



**Covenant of Mayors**  
for Climate & Energy  
EUROPE

# Covenant of Mayors – Europe

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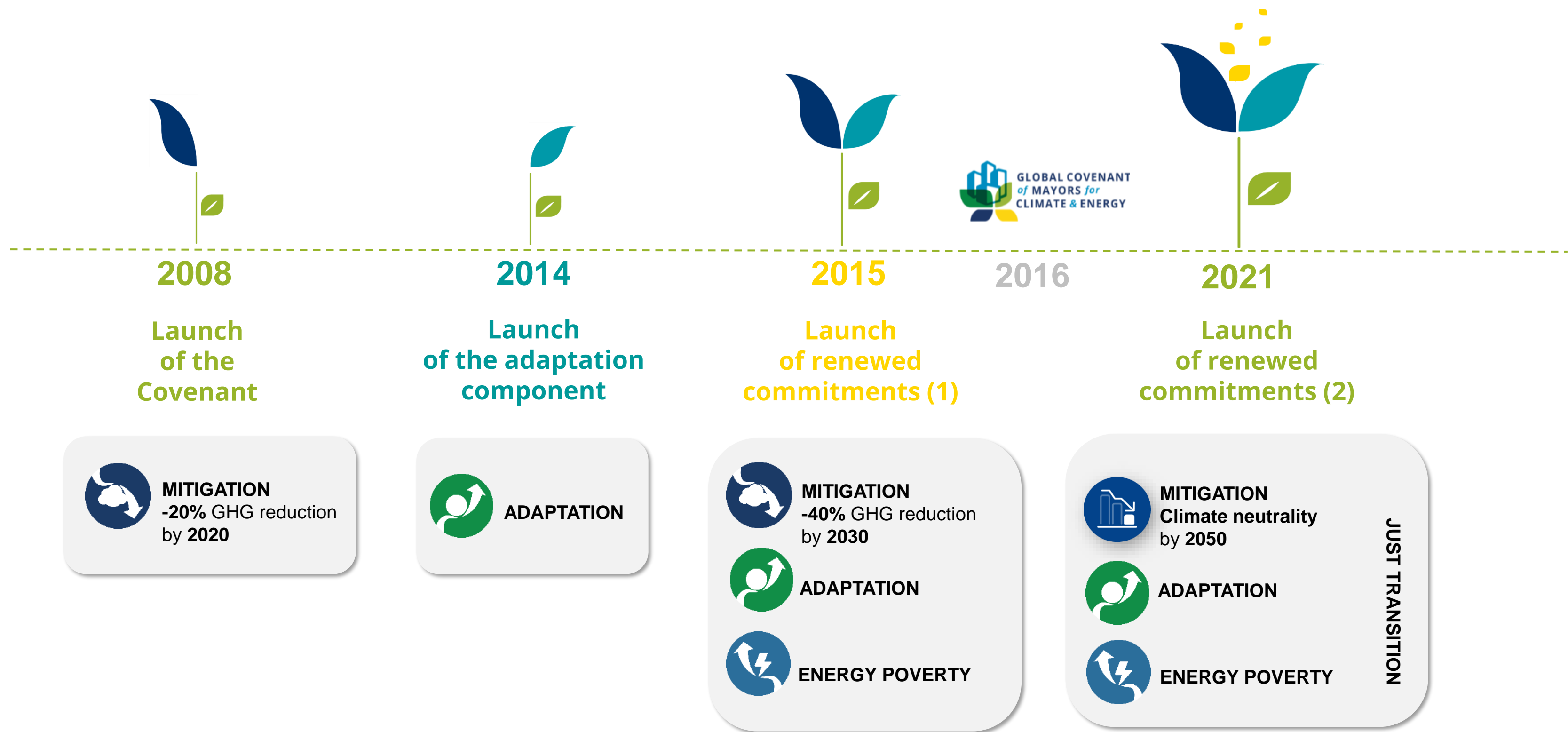


# In the next 20 minutes...

- Introduction to Covenant of Mayors - Europe
- SECAP development
- MyCovenant reporting platform
- Support for CoM-EU signatories
- Opportunities to be member of CoM - Europe



