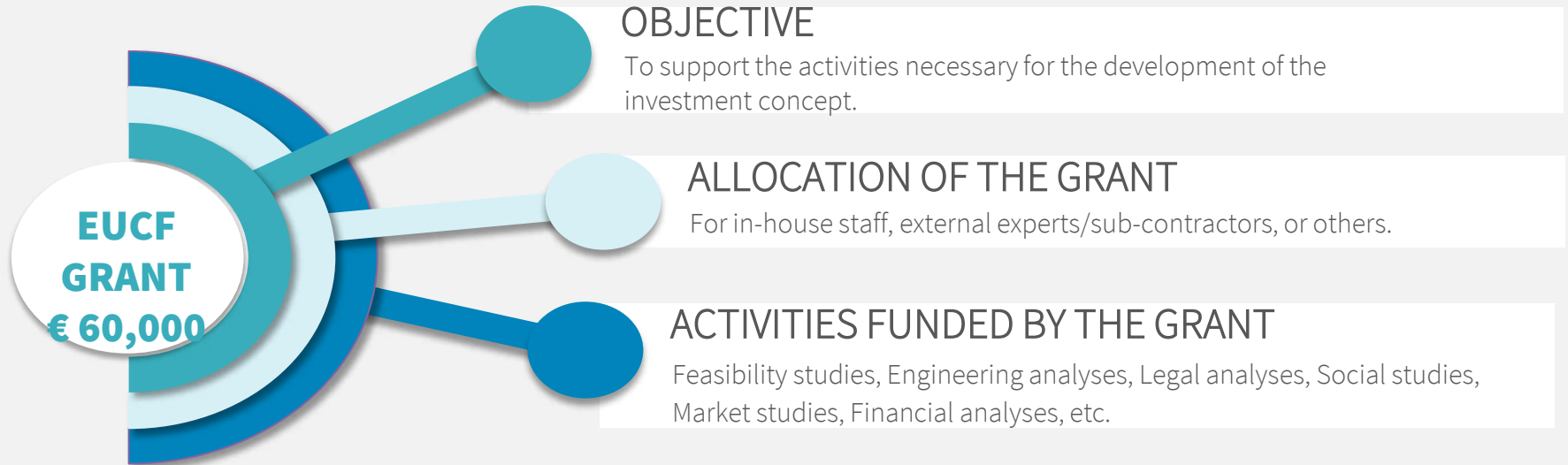
Implementation of the investment project



03

- 3.1. Investment sector(s) targeted
- 3.2. Intended measures
- 3.3. Expected size of investment
- 3.4. Expected impacts
- 3.5. Potential for replication and/or up-scaling

Which activities are funded by the EUCF grant?



What has to be considered for groupings and local public entities aggregating municipalities/ local authorities?



Applications by groupings

Formal or informal groupings of municipalities/local authorities are eligible to apply through **one lead applicant**. The lead municipality or the grouping must have a sustainable energy action plan, with energy and climate targets at least for the year 2020.

- ✓ Applications by groupings will be appreciated in the evaluation process.
- ✓ The grant amount of € 60,000 is awarded to the grouping as a whole.
- ✓ The lead applicant will sign the Grant Agreement and receive the grant amount.



Applications by local public entities aggregating municipalities/local authorities

These entities may vary from country to country. They need to **confirm their eligibility** in the **self-declaration form (Annex C)**.

- ✓ Require an own politically approved SEAP, SECAP or plan of similar ambition covering their geographical area.
- ✓ Local public entities aggregating municipalities/local authorities are not able to apply to the EUCF as groupings.

How are applications evaluated?



Document check

- Evaluators verify if **all supporting documents** have been submitted and contain the required content.
- In case of incomplete documents, the application cannot be further considered.



Evaluation of full application

Evaluation based on five evaluation criteria:

A1: Investment size

A2: Energy savings

B1: Governance structure

B2: Stakeholder engagement

B3: Alignment with EUCF objectives

About the scoring

- For each criterion, a **score ranging for 0 to 5** is awarded by the evaluator.
- The quality threshold for each criterion is 3 out of 5 points.
- The median of the scores determines the final result per criterion.




How do applicants receive feedback?



Feedback report

The **final results** of the evaluation are provided to applicants in a feedback report, available on the EUCF website user zone, which includes:

- Total score of the application
- Overall feedback to result
- Scores and feedback per criterion

Evaluation results per criterion	
Category A – Weightage 60%	
A1. Investment size	
SCORE:  / 5 Threshold 3/5 Weighting: 30%	<i>The following aspects are taken into account:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantitative assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Level of ambition of the expected size of investment of the planned investment project in relation to the other submitted applications in the regional call; • Qualitative assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Level of ambition of the expected size of investment of the planned investment project in relation to the local context (e.g. population number of municipality/local authority); ◦ Appreciation of bundling/pooling of investments; ◦ Overall coherence and plausibility of the elements.
A1. FEEDBACK	
A2. Energy savings	
SCORE:  / 5 Threshold 3/5 Weighting: 50%	<i>The following aspects are taken into account:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantitative assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Level of ambition of the expected energy savings generated by the planned investment project in relation to the other submitted applications in the regional call; • Qualitative assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Level of ambition of the expected energy savings generated by the planned investment project in relation to the local context (e.g. baseline, population number of municipality/local authority); ◦ Overall coherence and plausibility of the elements.
A2. FEEDBACK	
Category B – Weightage 40%	
B1. Governance structure	
SCORE:  / 5 Threshold 3/5 Weighting: 20%	<i>The following aspects are taken into account:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate and robust internal organisational structure for the development of the investment concept; including • Clearly defined roles and responsibilities of all actors involved; appointment of person(s) in charge for the investment concept development; • Clearly defined decision-making processes; indicating people with decision-making power and process how decisions are taken.



Thank you!



With the support of the European Union

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