



Cities for Climate Protection™ Campaign - The Reinforced Strategy for Europe -

The Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) Campaign

The ICLEI Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) Campaign, initiated in 1993, demonstrates the power of cities to protect the climate and the local environment.

The Reinforced Strategy for Europe, launched at Stockholm during the conference 'A Future with Zero CO₂ Emissions' in May 2006, builds on cooperation and activities already implemented by CCP Campaign participants and the ICLEI European Secretariat.

Participation in the CCP Campaign

Existing participants: Many cities in Europe have already joined the CCP Campaign. These participants are warmly invited to sign up to this Reinforced Strategy for the CCP Campaign. This is not obligatory, and your city will remain a CCP Participant. However, please note that this Reinforced Strategy for the European CCP Campaign addresses issues that will be to the benefit of all participants, especially in the area of adaptation and recommending ambitious targets.

New participants: For those cities and towns that are interested in joining the CCP Campaign as new participants, we extend a warm invitation to you to use this document and sign up to the CCP Campaign.



Cities for Climate Protection Campaign Local Government Resolution

The local authority of _____

- herewith endorses the aims and objectives of the Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) Campaign, an ICLEI campaign to mobilise Local Government action for climate change, which includes mitigation and adaptation, providing a collective international voice for local governments around the world.

- pledges to join with cities from all over the world in the CCP Campaign and, as a participant in the Campaign, take a leading role in reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and act for climate mitigation and adaptation in the municipal jurisdiction, through strategies and actions addressing sustainable energy (reducing consumption, energy efficiency, renewable energy), urban design / land use planning, sustainable mobility (public transport, clean fuels, reducing congestion, non-motorised mobility), as well as water and waste management.

- pledges to undertake the CCP Five Milestones, as listed below, and to achieve the first results of the milestones within three years of becoming a participant in the campaign:

1. Establish an inventory and forecast for key sources of GHG emissions in the corporate (municipal) and community areas, and conduct a resilience assessment to determine the vulnerable areas based on expected changes in the climate.
2. Set targets for emissions reduction and identify relevant adaptation strategies.
3. Develop and adopt a short to long term Local Action Plan to reduce emissions and improve community resilience, addressing strategies and actions for both mitigation and adaptation.
4. Implement the Local Action Plan and all the measures presented therein.
5. Monitor and report on GHG emissions and the implementation of actions and measures.

Signature

Date

Name

[Local authority stamp]

Title

OPTIONAL - Application for status ‘CCP City of Ambition’:

In addition to the above the council or political decision-making body has approved the ambitious or radical targets listed below, and herewith applies for the status of a *CCP City of Ambition*:

Please feel free to attach further explanatory documents



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Vision

Cities are in an ideal position to use their public influence, decision-making and purchasing powers to move forward at a more rapid pace in reducing harmful GHG emissions and in adapting to climate change. We call on local governments to intensify their political commitment and implement effective strategies and actions to respond to climate change within their area of jurisdiction. Local government action on climate change encompasses both mitigation and adaptation actions. The Reinforced Strategy provides a framework for action to broaden the movement of the CCP campaign, inviting participating European cities to also envisage cooperation models beyond their own borders.

Aim

The Reinforced Strategy for the CCP Campaign in Europe addresses climate change, which includes mitigation and adaptation by engaging local governments to accelerate the integration of sustainability into their decision-making and implementation processes. Through radical or ambitious targets CCP participants take steps in support of climate protection and improve their resilience against climate change.

Objectives

- Improve awareness among local governments on climate change, an understanding on their role in contributing to climate change, and the local environmental and economic benefits of action.
- Encourage commitment and accelerated action in the area of climate protection among local governments.
- Provide a framework that enables local governments to integrate climate protection and resilience policies with actions that address immediate municipal concerns such as cost reduction, urban infrastructure improvements, pollution control, enhanced community liveability and bio-diversity.
- Encourage exchange on strategies and actions to effectively reduce GHGs and address adaptation.
- Develop capacity to act to identify possible local solutions, provide tools and training.
- Identify and recommend the use of uniform mechanisms to measure and specify reductions, e.g. the Harmonised emissions Analysis Tool (HEAT) developed and managed by ICLEI .
- Improve international cooperation among participants with different levels of local resources and local emissions, to enhance the impact of the international CCP Campaign in support of climate protection.

