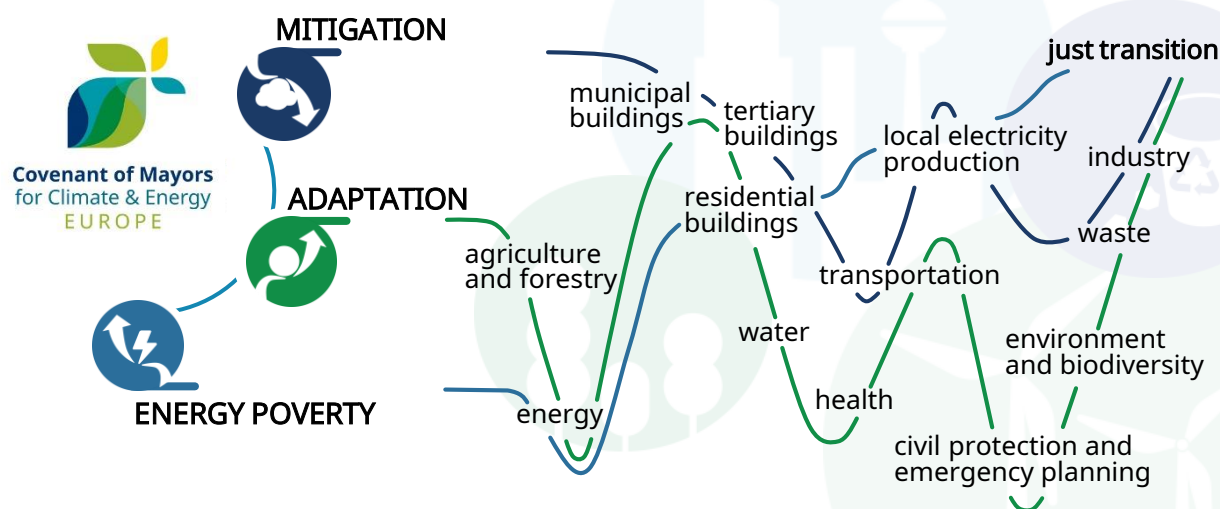




# Annex I – Practically speaking

## Overview of the Covenant of Mayors - Europe

**THREE PILLARS** that translate to action in reducing GHG emissions, strengthening resilience, tackling energy poverty and ensuring a just transition.



### COMMIT



Adopt the Covenant commitments by municipal council decision

Register on [eumayors.eu](http://eumayors.eu) and upload signed commitment text

### ACT



Set city targets and goals

Complete inventories and assessments for mitigation and adaptation pillars

Develop Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP)

Implement actions, monitor, and report on a Covenant-Europe platform

### ENGAGE



Develop a local climate pact or similar

Mobilise pledges from citizens, businesses, and government at all levels

Ensure stakeholder participation in both development and implementation of climate action

### NETWORK



Prepare good practice examples of action implemented

Participate in global and regional advocacy activities

Reference and encourage participation in the Global and EU Covenant of Mayors movement as well as related initiatives

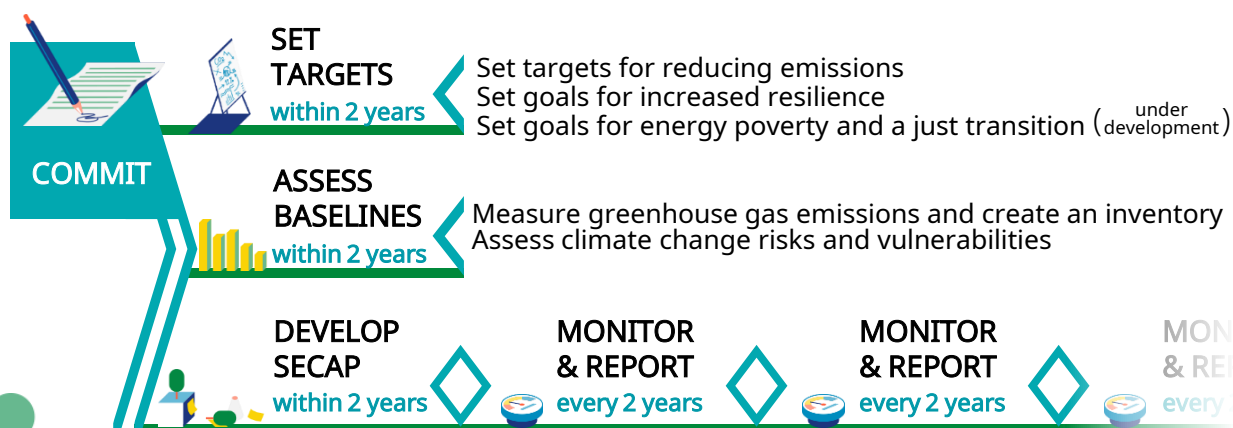


# Annex I – Practically speaking Operational commitments

**THE CITY JOURNEY** is different for every city.  
This path of reference can be adapted as needed.



Within the city journey, certain **TIMEFRAMES** must be kept to stay compliant with the Covenant-Europe minimum requirements. Signatories accept suspension should documents fail to be submitted.



