Pre-UNFCCC and Post-Kyoto Commitments of Local Governments

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Climate Alliance's achievements

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- 50% reduction of CO₂ emissions achieved
 - by several small towns, using renewables
 - by some cities in Eastern Germany
- Many cities have reduced their corporate emissions by 30% and more
- Recent study for the City of Munich:
 - 50% target is within reach by 2025 if national framework conditions are supportive



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Climate Alliance's updated commitments

- Every city to define its own mid-term target
- Longer term target: Sustainable value for per capita emissions
 - →What is sustainable?
 - Time horizon?
 - Difficult to communicate to policy-makers and citizens!



Options for future commitments

- Extend the target of 50% GHG emissions reductions to 2020 or 2030
 - Iong-term targets not to be based on historic emissions
- Fossil fuel free city (Sweden example)
 but what about nuclear?
- Define annual rate for emissions reduction
 → how to communicate this?
- 100 per cent renewables by 2100
 - → linear growth?
 - different preconditions
 - how to make energy efficiency visible?

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