Effective results through ambitious targets

CCP participants are invited to identify ambitious or radical targets for GHG emissions reduction and adaptation in their area of jurisdiction, both for the corporate area or for community-related activities, addressing all sectors. The Reinforced Strategy recognises and respects the local government democratic decision-making process, to set its own targets. However, there is also a need for an increased tempo in emissions reduction, and this is an opportunity to improve targets and increase results at a local level.

The role of ICLEI within the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

To ensure that the local government viewpoint is heard, and that a united worldwide local authority response to climate change is taken into account during important international negotiations, ICLEI holds official Observer status with the UNFCCC, and is the lead organisation representing local governments at the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP). As a membership association the ICLEI members in particular benefit from these actions.

CCP Campaign Methodology

The five milestone approach remains central to developing and implementing a plan of action:

1. Establish an inventory and forecast for key sources of GHG emissions in the corporate (municipal) and community areas, and conduct a resilience assessment to determine the vulnerable areas based on expected changes in the climate.
2. Set targets for emissions reduction and identify relevant adaptation strategies.
3. Develop and adopt a short to long term Local Action Plan to reduce emissions and improve community resilience, addressing strategies and actions for mitigation and adaptation, in the following focal areas:
 - Energy (conserving energy, energy efficiency, renewable energy, including passive solar energy)
 - Urban design / land use planning (building rating system / energy performance monitoring, ecological impact assessment)
 - Sustainable mobility (public transport, clean fuels, reducing congestion, non-motorised mobility)
 - Water and waste management (reduce waste, improve recycling and composting, reduce waste disposal to landfill and incineration, improve sewage systems and drainage, reduce energy used to purify potable water).
4. Implement the Local Action Plan and all the measures presented therein.
5. Monitor and report on GHG emissions and the implementation of actions and measures (starting within three years from joining the CCP Campaign).

The inclusion of short, medium AND long term plans is a pre-requisite. Direct community involvement and the Local Agenda 21 (LA21) approach is herein fundamental, addressing the involvement of stakeholders and consensus building in a participatory approach. It is recommended to set clear targets on all the focal areas, but also acknowledged that the local authority considers its context and determines the tempo of implementation in the different areas.

Recognition for ambitious cities

All cities in Europe are invited to join as CCP participants. Those cities that commit to radical or ambitious targets (as specified on their signed commitment form) will receive the ‘*CCP City of Ambition*’ status, to be given for a five-year period. The *CCP Cities of Ambition* may use a distinctive logo for publications and websites, and their targets will be presented on the CCP Europe webpage, with a link to their most relevant webpage (as provided by the city). Information on their political commitment and good practices will also be presented at international events where ICLEI/CCP is requested to make presentations.

Join the Reinforced Strategy for the European CCP Campaign today!

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Some actual targets and recommended ambitious targets to take note of (non-exhaustive list):

- The Kyoto Protocol requires by 2008–2012 a 5% reduction from 1990 levels of developed countries’ emissions of six GHGs. It sets the EU a target of an 8% reduction from the 1990 level by 2008–2012. The EU and its Member States agreed in 2002 on different emission limitation and reduction targets for each Member State, called the ‘burden sharing’ agreement.
- 30% GHG emissions reduction by 2020, and 80% by 2050 based on 1990 levels - World Mayors and Municipal Leaders Declaration on Climate, Montréal, as presented at the COP11/MOP1 on 7 December 2005.
- 100% renewable energy for heating, cooling and/or electricity in the city by 2050.
- Fossil fuel free society by 2050.
- Carbon neutral city.