

PLEDGE

Local and Regional Energy Agencies

This Pledge is signed by

The Energy Agency for Southeast Sweden (hereinafter ESS), at Smedjegatan 37, SE-352 46, Växjö, Sweden represented by Ulf Hansson, Managing Director.

WHEREAS

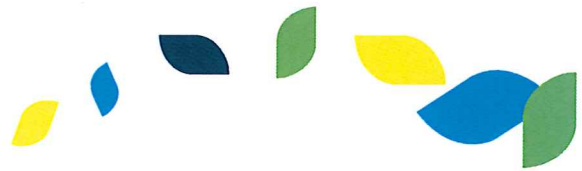
The European Commission launched the Covenant of Mayors in 2008 and the initiative is open to municipalities of all sizes, with the aim of involving local authorities and citizens in the development and implementation of European Union energy policy. The Covenant consists of the commitment of signatory municipalities to go beyond EU objectives for reducing CO₂ emissions through energy efficiency measures, actions related to renewable energy sources and sustainable mobility.

The European Commission recognises the entities acting as Local and Regional Energy Agencies as its main allies in conveying the message and increasing the impact of the Covenant. These Local and Regional Energy Agencies provide technical support to municipalities in the preparation, adoption and implementation of the Sustainable Energy Action Plans.

The ESS has among its main purposes the cooperation with municipalities and/or subnational public authorities in implementing their sustainable energy policies and programmes.

The ESS considers the Covenant of Mayors to be a very positive initiative; it is for this reason that it has decided to strengthen the promotion of the Covenant of Mayors among the municipalities within its area and to reinforce its support to the municipalities who decide to formalise their commitment to the Covenant through a fruitful cooperation with all the other Covenant Coordinators and Supporters operating within the territory of its competence.





IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS

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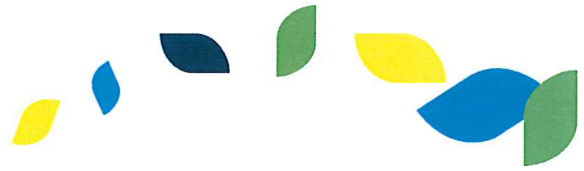
The ESS is publicly acknowledged as a key player in the Covenant.

II

The ESS is committed to carry out the following tasks, within the territory of its competence:

- a) Promote accession to the Covenant of Mayors among the local, provincial, regional authorities.
- b) Provide technical support to signatories for the development and implementation of the Sustainable Energy Action Plans.
- c) Participate actively in the Covenant initiative by: uploading technical tools and materials developed for signatories in the Extranet, providing examples to be shared with the community (Benchmarks of Excellence),
- d) Cooperate with the other Covenant Coordinators and Supporters involved in the Covenant of Mayors activities.
- e) Report regularly to DG ENER of the European Commission on the results obtained in the southeast of Sweden, via, among others, the annual implementation report sent by the Covenant of Mayors Office and, in case of non-submission of this report, accept the suspension of its membership of the Covenant of Mayors, subject to prior written notice by the Covenant of Mayors Office.





In turn the benefits offered are:

- a) Visibility of the initiatives taken by the ESS (e.g. via the online profile , web news, benchmarks of excellence, promotional materials or events)
- b) Recognition of their role as key actor of the Covenant of Mayors initiative
- c) The possibility to share and debate available information regarding progress towards achieving common goals.

IV

This pledge does not imply any legal and/or budgetary commitment by the ESS.

The Energy Agency for Southeast Sweden

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