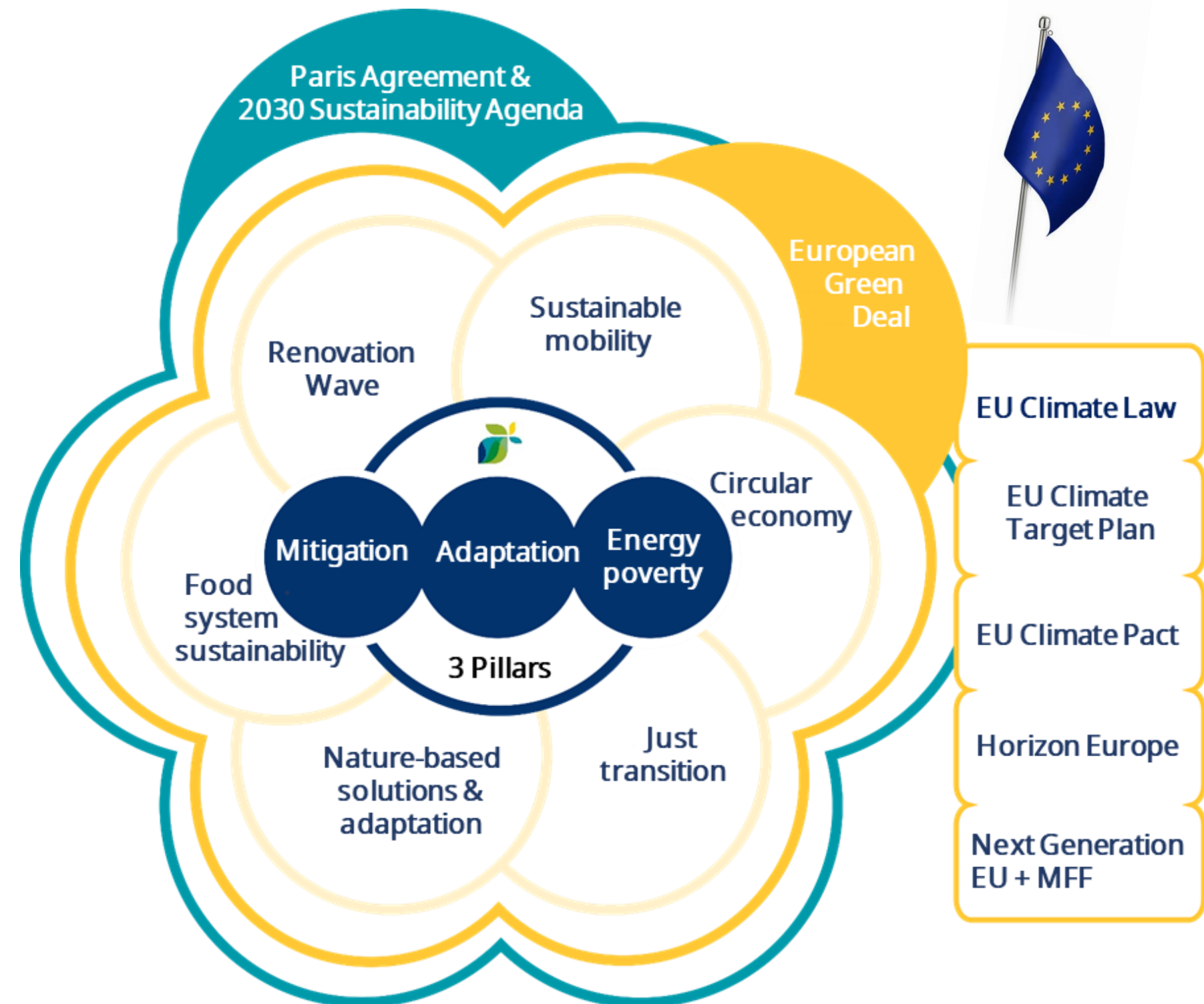
# Evolution of the Covenant of Mayors – Europe





# Embedded into wider climate policy

- The world's **largest movement of cities** taking climate and energy action
- Embedded in the EU climate & energy policies (Green Deal, EU adaptation strategy...)
- **Connected to other EU city initiatives** to best support cities in delivering on their ambition (EU Climate Pact, Green City Accord...)
- Allowing **easier access to funding** (LIFE, Horizon Europe, Recovery...)
- Ensuring a **stronger voice** on the international scene



# The Covenant Commitments in Europe

- **55% GHG emission reduction by 2030 & climate neutrality target by 2050**
- **Increasing resilience and prepare for the adverse impacts of climate change,**
- **Tackle energy poverty as one key action to ensure a just transition.**

## COMMIT



Adopt the Covenant commitments by municipal council decision

Register on [eumayors.eu](https://eumayors.eu) and upload signed commitment text

## ACT



Set city targets and goals

Complete inventories and assessments for mitigation and adaptation pillars

Develop Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP)

Implement actions, monitor, and report on a Covenant-Europe platform

## ENGAGE



Develop a local climate pact or similar

Mobilise pledges from citizens, businesses, and government at all levels

Ensure stakeholder participation in both development and implementation of climate action

