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## Climate Alliance news

### Covenant of Mayors – Second signing ceremony

The second Covenant of Mayors ceremony took place in the European Parliament on 4 May 2010. With more than 500 cities and municipalities signing the declaration during the ceremony, the event was an opportunity to welcome the newest signatories of the Covenant. The number of Covenant signatories has now risen to 1680.

The ceremony featured a host of prestigious speakers including: José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, the Prime Minister of Spain, Holder of the Spanish Presidency of the EU; José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission; Jerzy Buzek, President of the European Parliament; Günther Oettinger, European Commissioner for Energy; and Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, First Vice-President of the Committee of the Regions.

[http://www.eumayors.eu/articles/show\\_en.htm?id=128](http://www.eumayors.eu/articles/show_en.htm?id=128)

### EU moneys for local authorities?

With his speech during the signing ceremony of the “Covenant of Mayors” EU Energy Commissioner Günther Oettinger raised the hopes of cities and municipalities in regards to potential financial support from the EU:

“I am glad to inform you that I intend to propose to my colleagues in the Commission the re-utilisation of unspent funds in the European Economic Recovery package for sustainable energy developments at regional and local level. The amounts available are not yet confirmed, but a minimum of 115 million euros is available, which could increase until the end of the year.”

This is a first positive response received as a result of activities of Climate Alliance and other organisations (see “Resolution on the allocation of remaining funds in the European Economic Recovery Plan to cities” <http://www.climatealliance.org/resolutions0.html?&L=0>) that lobby for the use of the remaining funds from the European Economic Recovery Plan.

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=SPEECH/10/205&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

## Climate Alliance event

### **Dunkerque 2010 – European Conference on Sustainable Cities and Towns**

19 – 21 May 2010 in Dunkerque, France

During the conference for the first time European champions of renewable energies will be awarded (RES Champions League – <http://www.res-league.eu>). Cities and towns from the countries of Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy and Poland have qualified for the final. Come to the Agora on 19 May at 18:30 and attend the award ceremony.

*<http://www.dunkerque2010.org>*