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FOREWORD



When it comes to climate change, 2018 was marked by a variety of key moments. The IPCC Special Report once again drew attention to the urgency of international action. It has shown that even a 1.5° C increase will lead to devastating consequences for millions of people around the world. At the same time, various Talanoa dialogues gave institutions the opportunity to present their experiences and solutions to the UN Climate Secretariat. Climate Alliance, too, produced a Talanoa report with concrete experiences from municipalities across Europe and our annual international conference was even part of the official Talanoa calendar. There, the Climate Alliance General Assembly's adoption of the Barcelona Declaration underlined the existing voluntary pledges of Climate Alliance member municipalities, reaffirming their commitment to climate action.

Greta Thunberg's school strikes for more climate action have made it clear that young people, too, are no longer prepared to accept the inactivity of politicians. At the Climate Change Conference in

Katowice, we handed over the 2.2 million Green Footprints of children across Europe to the UN Climate Change Secretariat and political representatives. The children sent a message that a lack of political decisiveness is threatening the future of the next generation.

In 2018, COICA, Climate Alliance's key indigenous partner organisation, repositioned itself at its congress in Macapá, Brazil. Women, in particular, are now calling for greater recognition of their role in protecting indigenous territories as well as increased awareness of how their lives are affected by climate change. In Macapá, a Climate Alliance delegation took the opportunity to begin discussions on a sustainable energy strategy in indigenous communities with the COICA leadership.

From our support of indigenous peoples and our work in the Covenant of Mayors to our successful campaigns and the numerous projects we are carrying out across Europe – with this report we hope to give you a bit of insight into our work in 2018 and an outlook for 2019.

Enjoy the read!

– Thomas Brose, Climate Alliance Executive Director

AN ALLIANCE FOR THE CLIMATE

European municipalities in partnership with indigenous peoples

Taking local action on global climate change

For the last 28 years, Climate Alliance member municipalities have been acting in partnership with indigenous peoples for the benefit of the global climate. Climate Alliance is the world's largest city network dedicated to climate action and climate justice. Our more than 1,700 members spread across Europe and beyond have committed themselves to tangible emissions targets and to pairing local action with global responsibility.

TARGETS

Each Climate Alliance municipality has passed a local resolution to:

Reduce CO₂ emissions by 10% every 5 years – a halving of per capita emissions by 2030 from 1990 levels

Work towards climate justice in partnership with indigenous peoples by supporting their initiatives, raising awareness, and abstaining from the use of unsustainably managed tropical timber

Strive for a per capita emissions level of 2.5 tonnes CO₂ equivalent through energy conservation, energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy

PRINCIPLES

Not all efforts to save the climate are created equal. Climate Alliance communities stand behind climate action that is:

FAIR

Promoting the wellbeing of all the world's peoples in harmony with the natural world

NATURE-BASED

Supporting closed-loop systems that replenish and regenerate instead of extract and deplete

LOCAL

Thinking globally but acting locally, concentrating on the regional sourcing of goods and energy

RESOURCE-SAVING

Using fewer resources by doing more with less and using less to begin with

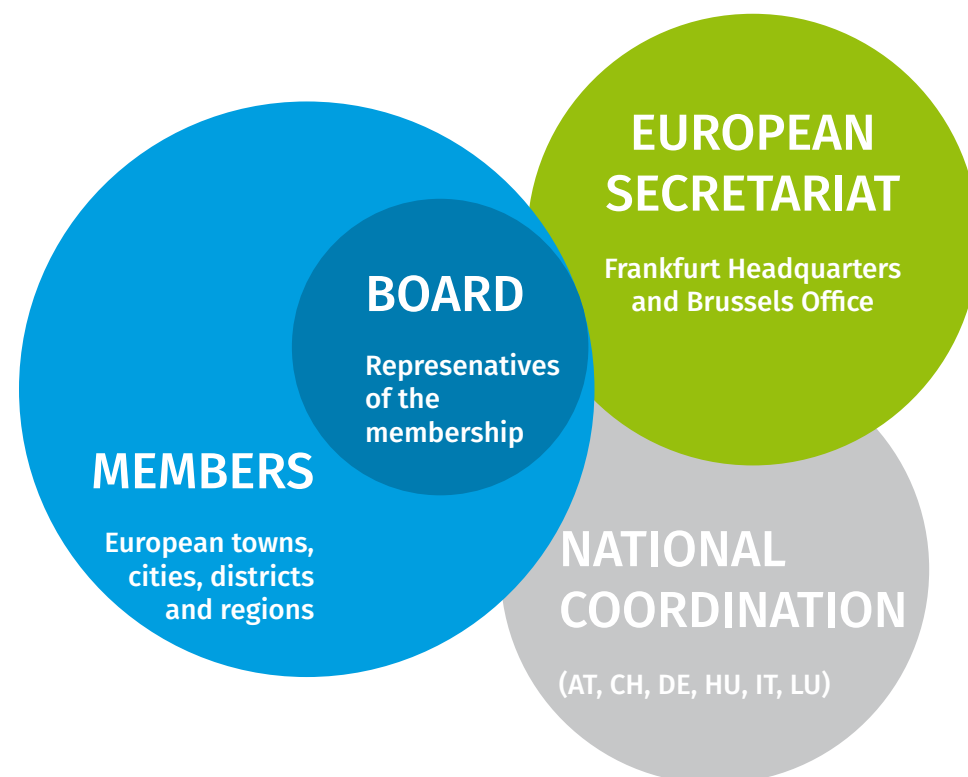
DIVERSE

Recognising strength in diversity and that there is no one size fits all answer

STRUCTURE

Climate Alliance's board is responsible for the strategic direction of the network – elected by the membership and from within the membership. The membership itself is the network's highest level body.

