



Covenant
of Mayors

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The Covenant of Mayors

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Main messages

- What is the Covenant of Mayors?
- The Covenant in numbers
- Good practices of multi-level governance
- The Covenant and the European Energy Security Strategy
- Why join?



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What is the Covenant of Mayors?





Context

- EU Climate and Energy Policy (2008)
 - EU 20-20-20 targets
 - Member States

- Local and regional authorities
 - Urbanisation (74% EU population)
 - 70% total primary energy demand
 - GHG emissions

- Voluntary and formal commitment
 - TARGET: at least -20%CO₂ by 2020





The core aspects

- Bottom-up approach and participation
 - Subsidiarity Principle and Multi-level governance
 - Clear targets
 - Strategies (SEAPs)
 - Monitoring and reporting
 - Suspension
- Platform for exchange of good practices



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The Covenant in numbers





The CoM in numbers

5,942 signatories from **52 Countries**



190 million citizens

3,895 Sustainable Energy
Action Plans (SEAPs)



274 Supporting Structures
supporting over ½ of the signatories

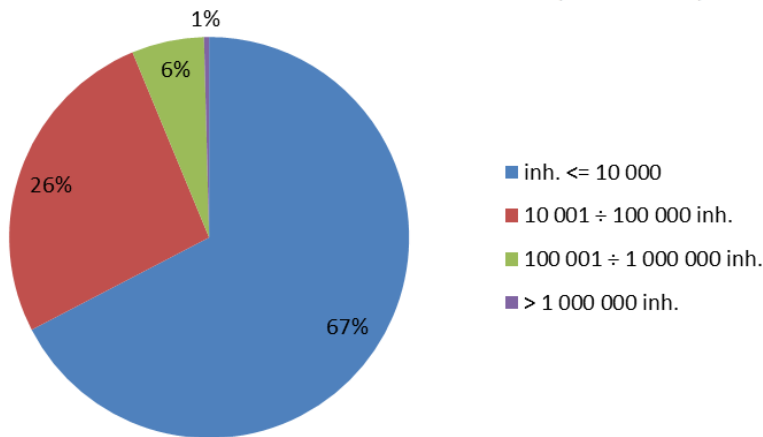
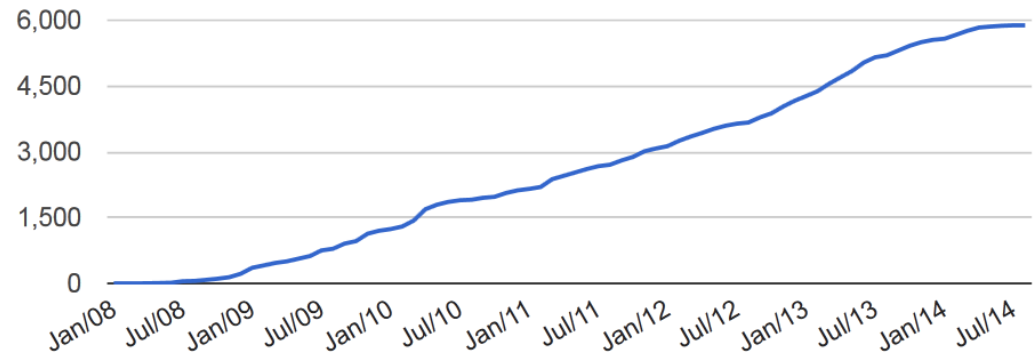


Signatories over time

As of 8th September 2014

5942 signatories

~190 million inhabitants

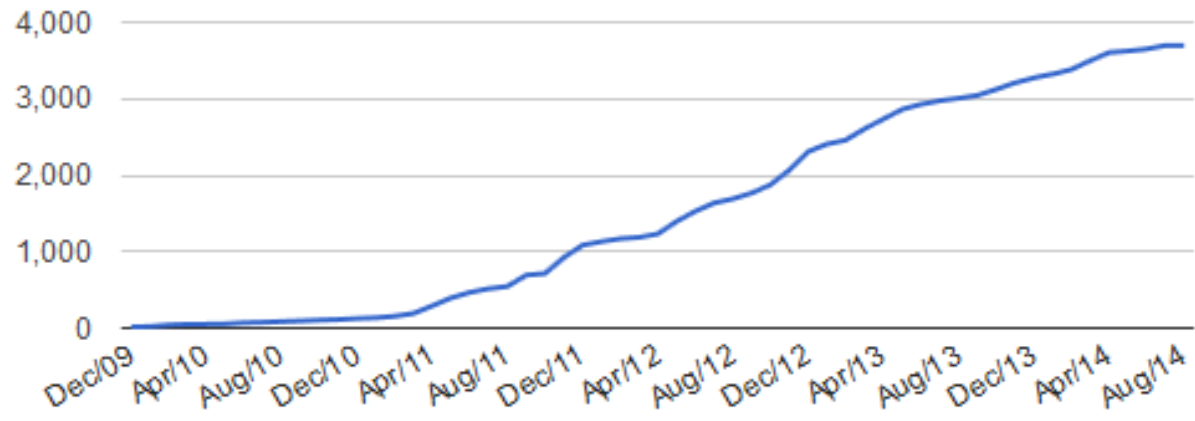


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3,895 submitted SEAPs





The Covenant of Mayors in Latvia

19 signatories



1 095 776 (50%) citizens

17 (89%) Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs)