## NETWORK



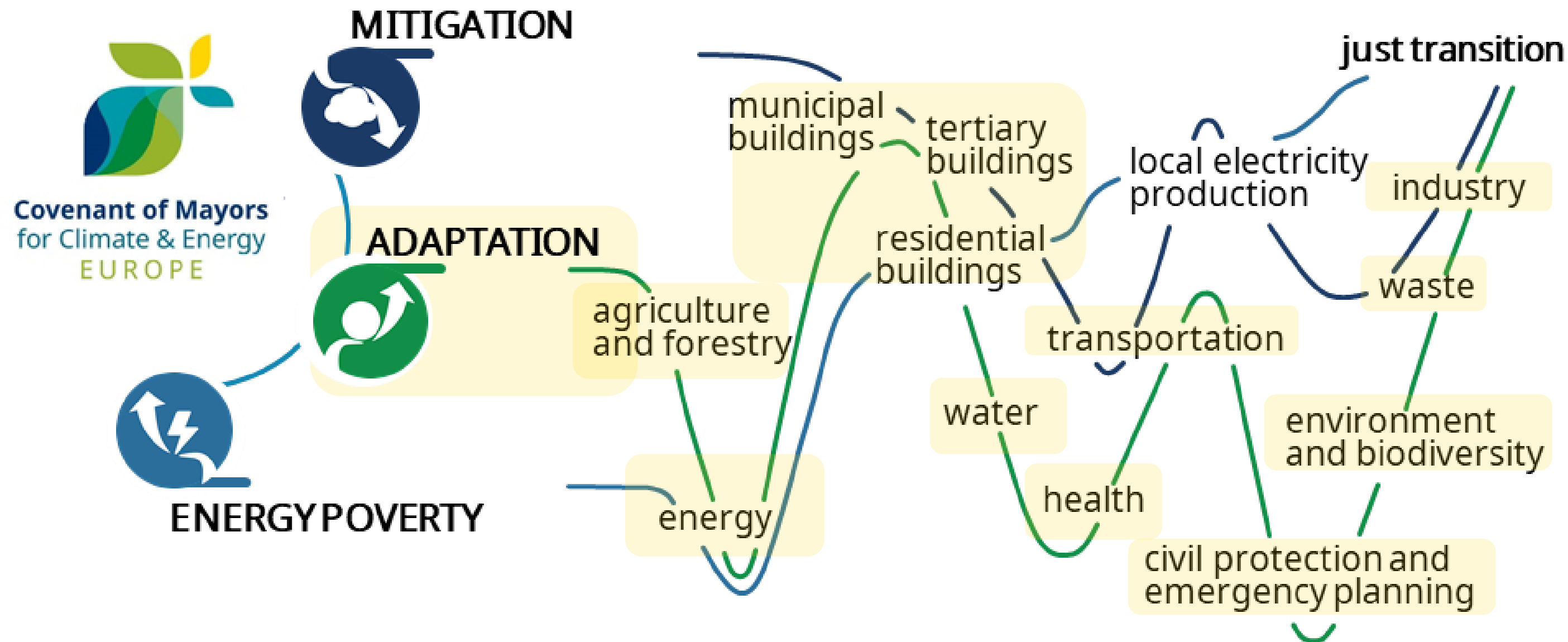
Prepare good practice examples of action implemented

Participate in global and regional advocacy activities

Reference and encourage participation in the Global and EU Covenant of Mayors movement as well as related initiatives