Develop a Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP) including mitigation, adaptation, energy poverty, and a just transition.

Report to the Covenant-Europe.

Monitor SECAP implementation and report progress every 2 years, fulfilling the minimum requirements as specified in the Covenant-Europe reporting guidelines.

Include updates of monitoring emission inventories at least every 4 years and include updates of climate risk and vulnerability assessments as information becomes available.



# Annex I – Practically speaking

## Support framework for signatories

**QUESTIONS** can always be directed to



**the Central Helpdesk**  
for general issues and reporting in MyCovenant

[info@eumayors.eu](mailto:info@eumayors.eu)  
+32 2 646 84 24

**the Technical Helpdesk**

for issues on monitoring, reporting, and evaluation

[JRC-COM-TECHNICAL-HELPDESK@ec.europa.eu](mailto:JRC-COM-TECHNICAL-HELPDESK@ec.europa.eu)  
[JRC-COM-ADAPT@ec.europa.eu](mailto:JRC-COM-ADAPT@ec.europa.eu)  
+39 033 278 53 99

**Covenant Coordinators**

for assistance from authorities in the national context and language  
Find the full list of coordinators on [the Covenant of Mayors - Europe website](#).

**Covenant Supporters**

for assistance opportunities that may synergise with existing initiatives  
Find the full list of supporters on [the Covenant of Mayors - Europe website](#).

**SECAP VALIDATION** will be performed after submission by

**the European Commission Joint Research Center**

with a robust, consistent, transparent, and harmonised evaluation framework to ensure the reliability of the Covenant of Mayors - Europe. Tailored feedback will be provided to signatories.



**ENGAGEMENT & SUPPORT** tailored to city needs are planned by

**the Covenant of Mayors - Europe Office**

that promotes opportunities for networking, cooperation, and knowledge exchange as well as capacity building activities such as peer learning programmes and trainings, all listed on the [online calendar of events](#)

**Coordinators, Supporters, and other partners**

that offer support for collaboration across all levels of government and sectors of society to accelerate climate action



**ADVOCACY & VISIBILITY** is provided by

**Covenant of Mayors – Europe governance bodies and the EU institutions**

such as the Covenant of Mayors Europe Board, the Committee of the Regions and its Covenant of Mayors ambassadors, and the European Commission

**other flagship EU initiatives**

with which the Covenant of Mayors – Europe partners to provide signatories with further avenues of engagement on related themes, such as the [European Climate Pact](#), the [New European Bauhaus](#), and the [Smart Cities Marketplace](#)

**the Global Covenant of Mayors**

that gives signatories a unified voice at the global level

City progress is made publicly available via the signatory profile on the Global Covenant website and related platforms.

