



**PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN**  
**DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR ENERGY**  
**OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND**  
**ANCI Emilia Romagna**



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**Commitment of ANCI Emilia Romagna as Supporter of the Covenant of Mayors**

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**THIS AGREEMENT IS MADE BETWEEN**

The Directorate General for Energy of the European Commission (hereinafter DG ENER) at Rue de Mot 24, BE-1040 Brussels, Belgium represented by Jean-Arnold Vinois, Acting Director for Internal Energy Market, and ANCI Emilia Romagna (hereinafter ANCI-ER), at Piazza Liber Paradisus, 6 (torre C) - 40129 Bologna represented by Gianni Melloni, Director.

**WHEREAS**

The European Commission launched in 2008 the Covenant of Mayors, open to cities and municipalities of all sizes in Europe, with the aim of involving local authorities and citizens in the development and implementation of the European Union energy policy. The Covenant consists of the commitment of the signatory cities to go beyond the EU objectives for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through energy efficiency measures, actions related to renewable energy sources and clean transport.

The European Commission recognises the entities acting as 'Covenant Supporters' as its allies in conveying the message and increasing the impact of the Covenant. These Covenant Supporters are defined as those networks of local authorities that leverage their lobbying, communication and networking activities to promote the Covenant of Mayors initiative and support the commitments of its signatories.

ANCI-ER has among its main purposes to represent and to defend the interests of the local authorities at national and European level, and to foster exchange of experiences and best practices between its members. In particular ANCI-ER works on local sustainable energy policies and climate protection promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy use.



ANCI-ER has considered very positively the Covenant of Mayors and its potential results since its launch; it is for that reason that it has decided to strengthen the promotion of the Covenant of Mayors among its members and other local authorities and to support those that have formalized their commitment to the Covenant.

## IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS

### I

DG ENER publicly acknowledges ANCI Emilia Romagna as a major player in the Covenant, in its quality of Covenant Supporter for local authorities members of ANCI-ER.

### II

The ANCI-ER is committed to carry out the following tasks among its members:

- a) Promote accession to the Covenant of Mayors (adaptation or translation of Covenant promotional materials to the national and regional context, promotion of uniform methods for BEI calculation, SEAP evaluation and benchmarking, definition of educational format to involvement and commitment of citizens and SMEs, local meeting and workshop in small and medium municipalities to promote their association for the Covenant of Mayors and for definition and implementation of federal energy policies, definition of horizontal and vertical collaboration tools to encourage exchange between municipalities and province/regional authority, encourage the dissemination and exchange of expertise already available in the region - local Energy Agency, other Covenant coordinators, ESCO public) and to provide support and coordination to those members signing up (helping them to organise public events aimed at raising awareness on these issues).
- b) Publicly recognise the Covenant of Mayors as a key element of its policy.
- c) Liaise with its members and facilitate exchange of experience between signatories and candidates to the Covenant of Mayors.
- d) Defend common interest both in the national and/or European fora in order to facilitate the accession to the Covenant of Mayors and the implementation of its requirements.
- e) Play an intermediary role between the ANCI Emilia Romagna members and the Covenant of Mayors Office, and with the national (or regional) media.
- f) Help identify relevant events where the Covenant of Mayors could be promoted.
- g) Provide feedback on the implementation by members of the Covenant of Mayors and participate in discussions on the strategic implementation of the initiative proposed by the Commission.
- h) Report to the Covenant of Mayors Office on the actions undertaken by ANCI Emilia Romagna in the framework of the Covenant of Mayors.

### III

DG ENER in turn undertakes to:

- a) Provide visibility support to major conferences and events that ANCI-ER organises in relation to the Covenant of Mayors.
- b) Share and debate available information to make progress in achieving the common goals.
- c) Inform in timely fashion on new developments in the Covenant process.

### IV

This agreement does not imply any legal and/or budgetary commitment between the Commission and the ANCI-ER.

This agreement shall be renewed automatically every year unless otherwise decided by either or of the parties hereto.

The parties shall co-operate and work together on equal terms for their mutual benefit, towards the achievement of the objectives summarised herein. Should any provision or provisions of the present prove to be impracticable, the parties agree to prepare new alternatives for contributing to the aims of the Covenant.

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