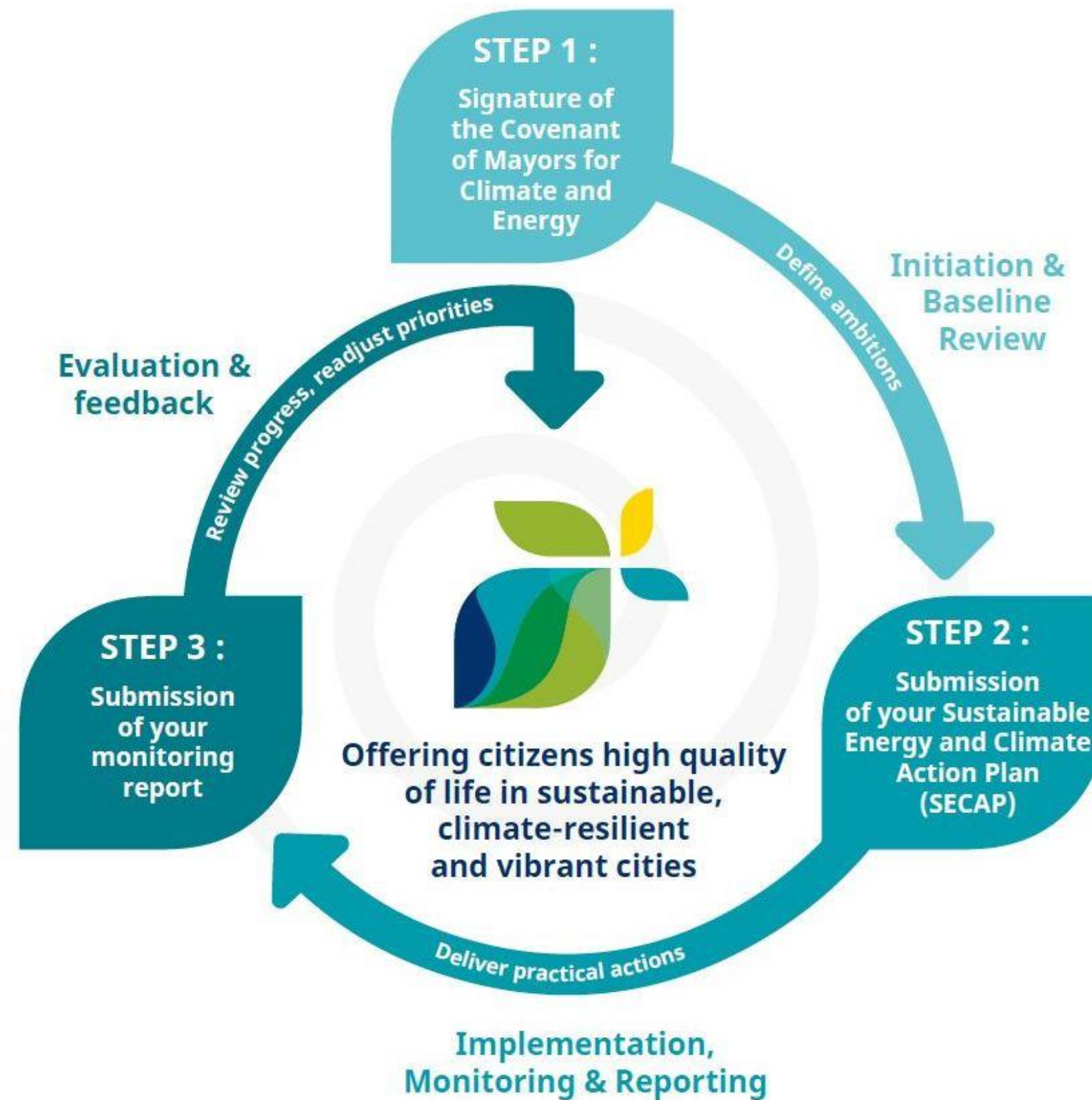


# Fields of action

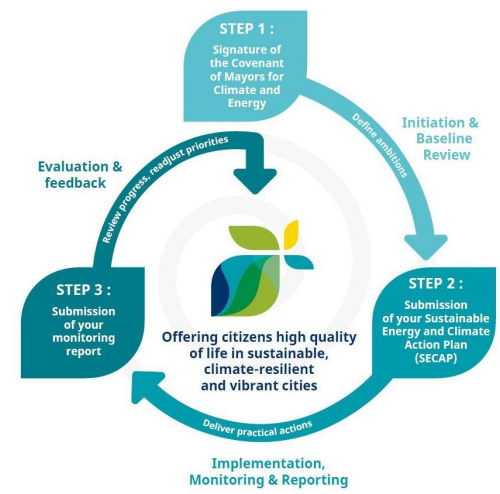




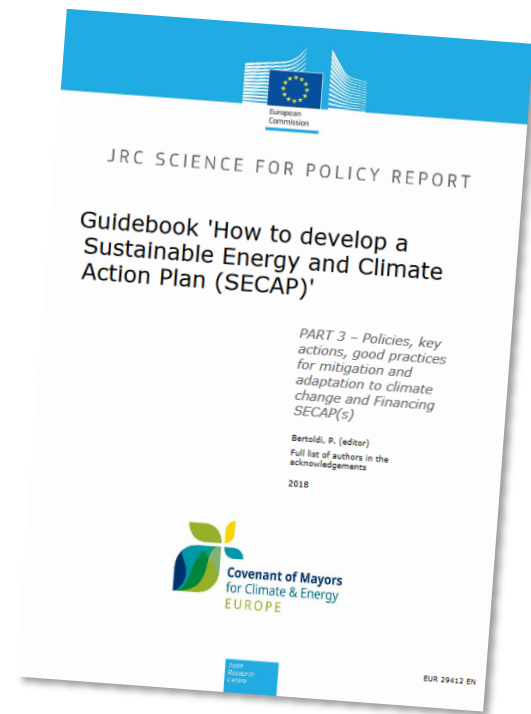
# SECAP development | The process



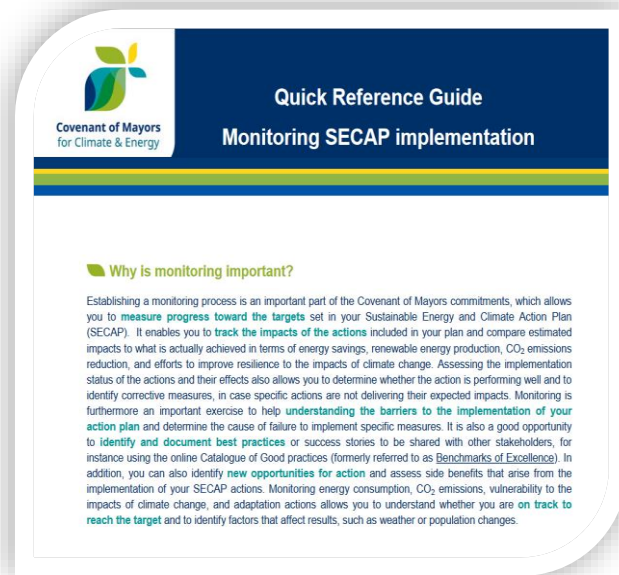
# SECAP development | Methodological support