The European Secretariat carries out activities and manages the network internationally. A total of six National Coordination Offices support members in Austria, Germany, Luxembourg, Hungary, Italy and Switzerland.



MEMBERSHIP IN 2018

climatealliance.org/municipalities/the-network

Climate Alliance members come from across Europe and beyond...

1,730 members

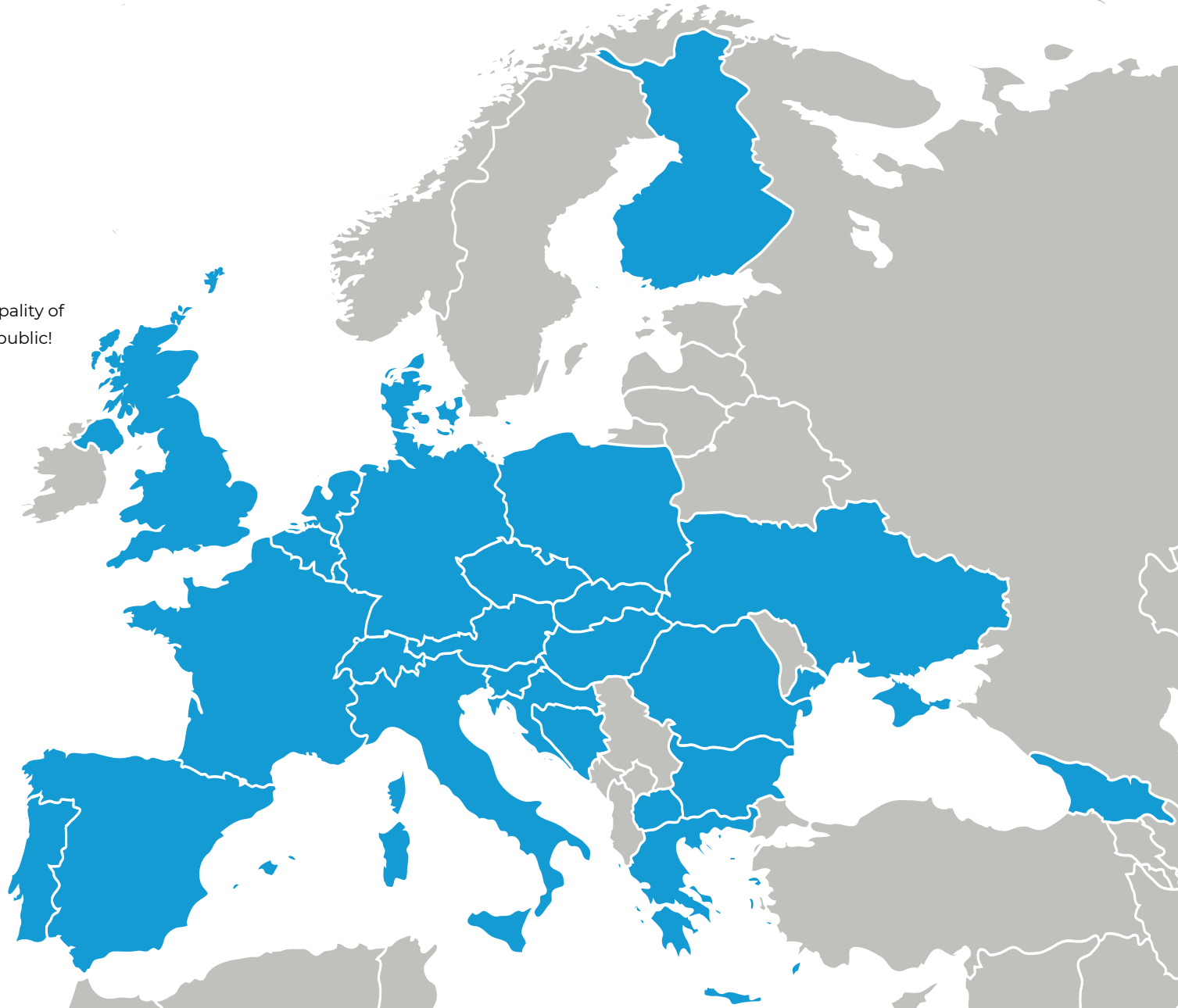
1,667 municipalities

13 provinces and regions

50 NGOs and other organisations

from 26 countries

In 2018 we welcomed 24 new members including the Municipality of Postřekov – our second ever member city from the Czech Republic!



THE BOARD



Andreas Wolter | President
Mayor of the City of Cologne, Germany
Newly elected in 2018!



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City of Ghent, Belgium



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City of St.Gallen, Switzerland



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Coordinator for Climate Change and Biodiversity
of the COICA
Newly elected in 2018!



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Municipality of Modena, Italy



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Deputy President of Natural Spaces and Environment at
Barcelona Provincial Council and Mayor of Manresa, Spain



2018 and the beginning of 2019 brought some changes to the structure of the board.

Newly elected Climate Alliance President Andreas Wolter has taken the place of former president Holger Matthäus, Mayor of Rostock, Germany, who decided not to run in 2018. We sincerely thank Holger for helping guide the network over the last years.

In January 2019 Eider José Perafan Ramirez, representative of Climate Alliance's indigenous partner organisation COICA and Climate Alliance Vice President from 2016 to 2018, passed away. He will be missed.

THE STAFF IN 2018

The European Secretariat is spread over two locations with the Climate Alliance Headquarters in Frankfurt and a further office in Brussels. The Frankfurt headquarters also provide a working space for Climate Alliance Germany (see Germany chapter, National Coordination Offices report - [EN](#) | [DE](#)).

