

# 19<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN WEEK of REGIONS and CITIES



## The Covenant Community: a trailblazer for the Green Transition

13 October 16.30 – 18.00

### Short description

We all need to be committed to a sustainable recovery that enables a successful green transition. In this workshop we will learn about success stories about the first bottom-up, multi-level model for the transition: the Covenant of Mayors.

This initiative brings together local governments, regions, member states, citizens and local stakeholders voluntarily committed to implementing EU climate and energy objectives and achieving climate neutrality by 2050.

### Concept

The bottom-up, multi-level governance model of the Covenant of Mayors, that brings together local governments, regions, member states, citizens and local stakeholders, offers the key political tool towards a Green Transition. This continuous exchange between different governance levels enables Covenant cities to raise awareness about local needs amongst European and national decision-makers and allows to tailor the initiative to fit local expectations of citizens.

This workshop aims at demonstrating how the Covenant of Mayors multi-level governance works in practice to accelerate the Green Transition, building on examples of the CoMmunity of Supporters and Coordinators. A particular emphasis will be given to the European Committee of the Regions Ambassadors and the role of the 2nd Chamber endorsing and reinforcing the initiative in the Member States, in cooperation with the European Commission, the CoMO, CoR and the National Associations of local and regional governments.





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### 16.30 WELCOME BY THE MODERATOR

Andrea Bodova, Deputy Head of Unit, ENVE Commission, Committee of the Regions

### 16.35 SETTING THE SCENE

**The role of the Covenant of Mayors accelerating the Green Transition**

Julije Domac, Member of the Covenant Political Board, Director of REGEA, the North-West Croatia Energy Agency

**The Chamber of National Ambassadors**

Rafał Trzaskowski, representative of the Committee of the Regions in the Covenant Political Board

**Multi-Level Governance in (Climate) Action**

Covenant of Mayors' Coordinators and Supporters will showcase how multi-level governance works as a key instrument supporting signatories fast-tracking local climate and energy action

### 17. 15 TAKING LOCAL ACTION FOR A FAIRER AND CLIMATE-NEUTRAL EUROPE

Participants will have the opportunity to join Coordinators, Supporters and National Ambassadors in an exchange about how to increase ambition and reinforce collaboration to achieve climate neutrality in 2050.

**Local action 1:**  
Accelerating the  
decarbonisation of our  
territories

**Local action 2: Adapting  
to climate change impacts**

**Local action 3: Access  
secure, sustainable and  
affordable energy**