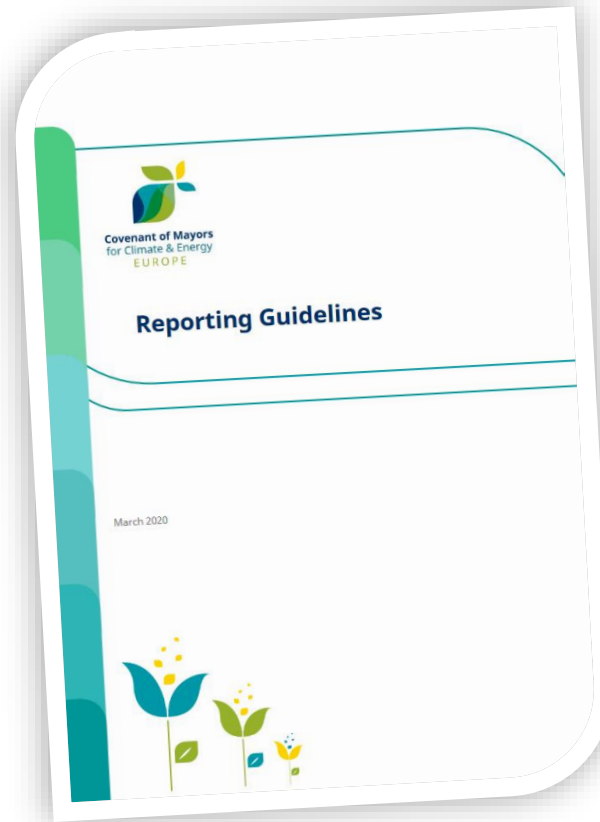
Joint Research Center Guidebook in 3 parts ▶



CoMO-EU Quick Reference guides ▶



Action Plan template & instructions ▶

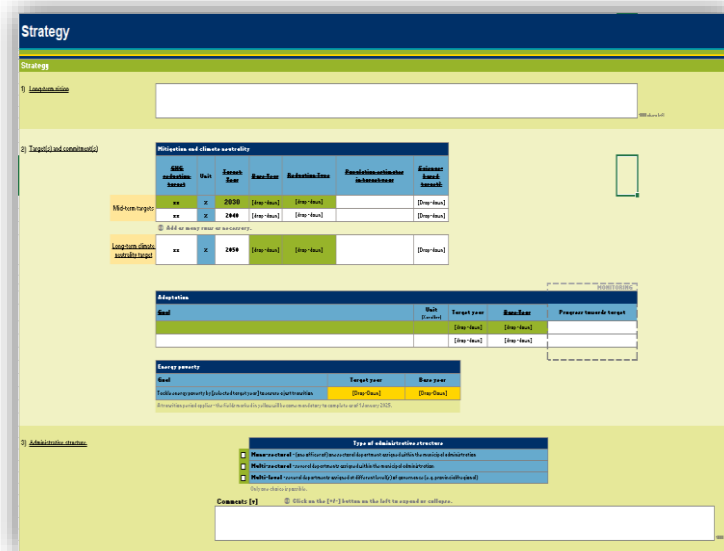


Info kit for signatories



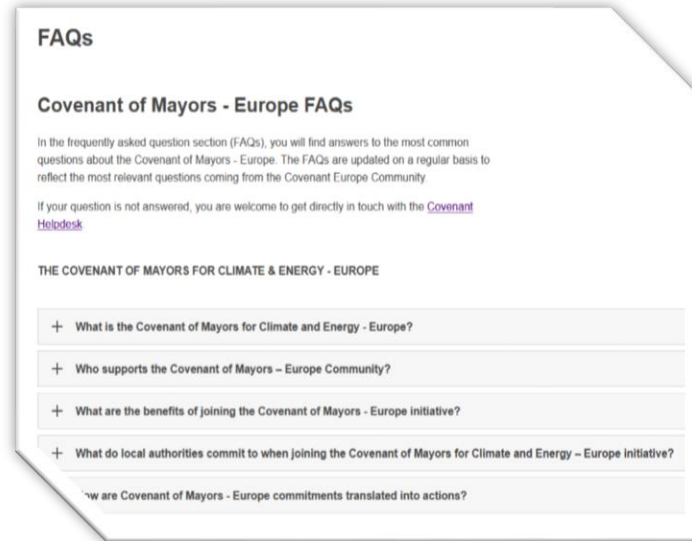
- [Part 1: The SECAP process, step-by-step towards low-carbon and climate-resilient cities by 2030](#)
- [Part 2: Baseline Emission Inventory \(BEI\) and Risk and Vulnerability Assessment \(RVA\)](#)
- [Part 3: Policies, key actions, good practices for mitigation and adaptation to climate change and financing SECAPs](#)

- [Joint Sustainable Energy & Climate Action Plan](#)
- [Grouped SECAP analysis](#)
- [Monitoring SECAP implementation](#)