Executive Director:	Thomas Brose
In Frankfurt*:	42 staff 30.4 full-time positions
In Brussels:	11 staff 8.1 full-time positions

7 volunteers and interns throughout 2018

*Several of the staff working at the European Secretariat also work specifically on initiatives for Climate Alliance members in Germany.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS



Participants of CAIC18, Barcelona

COICA'S 4TH AMAZONIAN SUMMIT AND CONGRESS

19 – 22 June 2018 in Macapá, Brazil

Over 300 indigenous representatives of nine Amazon Basin countries gathered in Macapá, Brazil for the 4th ever Amazonian Summit and COICA Congress. Topics such as climate change, the self-governance of indigenous territories, post-extractivism and the criminalisation of indigenous peoples were on the agenda along with the election of the new COICA board. An eight-person Climate Alliance delegation including two board members began important discussions with COICA's newly elected board members on the organisation's sustainable energy strategy, for which COICA's newly approved [Macapá Mandate](#) will serve as a guide. These talks as well as a discussion on our common principles and a joint working programme for the next years were continued in autumn when a delegation of COICA board members came to our international conference in Barcelona.

"The relationship Climate Alliance and COICA have enjoyed over the last almost 30 years is unique – a content-based partnership of two organisations on equal footing."

- Thomas Brose, Climate Alliance Executive Director

CAIC18 | CLIMATE ALLIANCE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

1 – 3 October 2018 in Barcelona, Spain

Climate Alliance's 2018 International Conference, Connecting Cities – Local Solutions for Global Challenges, brought over 250 participants from more than 20 countries to Barcelona to explore network-based approaches to global challenges by connecting local and regional



authorities. Mayors, municipal staff, EU decision makers, and a delegation of indigenous representatives discussed topics such as circular economies, the energy transition, climate change adaptation, cooperation with citizen's initiatives, food systems and more. The event culminated with the [Barcelona Declaration](#), in which participants (re)affirmed the Climate Alliance pledge of cutting local emissions by at least ten percent every five years, just ahead of the 24th Climate Summit.

The City of Rostock, Germany will host the next Climate Alliance International Conference, CAIC19, from 25 – 27 September.

"So many cities and towns are undertaking ambitious climate action and have been for some time. These efforts must be taken into account if we are to reach our climate goals on a national or even international level."

- Andy Deacon, Climate Alliance Policy Coordinator

climatealliance.org/events/international-conference/2018-conference

2018 CLIMATE STAR CEREMONY

18 October at Schloss Grafenegg, Austria

In 2018, Climate Stars went to 15 ambitious municipalities and municipal networks in seven different European countries. Winning examples of climate action included

Multi-generation project, Kunsziget (HU)

The bicycle-friendly city of Marcallo con Casone (IT)

Tübingen Macht Blau climate campaign, Tübingen (DE)

The Foodsavers Initiative of Ghent (BE)

In 2018, Climate Alliance held the Climate Star competition for the eighth time.

climate-star.net

24TH UN CLIMATE SUMMIT (COP24)

3 – 14 December in Katowice, Poland

Throughout 2018, non-state actors were encouraged to contribute to the international climate process via the Talanoa Dialogue. We took up the call by giving input at high level Talanoa events, ensuring that the Climate Alliance International Conference itself was an official part of the Talanoa process and submitting our own [Talanoa report](#) detailing concrete examples of municipal climate action to the process. Climate Alliance President Andreas Wolter, Mayor of the City of Cologne, Germany, brought both the report and the [Barcelona Declaration](#) to the summit in Katowice. There, through a variety of side events and activities, he and the rest of the Climate Alliance delegation showed just how integral municipal and regional efforts are to reaching our climate goals.

climatealliance.org/events/climate-summits/cop24-katowice



“Ambitious targets for reducing emissions, such as those the members of the Climate Alliance are striving for, are a key element on the road to sustainable development.”

- Andreas Wolter, Climate Alliance President and Mayor of Cologne (Germany)

EU POLICY

“The concerted efforts of all governments at all levels as well as business and civil society are of the essence since, for many, the difference between 1.5°C and 2°C of warming is simply a matter of life or death. We all have a responsibility to scale up our efforts and work together for rapid and far-reaching change.”

- Thomas Brose, Executive Director of Climate Alliance



2018 was a key year for policy activity, with discussions beginning on the EU Long Term Strategy for emissions reduction, further work to finalise the Clean Energy for All Europeans package and debate about the next EU budget from 2021 to 2027. Activity also continued as part of our cooperation agreement with the European Committee of the Regions.

climatealliance.org/activities/european-policy

Committee of the Regions member Councillor Andrew Cooper
with Climate Alliance President Tine Heyse

FUTURE EU BUDGET – FINANCING CLIMATE AMBITION

Climate Alliance supported campaigns to increase climate related spending in the next EU budget, including signing on to an [open letter](#) to President Juncker and others calling for alignment of spending targets with EU low carbon ambition. In an EU Sustainable Energy Week event on the topic, Climate Alliance President Tine Heyse presented network views and entered into discussions with the European Commission and several advocacy groups. In the wake of the IPCC's 1.5 °C report, we [reiterated calls](#) for closer alignment between the EU budget and climate ambition. Ahead of the 24th Climate Summit (COP24) in Katowice (see [page 21](#), 2018 Highlights), we also joined [campaigns](#) calling for greater European ambition in long-term target setting.

COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS COOPERATION – CLIMATE GOVERNANCE

Climate Alliance supported EU Committee of the Regions member Councillor Andrew Cooper from the UK in developing the Committee's Opinion on Climate Governance after 2020: A European and Global Perspective. The [opinion paper](#) called for changes to the UN climate system and to EU legislation, moving towards increased recognition of the role of local and regional authorities in delivering climate action and giving them a clearer voice in governance and decision making processes. The Committee of the Regions adopted the opinion during its plenary meeting in July. Together we brought its conclusions to both the Climate Alliance International Conference in Barcelona and the 24th Climate Summit in Katowice.

IPCC SPECIAL REPORT ON GLOBAL WARMING OF 1.5° C

In October, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released the [Summary for Policy Makers](#) of their special report on global warming of 1.5°C. Climate Alliance contributed to the ensuing international effort to prepare a [Summary for Urban Policy Makers](#). This was released at COP24 along with a [statement](#) supported by Climate Alliance along with a number of NGOs and other international networks, which welcomed the report and highlighted its conclusions.

INFLUENCING EU POLICY VIA THE COVENANT OF MAYORS

References to the Covenant of Mayors initiative (see [page 26](#), Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy) in the EU Long Term Strategy for Emissions Reductions, the EU Clean Energy for All Europeans legislative package and other overarching documents have cemented recognition of the initiative's importance, and thus of the importance of the local level in general, at the highest levels in EU politics. As a founding network managing the Covenant and with a standing member on its political board, Climate Alliance gets many opportunities to speak on behalf of local authorities. In 2018, for example, members of the Climate Alliance board interfaced with members of the European Commission on the climate strategy and also exchanged with the Deputy Minister of Bulgaria during her EU presidency. Via the Covenant of Mayors, the Climate Alliance board was also able to support initiatives such as the EU Green Capital call for action and Step-Up Now.

COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR CLIMATE & ENERGY



Inmaculada Pruna González of Covenant signatory
Province of Barcelona, speaking at CAIC18

Since its beginnings in 2008, Climate Alliance has been one of the main city networks responsible for running the Covenant of Mayors and related offices. As a result, Climate Alliance has been able to not only help shape this city movement, but to play a role in shaping EU climate and energy policies. Climate Alliance is a member of the Global Covenant Founders Council and in 2016, when this EU initiative went global, had long been working with local authorities in Eastern Europe via the Covenant. We are proud to not only be a part of the consortia managing the Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy in the European Union and Eastern Europe but also in Sub-Saharan Africa and Japan.

EU COVENANT

In 2018, Climate Alliance's expertise and the experiences of Climate Alliance members especially figured into EU Covenant of Mayors materials on mitigation, adaptation and energy poverty. The initiative contributes substantially to increased international recognition for the importance of the local level in climate action and is now recognised by EU legislators as key to Europe's ambition on climate and energy.

2018 marked the EU Covenant of Mayor's 10th anniversary.

climatealliance.org/activities/covenant-of-mayors

EU COVENANT NUMBERS

Over 8,800 European cities committed – more than 160 of which are Climate Alliance members

Almost 6,000 action plans developed and more than 233,000 activities conducted

Over 2,300 progress reports delivered

23% CO₂ emissions reduction achieved*

More than 47 TWh in local renewable energy production – enough for 13 million households annually!

*Rough estimates only – baselines can vary.

More figures available at bit.ly/COM-2018

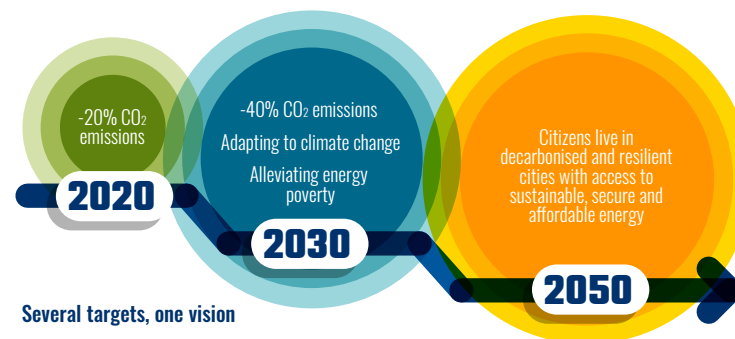
AMBITIOUS CITIES



8,800+
European cities committed



230+
million inhabitants covered =
almost half of the EU population



EU COVENANT ACTIVITIES

Over 20 meetings held with national ministries, agencies and partners

3 meetings held between the EU Covenant Board and EU leaders – also with the direct involvement of Climate Alliance board members

5 political demands from cities submitted to EU Vice-President Šefčovič and Climate Action & Energy Commissioner Cañete

1 financing coalition launched to push for EU financing better tailored to local authorities

Over 200 experts consulted on the Covenant reporting framework

EU COVENANT SUPPORT

10 webinars and 20 workshops attracted over 1,400 attendees

7 pairs of cities selected through the Covenant Twinning Programme

1 financing guide elaborated in over 20 languages

11 case studies developed in 2018 featuring 1 Climate Alliance member

2 booklets on [adaption](#) and [energy poverty](#) developed in 2018 featuring 6 Climate Alliance members

1 [urban adaptation support tool](#) launched for local adaptation planning

Further tools and guidance available at eumayors.eu/support/library

“Action by cities and regions is a must to reach our climate and energy goals. That was the origin of the Covenant of Mayors success story ten years ago. Today their role in championing the energy transition is enshrined not only in the Paris Agreement but also in European law...”