1 Covenant Coordinator



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Good Practices of Multilevel Governance





Role of the Supporting Structures

Promotion of the initiative

-  Organisation of events

-  Dissemination of CoM materials, distribution of emails

-  Publishing on websites or in newsletters

-  Adoption of CoM materials to local context, translation

Technical support

-  Working groups, capacity building, training

-  Data collection

-  Monitoring

Direct or Indirect Financial support



Province of Barcelona (ES)

- > 200 supported SIGNs
- Adapted CoM methodology to local context
- Support for data collection
- Guidance
- Financed SEAPs development
- ELENA facility 2010 – BEI financed 190 feasibility studies in EE buildings, public lighting, RES



Province of Limburg (BE)

- Developed common approach to prepare SEAPs for its municipalities
- Provided municipalities with data needed to compile the BEI
- Provided guidance for evaluation most consuming buildings/facilities/vehicles
- Revolving fund and ESCOs
- ELENA facility 2010 – BEI financed 190 feasibility studies in EE buildings, public lighting, RE



Abruzzo Region and Emilia Romagna Region (IT)

- Multilevel governance: Regions, Provinces and Municipalities
- Technical support: data collection and SEAPs' drafting and implementation
- Cohesion Policy funds
- Cooperation with local stakeholders



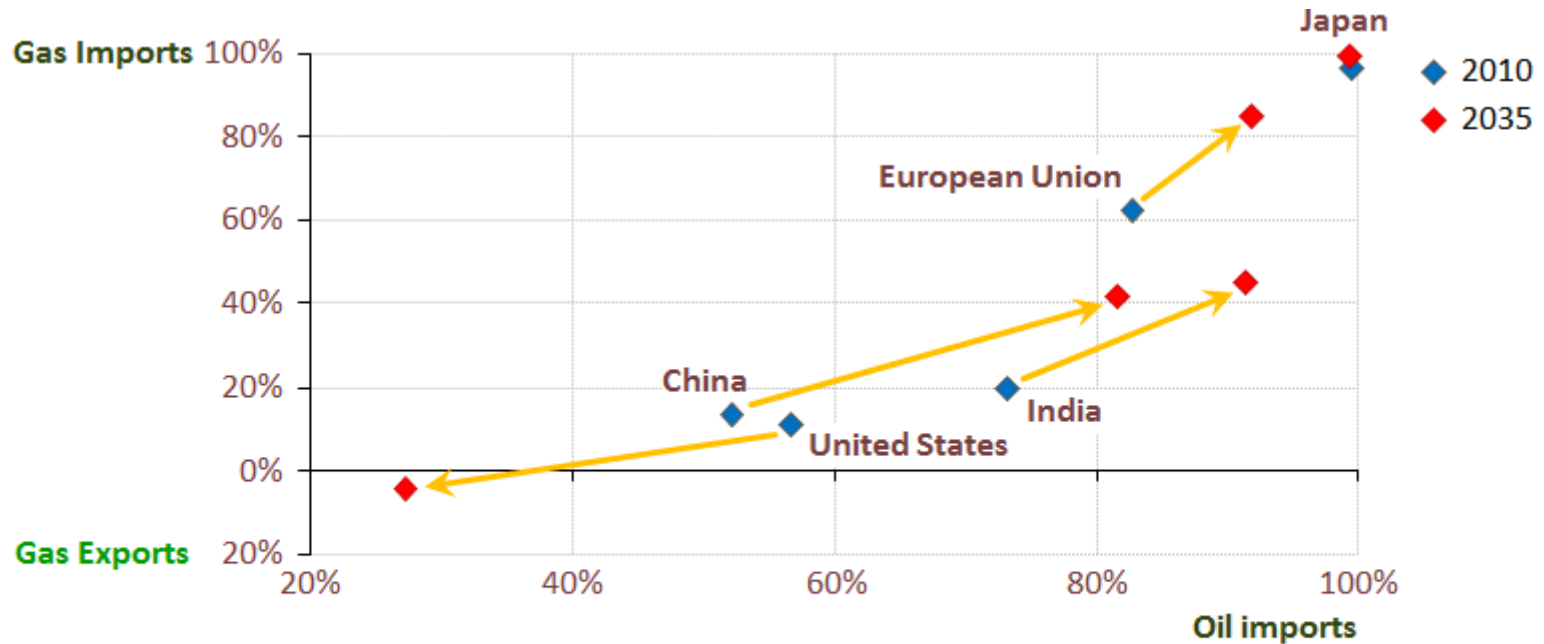
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The Covenant and the European Energy Security Strategy



