



## Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) Campaign - The Reinforced Strategy for Europe - Summary

The Cities for Climate Protection Campaign was established in 1993 as an international campaign bringing together committed local authorities that are actively reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Currently more than 800 local authorities around the world are participants in this campaign, including many large cities. The CCP Campaign is one of the largest local authority networks active in the area of climate protection.

The Reinforced Strategy for the CCP Campaign in Europe, launched in May 2006 to revitalise the process in the region, has been expanded to not only address climate protection through mitigation measures, but also to include adaptation. As a result there has been increasing interest in the European Campaign, with several local authorities requesting involvement.

The Campaign provides a network and framework for action - engaging local governments to accelerate the integration of sustainability and GHG reduction targets into their decision-making and implementation processes. Through clear GHG reduction targets and a plan of action CCP participants can take effective steps in support of climate protection and also to improve community resilience against inevitable climate change.

Participation in the Campaign is open to all local authorities in Europe - the EU-27 region and beyond. The basic requirements are confirmed political commitment to climate protection, with a senior political representative (Mayor or Vice Mayor for the Environment) to sign the Reinforced Strategy document.

Secondly the new participant is requested to endorse the aims and objectives of the Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) Campaign, and to pledge to undertake the following CCP Five Milestone process:

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. Reporting of the first results is required at the latest within three years of becoming a participant in the Campaign.

An additional unique opportunity offered through the Campaign to gain increased visibility, is by acquiring the status of 'CCP City of Ambition'. This is applicable to those local authorities that have committed to ambitious targets (e.g. higher than the national targets; zero CO<sub>2</sub> by 2050). The status is provided for a five-year period, with the local authority provided with the use a distinctive logo to present its status, for example in publications, presentations and on its website. The CCP Cities of Ambition will also receive visibility through ICLEI actions – e.g. their targets will be presented on the CCP Europe webpage, a link to their website will be added, and information on their political commitment and good practises will be presented by ICLEI/CCP at international events.

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