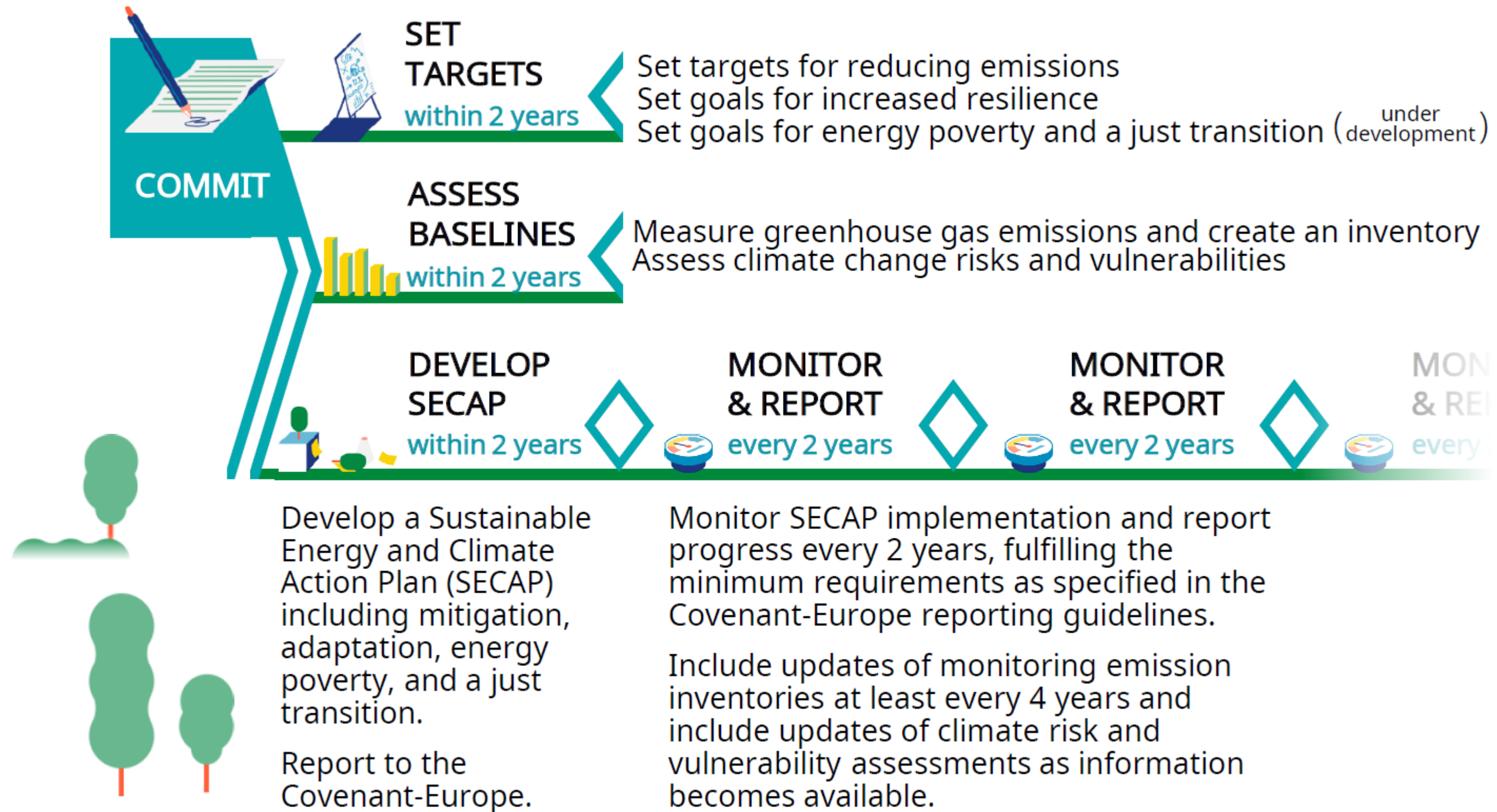
Thematic leaflets

FAQs

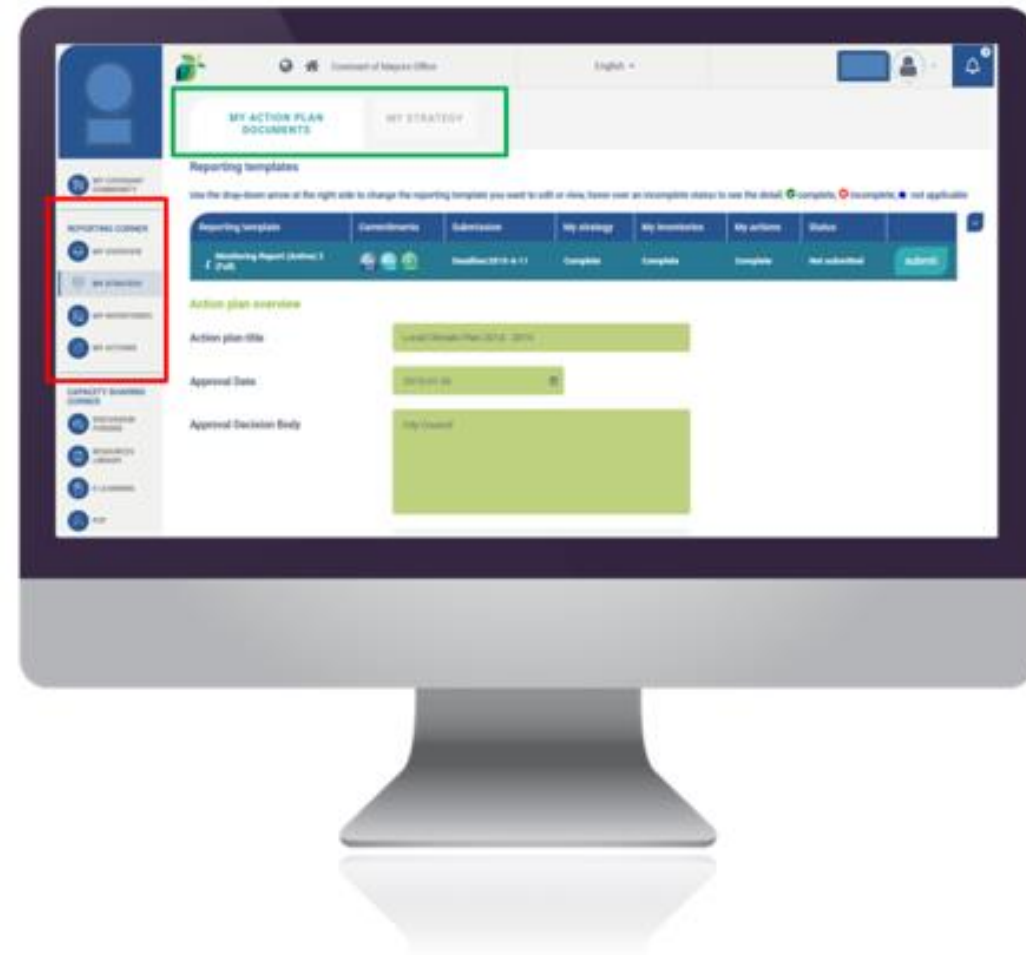




# SECAP reporting cycle



# MyCovenant reporting platform



## ■ Strategy

- Targets
- Stakeholders involved
- Budget, etc.

## ■ Emission inventory

- Final energy consumption (buildings, transport)
- Renewable energy
- Non-energy related sectors (waste)

## ■ Risk and vulnerability assessment

- Climate hazards
- Vulnerable sectors
- Adaptive capacity, etc.

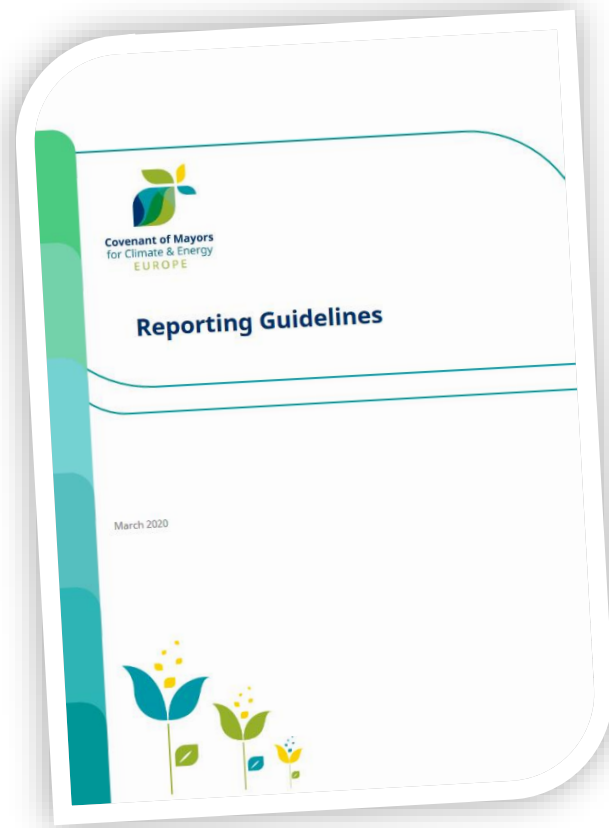
## ■ Actions

+ Energy poverty pillar (since 2022)



# MyCovenant reporting platform (2)

Helpdesk support for questions related to reporting and use of MyCovenant



**REPORTING CORNER**

- MY STRATEGY
- MY INVENTORIES
- MY ACTIONS
- MY OVERVIEW
- CHARTS (BETA)

**ASSESSMENT**

- MY AIR QUALITY
- MY JRC VALIDATION

**CAPACITY SHARING CORNER**

- DISCUSSION FORUMS
- RESOURCES LIBRARY
- E-LEARNING
- PEER-TO-PEER

**Country**: Aland Islands | **Population**: 374,561

**Adhesion type**: Individual | **Adhesion date**: 2008-12-22

**Mayor**

Name: | Position: | Email: | Phone: [Edit]

**Main contact**

Name: | Position: | Email: | Phone: [Edit]

**GCOM Badges**

Phases: 6 completed out of 9

| Badge          | Inventory    | Target       | Plan         |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| MITIGATION     | Progress bar | Progress bar | Progress bar |
| ADAPTATION     | Progress bar | Progress bar | Progress bar |
| ENERGY POVERTY | Progress bar | Progress bar | Progress bar |

