



Call for Action – Sustainable and secure energy for 2030 and beyond

Ambitious commitments at EU level are crucial to the establishment of a smart, sustainable, and inclusive 2030 Climate and Energy Strategy for Europe. Local and regional governments are instrumental to this goal and ready to engage:

- We call on the EU to enact ambitious and binding greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets, measuring at least 50% below the level in 1990. Furthermore, we call for a 40% share of renewable energy and a 40% reduction in energy use by 2030.
- We call for sustainability and sustainable resource management to be made the overarching principle for the 2030 energy and climate strategy, which cannot be traded off against other goals, but must be achieved in concert with them.
- We call for adequate engagement and empowerment of all levels of government in the development, implementation and monitoring of effective and target-oriented climate and energy action that will also enable the establishment and acceleration of significant bottom-up commitments, such as the Local Government Climate Roadmap, the Nantes Declaration and the Covenant of Mayors initiative.
- We call for the EU to take responsibility in ensuring regulatory certainty for small-to large-scale energy investments and to provide effective instruments and appropriate legal and financial frameworks for scaling-up the establishment of intelligent and decentralised energy infrastructure.
- We call for greater support for social cohesion. This includes a fair distribution of the associated financial and social costs and benefits between levels of governments and market actors (including citizens) associated with Europe's sustainable energy transition.
- We call for readjusting the distortion of the energy market by a swift phase-out of subsidies for fossil fuel and nuclear energy, whilst improving the integrity and functioning of the European Union Emission Trading Scheme in parallel, among other measures.

In support of our calls we, local and regional governments, are willing and prepared to engage even more ambitiously, and to collaborate even more closely with all of the European Union institutions in identifying and implementing a sustainable, socially just and ecologically sound 2030 Climate and Energy Strategy for Europe.