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Climate and energy Toolbox for Supporting Structures of the Covenant of Mayors is launched

Brussels, Belgium, 14 April 2011 - During European Union Sustainable Energy Week 2011 (EUSEW), the ICLEI European Secretariat, in the framework of the Energy for Mayors project, launched an online Toolbox of Methodologies to centralise guidance material for Supporting Structures (SSt) of the Covenant of Mayors (CoM).

This innovative Toolbox forms part of the support package developed for organisations that are assisting cities and towns across Europe in developing Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs). In the framework of the Energy for Mayors project, co-funded by the Intelligent Energy Europe programme, the Toolbox is a growing collection of different resources and methodologies. It is available in several languages and is a valuable resource for SSt and CoM signatories making the move towards a sustainable energy future.

Accessible at www.toolbox.climate-protection.eu, the Toolbox has been designed with the user in mind and is a comprehensive resource database. It addresses the typical steps, as well as different actors and fields of action relevant to SEAP development – from setting targets to monitoring and from financing actions to engaging citizens. Many excellent methodologies and guidance tools already exist in Europe, these will be pooled in the Energy for Mayors Toolbox.

To ensure it is continuously developed, registered users are invited to add other useful tools and methodologies and to give comments and evaluate the guidance material in the Toolbox. Architect of the Toolbox Maryke van Staden, encourages users to “rate the usefulness of tools and methodologies, share your comments, and add value to this great new support tool – helping to roll out fast, effective local climate and energy action.”

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Background:

The **Energy for Mayors** project, aims to facilitate the implementation of the Covenant for signatories and future signatories of the CoM, and to help as many communities to move forward with their actions towards GHG emissions reduction and sustainable energy use. The consortium is led by the Province of Genova, with the ICLEI European Secretariat the only European city network involved in the project – supporting the development of practical guidance for other SSt.

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