**Signatory status**

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Status:   | Published  |
| Adhesion:   | 2008-12-22 |
| Last commitment renewal date:                                   | 2019-04-01 |
| Action plan submitted:  | 2021-04-29 |
| Monitoring submitted:   | 2021-04-23 |
| Deadline for submitting the next monitoring report:             | 2023-04-23 |
| Deadline for submitting the next monitoring emission inventory: | 2025-04-29 |

# Support for Covenant signatories



## METHODOLOGICAL GUIDANCE



Compilation of all [methodological guidance](#)

**Covenant Reporting Guidelines and video tutorials** on reporting to the Covenant

**JRC Guidebook** on methodological principles, procedures, and best practices to develop action plans




## WEBINARS ON CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION



Click on the boxes to watch recording of webinars

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|  <p>Implementing a pathway approach for adaptation at the local level<br/><a href="#">Presentations &gt;&gt;&gt;</a></p> |  <p>Co-creation of climate action and adaptation support tools by local governments and researchers<br/><a href="#">Presentations &gt;&gt;&gt;</a></p> |  <p>How to engage citizens in local climate action with online tools?<br/><a href="#">Presentations &gt;&gt;&gt;</a></p> |  <p>Business models for nature-based solutions<br/><a href="#">Useful information &gt;&gt;&gt;</a></p> |  <p>Integrating mitigation and adaptation for more effective climate action</p> |
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Webinar series:

|  |   |   |   |
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|  <p>#1: Assessing risks and vulnerabilities<br/><a href="#">Useful information &gt;&gt;&gt;</a></p> |  <p>#2: Designing an adaptation strategy and action plan<br/><a href="#">Useful information &gt;&gt;&gt;</a></p> |  <p>#3: Monitoring and evaluating adaptation actions<br/><a href="#">Useful information &gt;&gt;&gt;</a></p> |  <p>#4: Financing adaptation actions<br/><a href="#">Useful information &gt;&gt;&gt;</a></p> |
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## CAPACITY BUILDING



**Webinars** dedicated to a variety of climate and energy topics, featuring practical experiences and lessons learned

**Workshops** including country-specific meetings tailored to the needs of signatories

**Peer learning programmes** tailored to signatories at various stages of the climate adaptation and mitigation journey





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## KNOWLEDGE SHARING

### Case studies

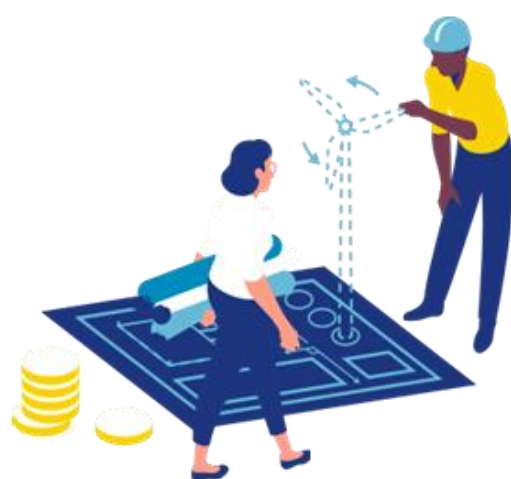
to share and learn from the experiences of Covenant signatory cities



### Thematic publications on

#### Adaptation measures

to prepare for floods, heatwaves and other climate change impacts



## TOOLS



[Urban Adaptation Support Tool](#) ⇒ guidance on the entire adaptation cycle and references to resources

[E-learning platform](#) ⇒ thematic modules in MyCovenant on the Covenant commitments



### Case studies

- Wrocław, Poland: Citizens catching the rain for climate adaptation
- Riba-Roja de Túria, Spain: Building fire resilience using recycled water
- Barcelona, Spain: Using insurance data to improve resilience to climate change
- Brno, Czech Republic: Rainwater management in Pod Plachtami Park
- Breda, the Netherlands: The See2Do projects encourages citizens to improve energy efficiency
- Métropole Nice Côte d'Azur, France: Pavement irrigation to improve thermal comfort
- Murcia, Spain: Measuring social vulnerability and sectoral adaptive capacity
- Kispest - Budapest District XIX, Hungary: Tackling local needs: the development of an adaptation strategy using a citizen survey



# Opportunities for CoM- Europe signatories



- Being **part of a Community**
  - Capacity building and expert advice through dedicated programmes (e.g. Policy Support Facility on adaptation, peer learnings, twinnings, expert missions, technical assistance)
  - Exchange with peers and learning from others
  - Knowledge, guidance and information
- **Political dimension** via the Covenant Political Board, high-level events, etc.
- Connection to **other EU initiatives** – sharing of opportunities and learnings
- Regular **communication** and translation of knowledge resources
- **Visibility and promotion** of achievements
- Allowing **easier access to funding** (LIFE, Horizon Europe, Recovery...)
- Etc.

**Thank you for your attention!**



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