- Miguel Arias Cañete,
European Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy

Throughout 2019, Climate Alliance will continue to exchange with key national and EU level partners as well as carry out awareness raising and capacity building activities via the Covenant of Mayors. As the Covenant of Mayors looks to its next ten years, the initiative will take on a more country-specific approach with greater involvement of Climate Alliance national coordination offices. The topics of adaptation and energy poverty are also receiving increasing attention. In the area of adaption specifically, we are helping launch four [webinars](#) on climate change adaptation and will continue to expand the urban adaptation support tool. Climate Alliance will also continue its advocacy work on the themes of EU financing for the local level and energy poverty via its dedicated thematic coalitions and its associated members.

Covenant of Mayors 10th anniversary ceremony



GLOBAL COVENANT

In 2016 the EU's Covenant of Mayors officially went global. It now integrates the climate commitments of cities in more than 130 countries. As of 2018, a total of 12 regional and national covenants have been set up with the support of various global, regional and local networks. Climate Alliance has been very much a part of this process and is not only a part of the consortia managing the Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy in the European Union, but also in Eastern Europe, Sub-Saharan Africa and Japan. Climate Alliance supports all 12 regional and national covenants and also participates in three technical working groups with global partners on the topic of regional coherence and data monitoring.

GLOBAL COVENANT COMMUNITY IN 2018

More than 9,200 signatory cities from over 130 countries representing some 10% of the total global population

A collective emissions reduction potential of 1.4 Gt CO₂ saved by 2030*

*Rough estimates only – baselines can vary.

EU COVENANT ACTIVITIES

The Global Covenant alliance has established three core initiatives for its work in the areas of research, data and finance: **Innovate4Cities**, **Data4Cities**, and **Invest4Cities**. These three initiatives are to generate knowledge, data, tools, and technical support for local policy makers to tackle sustainability challenges.

Launch of a common framework for municipal reporting as well as emissions, risks and vulnerabilities assessments

Work with World Resource Institute and Google on 2 tools to make data more accessible to local governments

Publication of the co-benefits report [Opportunity 2030: more jobs, better health, liveable cities](#)

Launch of the [Global Climate City Challenge](#) with the European Investment Bank to provide technical assistance for urban climate action

Support of the Climate Finance Lab's [call for climate action investment ideas](#) in developing countries

globalcovenantofmayors.org

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL COVENANTS SUPPORTED BY CLIMATE ALLIANCE IN 2018

Recommendations for calculating emissions in cities of Sub-Saharan Africa elaborated

133 signatories from 34 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa

8 [city to city partnerships](#) ongoing between Japanese and EU cities – 3 with Climate Alliance members

12 new signatories from Japan for a total of 20

400 signatories from 6 countries via Covenant East

2 technical study visits to Ukraine carried out for 10 municipalities via city to city partnerships

Municipalities for Sustainable Growth conference in Kiev organised with some 400 representatives of local and national authorities as well as EU institutions

comssa.org

covenantofmayors-japan.jp

soglasheniemerov.eu

“Participation in the Covenant of Mayors opened up new opportunities for the development of the city of Spitak and gave additional impetus to the implementation of various energy efficiency and local renewable energy generation projects. Since joining the Covenant in May 2014, numerous measures have been taken in our community to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in street lighting, public and residential buildings, kindergartens, cultural and educational institutions and other facilities... We are pleased that our city's participation in this global initiative not only helps to improve the living conditions of our citizens, but also makes a definite contribution to the global fight against climate change.”

- Gagik Sahakyan, Mayor of Spitak (Armenia)

In 2019, Climate Alliance will continue to support the national and regional covenants and keep up its active participation in the various technical groups of the Global Covenant of Mayors, helping to shape the implementation of this global alliance. In Sub-Saharan Africa, we plan to initiate up to three climate partnerships between European and African municipalities. We will also commence work on a reporting platform for Japanese municipalities in 2019.

Global Covenant of Mayors Board Meeting in San Francisco, CA



WORKING GROUPS



Climate Alliance Working Groups are a way for members to exchange on specific topics and deepen their understanding of them while contributing to the development of strategies and Climate Alliance's policy positions. While there are a number of national level working groups throughout the network, three main working groups are currently active internationally.

Paul Polfer, Climate Alliance Luxembourg

WORKING GROUP ON ADAPTATION

Founded in 2015, this working group brings together political leaders and climate experts from Climate Alliance member cities to help generate an accurate picture of adaptation challenges and possible solutions at the local level.

Interested members are welcome to join in or simply sign up for working group newsletters via adaptation@climatealliance.org and financing@climatealliance.org!

WORKING GROUP ON CO₂ MONITORING

The working group on CO₂ Monitoring, Climate Alliance's oldest working group, is mostly comprised of the various [National Coordinators](#). The group focusses on the development and implementation of municipal CO₂ monitoring standards throughout the network and beyond.

“Just as emissions targets have been a pillar of Climate Alliance from the very beginning, so too has the monitoring of progress on these targets. Differences in data availability can mean that monitoring often looks different in different countries. The space the Working Group on CO₂ Monitoring provides to discuss this complex topic with representatives of various countries is thus also very helpful for national level work.”

