



ICLEI's European Cities for Climate Protection™ (CCP) Campaign

CAMPAIGN SIGN-UP DOCUMENT

ICLEI's international CCP Campaign

ICLEI's international Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) Campaign, established in 1993, was developed by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) together with its members. It demonstrates the role and power of cities in protecting the climate, the local environment and the local community using sustainability as a core element when addressing community climate action.

The European CCP Campaign

Today, the CCP Campaign continues to build on cooperation and activities already implemented by individual CCP participants and national CCP networks in several European countries.

ICLEI's European Secretariat CCP team coordinate the European CCP Campaign, covering the EU-27, the rest of Europe (Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, ..), the Middle East and Newly Independent States (NIS).

All cities and towns in this geographic region are welcome to join the CCP Campaign – using this document to sign up. Join 'CCP Basic' at no cost. An additional Climate and Energy Service Package is also available for on a fee-for-service basis.

**To join the CCP Campaign
please fax or email a signed copy of this form (see overleaf) to:**

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Local Government Resolution to join ICLEI's European Cities for Climate Protection™ (CCP) Campaign



The local government of _____

- herewith endorses the aims and objectives of the Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) Campaign - an ICLEI campaign mobilising local government action in climate change mitigation and adaptation, and providing a collective voice for local governments around the world.
- pledges to join as a participant in the Campaign, take an active role in reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and adaptation to a changing climate in the municipal jurisdiction, through strategies and actions in all sectors.
- pledges to implement the CCP 5 milestones, listed below, to actively strive towards achieving the **first cycle of all 5 milestones within three (3) years of becoming a participant:**

	Mitigation:	Adaptation:
Milestone 1	Establish an inventory baseline and business-as-usual (BAU) forecast	Identify climate impacts and conduct a climate vulnerability / opportunity / resilience assessment)
Milestone 2	Adopt an emissions reduction target for the forecast year	Identify relevant adaptation strategies and implementation timeframe
Milestone 3	Develop and adopt a short-to-long-term Local Action Plan (LAP)	Prioritise areas for action & develop a Local Action Plan
Milestone 4	Implement the LAP (Local Action Plan)	Implement policies, systems improvements & adaptation measures
Milestone 5	Monitor, evaluate & report on results	Monitor, evaluate & report on results

Signature

Date of Resolution

Name

[Local government stamp]

Title

OPTIONAL - apply for status 'CCP City of Ambition' (only available to ICLEI Members):

A local government that is already advanced and has ambitious targets in place, may also apply for the status of a *CCP City of Ambition (awarded for 5 years)* – list targets below:

(Kindly attach proof of commitments and developments to support the qualification check process).

Vision

Climate change – a global challenge requiring local responses

Climate change, as one of the main environmental, socio-economic, political and security challenges facing the world today, requires urgent responses - especially at the local community level. This is where the **impact on climate change can effectively be mitigated** and where **climate change adaptation is needed**. Yet, how can communities reduce their impact on climate change? And how can they adapt to a changing climate? Where should they start? Where can they get guidance to develop effective approaches? ICLEI has been active in climate protection since the 1990s, and developed the **CCP 5 milestone methodology plus a range of tools and guidance to assist local governments with local climate action**, from inventories and target setting to monitoring.

Vision for local climate action

Local governments are in an ideal position to use their public influence, decision-making and purchasing powers to move their community forward at a more rapid pace in reducing harmful greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and adapting to climate change. Since the 1990s, ICLEI has called on municipalities to engage in local climate action, brought together cities and towns interested in this topic, assisted them to intensify their political commitments, and supported the implementation of effective strategies and actions - by providing a framework for action through the CCP Campaign.

Aim

The European CCP Campaign addresses and facilitates **climate change mitigation and adaptation** at local community level. It mobilises and engages local governments to accelerate local climate action, and is unique with its focus on **integrating sustainability into decision-making and implementation processes**. It stresses the involvement of citizens, businesses and industry in local climate action planning and implementation. By setting clear and ambitious targets, CCP participants take steps in support of climate protection and improve community resilience against climate change plus other environmental and economic shocks. With **mitigation and adaptation as co-priorities**, CCP participants are actively engaging in local climate action and linking to a group of like-minded peers.

Specific CCP Campaign objectives

- **Improve awareness** among local governments on climate change, an understanding of their role in contributing to climate change, and the local benefits of action.
- **Encourage commitment and accelerated action** in the area of climate protection by, and among, local and regional governments.
- **Provide a framework for action** that enables local governments to integrate climate protection and resilience policies with actions that address immediate municipal concerns (e.g. cost reduction, urban infrastructure improvement, pollution control, enhanced community liveability).
- **Encourage exchange of strategies and action examples** to assist other municipalities, avoid reinventing the wheel and speed up the tempo of climate protection and adaptation.
- **Develop capacity to act** - for example in identifying possible local solutions, offering tools and capacity-development. This includes identifying and recommending the use of proven, internationally recognised protocols and mechanisms to establish baselines (inventories) and measure reductions.
- **Improve international cooperation** among cities and towns, to enhance the impact of 'local to global' climate protection. Here ICLEI plays a unique role at the United Nations level (see below).

ICLEI's role within the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

ICLEI acts as international Local Government Climate Roadmap facilitator, and is the Local Government and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency Focal Point of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). It plays these roles in addition to its own Observer status at the UNFCCC, whereby ICLEI acts on behalf of Local Government facilitating dialogue with national governments and the UNFCCC Secretariat.

Using the CCP Campaign Methodology

To join the Campaign, the **mayor or other senior local government representative** should sign the Campaign Sign-up Document – thereby also committing the local government to implementing the CCP 5 milestone methodology: a logical approach for municipalities.



The CCP Campaign recognises and respects the local government democratic decision-making process to set its own targets. Considering the urgent need for climate change mitigation, CCP participants are however encouraged to adopt ambitious targets for GHG emissions reduction in their area of jurisdiction, and act on these.

Some examples of ambitious targets (non-exhaustive list):

- Following the EU 20-20-20 targets by 2020, as used by the Covenant of Mayors (a 20% reduction in GHG emissions, 20% improved energy efficiency, and 20% more renewable energy).
- 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.
- Carbon neutral city by 2025 (refer to ICLEI Europe's Carbon Neutrality Framework).
- 100% renewable energy for heating, cooling and electricity in the city by 2050 (e.g. fossil fuel free society).

The European CCP Campaign is available to all municipalities – those just starting up and already active. The 'CCP Basic' package is offered for free.

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