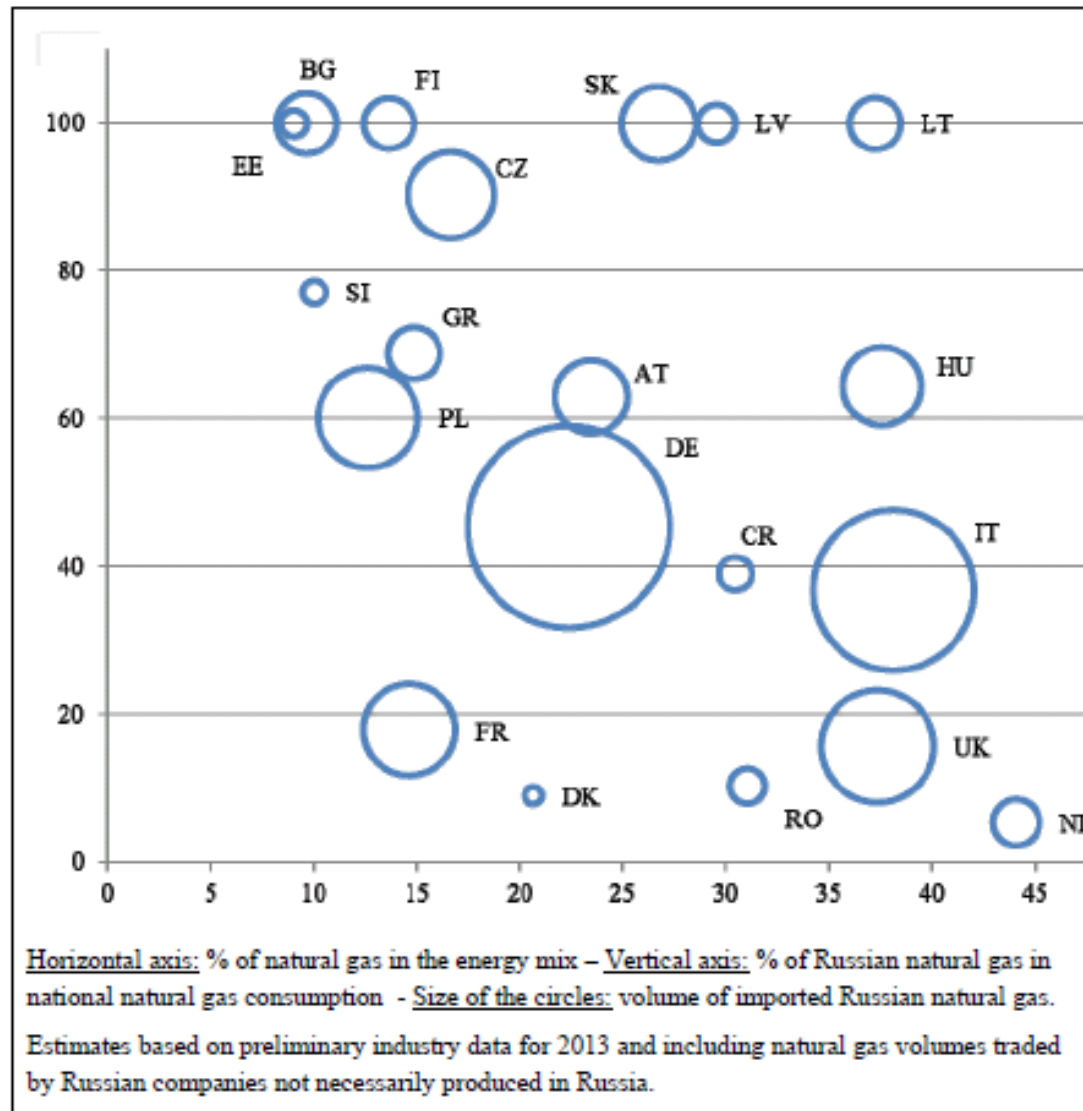
The EU Energy Security Strategy



While dependence on imported oil & gas rises in many countries, the United States swims against the tide

Data Source: Gould, IEA
05/03/2013

Natural gas: in the spotlight for disruption risks



The EU Energy Security Strategy

Main messages:

Energy security is inseparable from 2030 climate and energy policy framework.

We need to act now to ensure supplies this winter and in the medium-long term:

Moderate energy demand	Increase sustainable energy production
Emergency and security mechanisms	Including our neighbours
More integrated energy market	Intensify our diversification efforts
Accelerate interconnections	Full use of EU financial instruments
Compliance of infrastructure projects	Coordination of national energy policies
Coherent external energy policy	Synergy with foreign policy instruments

A contribution from the CoM for moderating energy demand

Key actions

- Member States should:
 - Speed up measures to achieve the 2020 energy efficiency target, focusing on heating and insulation in particular in buildings and industry, notably through:
 - [...]
 - accelerated implementation of the Sustainable Energy Action Plans submitted by municipalities participating to the Covenant of Mayors'

How can the CoM office help?

Accelerate the implementation of SEAPs

Promotion of the EU Energy Security Strategy to the CoM signatories

Mainstream EESS related measures in CoM activities

Special attention to the most exposed MS



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Why join?





Why join?

- Political commitment, clear target and strategy to achieve it
- Sharing experiences and good practices within and beyond the EU
- Support
- Co-benefits: environmental, social and economic
- Part of an international initiative for LAs and RAs
- Make your territory known as a pioneer and publishing your results



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THANK YOU!

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