- Dag Schulze, National Coordinator of Climate Alliance Germany

WORKING GROUP ON FINANCING

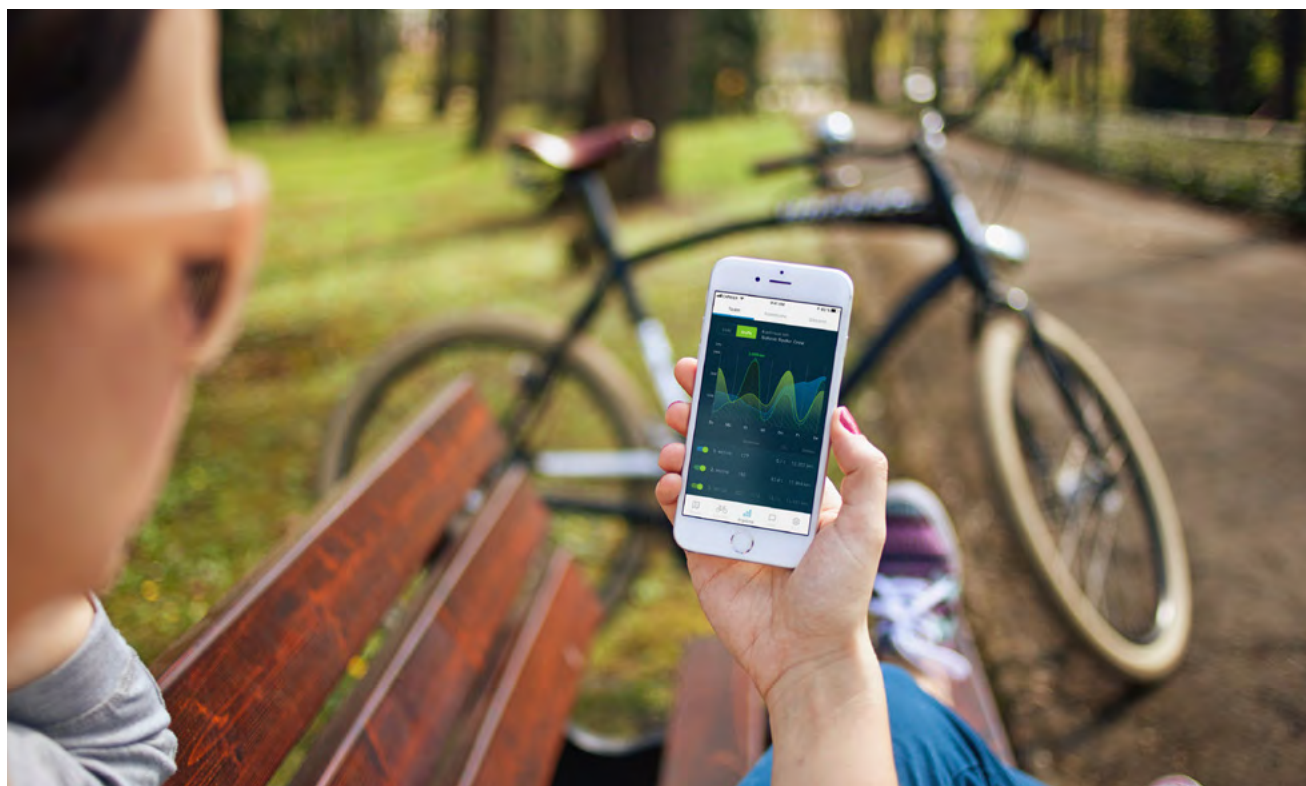
Launched in 2012, this working group offers local authorities the opportunity to exchange on the topic of financing and learn about upcoming calls for proposals, European funding programmes and new financing instruments.

ACTIVITIES IN 2018

During the 2018 Climate Alliance International Conference (CAIC18) in Barcelona, the Working Groups on Adaptation and on Financing held their first ever joint meeting, underlining the synergies between the work of both groups. Participants focussed on nature-based solutions and how to assess their costs and benefits, as well as on innovative financing solutions for retrofits and renewables. Further meetings are planned during CAIC19 in Rostock, Germany.

Also during CAIC18, the Working Group on CO₂ Monitoring had its first exchange with municipal representatives throughout Spain. Members reflected on how their experiences in countries like Germany, Luxembourg and Italy apply to the Spanish reality. Together, they discussed strategies for improved data collection and the development of Spanish monitoring tools with plans to continue discussions into 2019.

CAMPAIGNS



Climate Alliance cities and towns are always looking for innovative ways to engage their municipal administrations and their residents in climate action. Whether promoting the use of bicycles, encouraging children to set a sustainable example or getting adults to integrate the sustainability goals in their everyday lives – the Climate Alliance European Secretariat provides a variety of ready-made campaigns, awareness raising materials and other opportunities to support these efforts. Read on for a glimpse of some of our most popular campaigns.

climatealliance.org/activities/campaigns-and-more

CITY CYCLING

Since 2008, the CITY CYCLING campaign has been inviting local politicians and the public to cycle for their municipalities. Participating cities and towns choose 21 consecutive days between May and September to compete by covering as many kilometres as possible. At the season's end, Climate Alliance honours the most active local parliaments and local authorities!

The goal: To encourage people to use bicycles in their everyday lives and to highlight the need for bicycle traffic planning in local parliaments.

The campaign has enjoyed success across Germany by the name of STADTRADELN and in Luxembourg under the name TOUR DU DUERF. In 2017, the campaign and its accompanying reporting tool RADar! were both adapted to enable global participation.

2018 NUMBERS

885 municipalities participated – a 32% increase!

4,552 members of municipal parliaments cycled

295,494 cyclists took part – a 33% increase!

Almost 8,500 tonnes of CO₂ avoided

59,375,033 km covered

RADar!

A reporting platform allowing residents to draw attention to problem areas along cycling routes and give positive feedback

Used by 352 municipalities in conjunction with CITY CYCLING

Municipal staff alerted to a total of 5,396 issues

Coming up in 2019: An increased push for municipalities to take advantage of this tool internationally!

“CITY CYCLING in Garbsen got a lot of attention and we created an atmosphere driven by team spirit and above all by passion. The numerous participants who pedaled for Garbsen were eager to promote cycling and climate action. And of course we also wanted to win!”