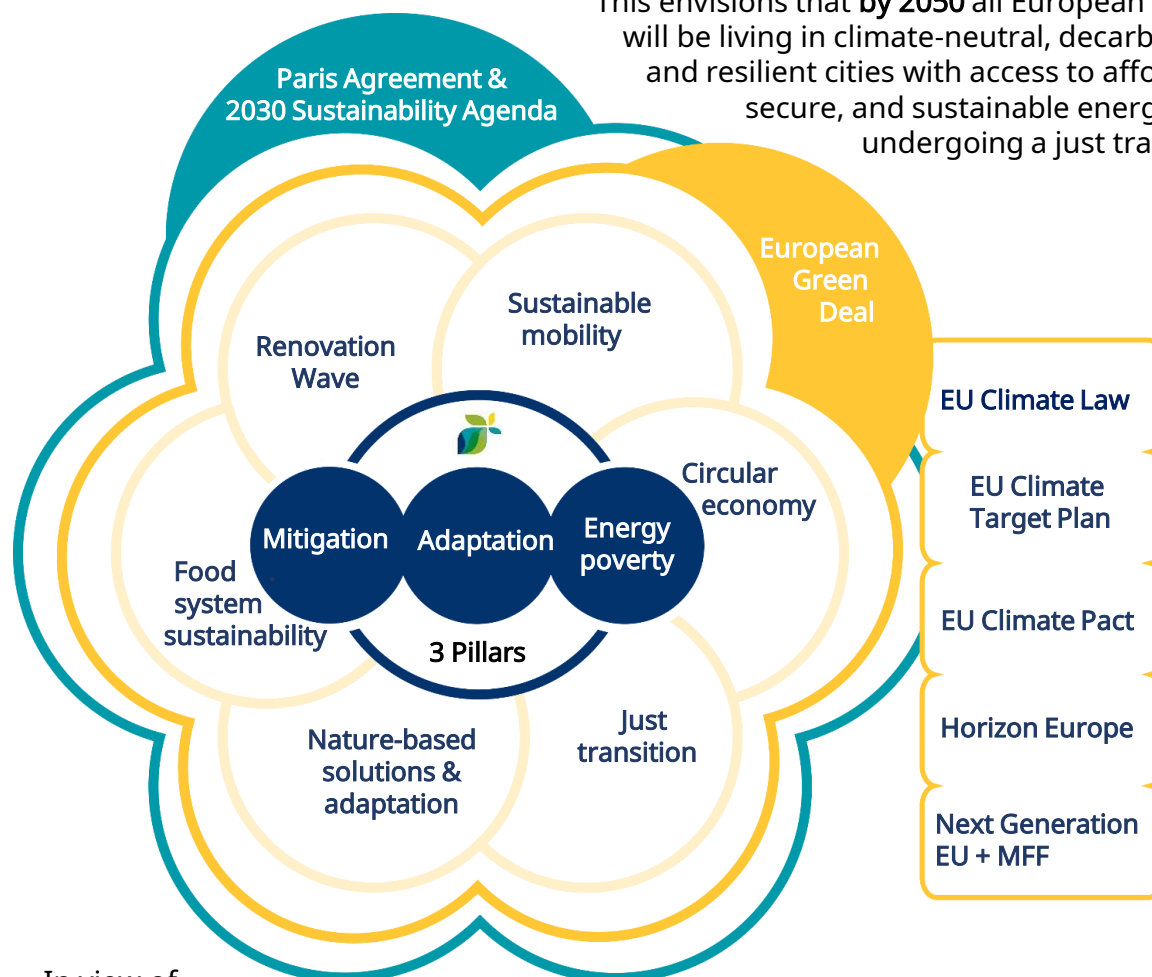




## Annex II – EU policy context Renewed ambitions

As Europe and the world enters the decade leading up to 2030, the Covenant of Mayors – Europe continues to ensure that the three pillars (mitigation, adaptation and energy poverty) are turned into the overarching priority of our times and that ambitious action follows.

This envisions that **by 2050** all European citizens will be living in climate-neutral, decarbonized, and resilient cities with access to affordable, secure, and sustainable energy while undergoing a just transition.



In view of the forthcoming decades, the European Union has renewed its ambition by championing the adoption of the [European Green Deal](#). This sets a reduction target of greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030 and a long-term vision to reach climate neutrality by 2050.

These objectives - as enshrined in the [2030 Climate Target Plan](#) and the [European Climate Law](#) - are to be achieved through a transformational change happening in all sectors of our society. A transformational change that involves all levels of governance.

The Covenant of Mayors – Europe is uniquely placed to embrace these renewed commitments and step up action.





## Annex III – Resources

### Guidance and capacity building

Over the years, the Covenant of Mayors – Europe Office has developed numerous resources highlighting the experiences of Covenant signatories.

All resources are publicly available in the [library](#) of the Covenant website. Below is a snapshot of the main types of resources that can be found there.



#### METHODOLOGICAL GUIDANCE

**Covenant Reporting Guidelines and video tutorials** on reporting to the Covenant

**Quick Reference Guides** on joint action plans, monitoring implementation, and grouped SECAP analyses

**JRC Guidebook** on methodological principles, procedures, and best practices to develop action plans



Compilation of all [methodological guidance](#)

#### CAPACITY BUILDING



**Webinars** dedicated to a variety of climate and energy topics, featuring practical experiences and lessons learned



energy efficiency  
heating and cooling  
sustainable mobility  
climate change adaptation  
nature-based solutions  
circular economy  
energy poverty  
funding and financing  
citizen engagement

**Workshops** including country-specific meetings tailored to the needs of signatories

**Peer learning programmes** tailored to signatories at various stages of the climate adaptation and mitigation journey





## Annex III – Resources

### Knowledge sharing and tools



#### KNOWLEDGE SHARING

##### Case studies

to share and learn from the experiences of Covenant signatory cities



##### Thematic publications on

Financing and funding opportunities compiled in a series on innovative schemes, project development assistance, EU funding, and financial institution instruments

Adaptation measures to prepare for floods, heatwaves and other climate change impacts

Energy poverty resources and experiences of Covenant signatory cities



#### TOOLS



Interactive Funding Guide ⇒ funding and financing opportunities in one place

Urban Adaptation Support Tool ⇒ guidance on the entire adaptation cycle and references to resources

E-learning platform ⇒ thematic modules in MyCovenant on the Covenant commitments

Visit the news section on the Covenant website to keep abreast of all things related to the Covenant as well as other climate and energy initiatives.

Check out the calendar of events to get an overview of all exchange, knowledge sharing, and capacity building opportunities.

Follow the Covenant on



[eumayors.eu](http://eumayors.eu)



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