

## Municipal partnerships to tackle global climate and sustainable energy challenges

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Cities across different regions of the globe are often faced with similar local climate and energy challenges. The creation of partnerships foster advanced municipalities to share their expertise and solutions. The outcomes of such partnerships can contribute to the global collective goal of keeping global average warming below 2 degrees Celsius compared to pre-industrial levels. The European Union's Covenant of Mayors is an exemplary model of multilevel governance and cooperation. The initiative gathers today over 6,000 cities committed to tackle climate change and is listed among the policies with the highest impact on climate change mitigation. This session will demonstrate the impact of the Covenant of Mayors initiative and explore how the successful Covenant model and principles can be exported globally, by focusing on the role of city to city cooperation. The session will also address the potential of initiatives like the Covenant of Mayors and transnational networks of local authorities as "game changers" in international negotiations process.

### Agenda

- 6.30pm    The Covenant of Mayors initiative**  
*Ana Rita Neves, Climate Alliance and Covenant of Mayors Office*
- 6.45pm    Views from Province of Barcelona on exporting the Covenant of Mayors worldwide**  
*Mercè Rius Serra, Catalanian Energy Institute (ES)*
- 7.00pm    Experiences from the City of Bonn with municipal climate partnerships**  
*Verena Schwarte, City of Bonn (DE)*
- 7.15pm    Influence of transnational networks and Covenant of Mayors as game changers in UNFCCC process**  
*Katharina Rietig, De Montfort University (UK)*
- 7.30pm    Reactions from the UNFCCC**  
*Nick Nuttall, Coordinator Communications and Outreach, UNFCCC*
- 7.45pm    Discussion and Conclusions**

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