- Christina Haupt, Environmental Officer of the City of Garbsen, Germany

city-cycling.org



GREEN FOOTPRINTS

Since 2002, the Green Footprints campaign has been helping children across Europe learn about the impacts of their daily actions on the climate. During a one week period, children from schools and day-care centres collect green footprints for every sustainable trip via bike, foot and public transport as well as for other environmentally-friendly habits. The children then present their footprints to local politicians and at the year's end, Climate Alliance ensures they are brought to the participants and politicians at the UNFCCC's annual Climate Conference.

The goal: For kids to become role models for their parents and decision makers alike!

2018 NUMBERS

150,318 children participated

Over 1,200 schools in 9 countries took part

2,272,041 Green Footprints collected

Participating children came from: Austria, Belarus, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Netherlands, Poland and Sweden

2018 FACTS

Materials supplemented with further climate justice activities

2018's participants were especially active, collecting over 15 footprints per child!

In 2018, municipal representatives joined in – also making footprints with demands for decision makers at the Climate Summit

Polish kids presented all footprints to UNFCCC Deputy Executive Secretary Ovais Sarhad as well as the mayors of both Cologne (DE) and Katowice (PL) at the 24th Climate Summit

Main topics: Going by bike or foot, using public transport, saving energy, eating regional foods and choosing sustainable school supplies

“The kids are taking the campaign very seriously. The progress poster was especially motivating and had a lasting effect, as it is always visible in the class room.”

- Teacher from the Gleisdorf Public School, Austria



zoom-kidsforclimate.eu

A GOOD LIFE IS SIMPLE

This awareness raising campaign has been running since 2015 and is constantly being expanded. It gives the public and politicians a deeper understanding of global interdependencies by calling into question the European overconsumption of natural resources and showing the way towards more responsible and globally fair consumption habits.

The goal: To show just how simple leading a more sustainable and fulfilled life in (over)developed Europe can be!

Why wait when I can shape my city?

CAMPAIGN MATERIALS

Available online to be used on busses, shops, city walls and social media – build your campaign!

1 spot

16 posters with 10 motifs – 4 new ones added in 2018!

13 languages available

14 cities showed the campaign in 2018 in 5 countries reaching almost 1,050,000 people

In 2018 campaign materials were downloaded 1,411 times

overdeveloped.eu

NEW: CHANGE THE FUTURE TOOL

Offering tips and hints to get involved in sustainable development – friendly competition encouraged!

5 languages already online – 5 more to come in 2019

24 suggestions for sustainable action

Option to compete for Changer Points as individuals, groups or municipalities

Coming up in 2019: Pilot municipalities will begin to offer the tool

Invite your citizens to commit to sustainable development! Offer the tool at the same time as your partner or neighbouring town for some friendly competition and even get your city councils involved!

change-the-future.eu

“Materials and the accompanying tool deal with mobility, nutrition, energy and consumption and are available free of charge!”

- Silke Lunnebach, Climate Justice Project
Coordinator of Climate Alliance



KEY PROJECTS



POWER
A social response
to global water
issues.



FALCO
Financing Ambitious

SCORE

Co-own. Prosume. Renew.

A good life is simple
overdeveloped.eu



The Climate Alliance Secretariat actively engages in projects that support our goals and provide added-value to our members. The topics of these projects are as wide ranging as are the organisations involved. Many of the projects we lead and take part in directly involve our members and partner organisations in Europe and Amazonia and all of them promote climate action on the local level. Read on for a glimpse of selected ongoing projects and initiatives that were carried out in 2018.

NEW PROJECTS IN 2018

SaMBA

Sustainable mobility behaviours in the alpine region

SCORE

Supporting consumer ownership in renewable energy

Change the Power – (Em)Power to Change

Local authorities towards the sustainable development goals and climate justice

RegEnergy

Creating renewable energy regions in Northwest Europe

Clean Energy for EU Islands

Supporting Europe's island communities in the transition to a clean energy supply

climatealliance.org/activities/projects



INDIGENOUS COOPERATION

Indigenous communities find themselves increasingly under threat by extractive industries and mega infrastructure projects. The injustice hit close to home in the beginning of 2019 as Climate Alliance's newest board member, indigenous representative Robinson López, received death threats. The Climate Alliance European Secretariat supports the rights of indigenous representatives via a legal aid fund and encourages a variety of indigenous led initiatives and programmes throughout Amazonia. Here are two projects supported in 2018.

SOLAR LAMPS

Fostering exchange and finding solutions for adapting to climate change locally

Since 2004, Climate Alliance has supported the production of solar lamps in Peru – for indigenous peoples and by indigenous peoples. This new access to clean energy brings financial savings, independence from fossil fuels and light where there was none before.



WORKSHOP ON RENEWABLES FOR INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Encouraging locally-owned renewables instead of corporate mega projects; Macapá, Brazil (see [page 16](#), 2018 Highlights)

Within the framework of the 4th Amazonian Summit, the 2nd Congress of Indigenous Women of the Amazon and the COICA Congress in Macapá Brazil, Climate Alliance held a [workshop](#) promoting renewable energies for indigenous communities in the form of locally-owned, small-scale projects.

Over 300 indigenous representatives from 9 countries attended

Documented in a [video](#) created by 17 young indigenous adults

In March 2019, COICA and Climate Alliance will delve further into the topic with an [energy symposium for Amazonian communities](#) in Manaus, Brazil.

bit.ly/RES-Workshop_Macapá

“The sun, the wind, waterways – indigenous peoples have long relied on these resources for their livelihoods. Looking to them for energy as well gives communities unparalleled benefits in terms of health, family wellbeing and quality of life.”

- Thomas Brose, Executive Director of Climate Alliance

CHANGE THE POWER – (EM)POWER TO CHANGE

How does our energy future look? How can we be sure that we are leaving no one behind? Change the Power – (Em)power to Change empowers cities and towns to implement the Sustainable Development Goals on a local level. It includes the elaboration of a variety of offerings that members can use as well the expansion of the well-known campaign A Good Life Is Simple (see [page 40](#), Campaigns).

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A GOOD LIFE IS SIMPLE AND CHANGE THE FUTURE TOOL

Awareness raising campaign offering cities and residents ideas for change (see [page 40](#), Campaigns)

A focus on mobility, nutrition, energy and consumption

1 spot, 16 posters, 10 motifs

24 suggestions for sustainable action

Available in a variety of languages

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PUBLIC SCREENINGS OF COUNT DOWN ON RIVER XINGU V

Sparking discussions on the effects of mega infrastructure projects in fragile areas

Climate Alliance member municipalities can choose to show this film on the disastrous Belo Monte megadam and even invite the director to kick off a discussion both on global questions of energy, power and human rights as well as local issues of energy and lifestyles.

1 long version in 2 languages (95 min) shown in 20 public screenings

1 short version (24 min) in 7 languages

1 [brochure](#) developed on the ties between the company Odebrecht (LU) and Belo Monte

overdeveloped.eu/en/background/belo-monte-movie

Within the framework of this project, Climate Alliance is continuing its cooperation with NGOs on the topic of indigenous and human rights, such as lobbying for the ratification of ILO Convention 169. We are also active in various politically relevant networks including SDG watch Europe network. An international lobbying event on the SDGs and climate justice event is being planned in Brussels for autumn 2019 – those interested are welcome to attend.

“We don’t ask for anything, we just claim our rights.”

- Leonardo Batista, resident of Seu Aranô, Brazil

CLIMATE ACTIVE NEIGHBOURHOODS (CAN)

Climate Active Neighbourhoods (CAN) places a focus on underprivileged communities throughout northwest Europe with buildings in need of renovation. This Climate Alliance led project unites the experiences of municipalities supporting bottom-up action to promote energy retrofitting measures on the neighbourhood level. Its findings will help further municipalities to do the same by encouraging neighbourhood initiatives, creating financial tools for residents, and local information campaigns. In 2018 CAN placed a specific focus on the topic of energy poverty – a challenge faced by some 50 million Europeans.



TRANSITION TOURS, ENERGY WALKS AND HOME VISITS

Providing residents with tips on ways to lower their energy consumption and save money

Focus on energy retrofits, changes in habits and local initiatives

More than 32,000 inhabitants reached in 5 countries

2,800 residents received one-on-one energy advice

1,241 home energy visits conducted

After more than three years, CAN will come to a close in early 2020. The last large event within the project will take place in April 2019 in Arnhem, the Netherlands. Yet, even after CAN's end, its concrete examples will be made available for curious municipalities in the so-called Practice Cube.

bit.ly/CAN-europe

"By focusing on our neighbourhoods' specificities, the CAN project allowed us to get in contact with inhabitants who are not usually reached by our actions. Seeing the impact it had on some people's lives has been truly rewarding."

- Gladys Grelaud, Brest Métropole, France

CLEAN ENERGY FOR EU ISLANDS

In 2018, the European Commission and Parliament set up the Clean Energy for EU Islands Secretariat to facilitate the energy transition on EU islands from the bottom up, supporting balanced collaboration between public and private stakeholders. Climate Alliance manages the new secretariat along with REScoop.eu and 3E, helping island local authorities work with their citizens as well as local businesses and academic institutions to advance the clean energy transition on their respective islands.

SECRETARIAT SET UP

Reaching out to EU islands to further the clean energy transition

1 Clean Energy Forum held with some 150 participants

Network launched spanning 40 islands in 2018

1 help desk for islands established

26 islands selected for specific support

Extensive news coverage including Forbes Magazine, the Danish State radio and Irish Radio as well as Italian and Croatian TV

Throughout the course of 2019, we will work via the EU Islands Secretariat to get in touch with even more island local authorities and get more EU islands on board. Outreach will be supported by further Clean Energy for EU Islands Forums as well as individual island workshops, with the next forum planned in Stockholm in May 2019. An online engagement platform for EU islands is also in store for 2019.

euislands.eu



“Islands are becoming more and more visible on the European agenda. The support for 26 islands throughout the Union is an important step in making island communities torchbearers in clean energy transition.”

- Tonino Picula, Croatian Member of Parliament

FURTHER WORK – INTERNATIONALLY AND NATIONALLY

This report has provided a mere glimpse of the work Climate Alliance is doing on an international level but of course, there is much more. In 2018, for example, we also worked on nature-based solutions, local timber, financing climate action, prosumership in renewables, smart metering, near-surface geothermal energies, sustainable mobility, municipal water challenges, energy efficiency investments, and the bundling of climate and energy planning across small towns.

At the national level, too, Climate Alliance has been hard at work on a plethora of different topics via our six National Coordination Offices in Austria, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg and Switzerland. For an idea of what [Climate Alliance's National Coordination Offices](#) were up to in 2018 as well as their plans for the future, have a look at the second part of this report:



**Climate Alliance National Coordination Offices –
2018 | 2019 Review and Outlook (English):**
bit.ly/ClimateAlliance_NationalAnnualReport_2018-2019



**Climate Alliance National Coordination Offices –
2018 | 2019 Review and Outlook (German):**
bit.ly/Klima-Bündnis-National_Jahresbericht_2018-2019

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