



## Climate Alliance @ UN Climate Conference COP 17

### Showing achievements from local level

**28 November – 3 December**

**Exhibition: Show of local achievements**

European cities and towns offer examples on their work to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and how they cooperate with the South.



**30 November at 9.30 [next to the flags in front of COP17 venue]**

**Handover of the Green Footprints to Christiana Figueres**

**Zoom -Kids on the Move for Climate Action** is Climate Alliance's annual campaign for young children on climate change and mobility. They walk and bike to school, learn about our threatened planet and how to save it. Every eco-friendly journey equals to one Green Footprint on the children's path to a better global climate. 200 000 children in 25 countries participated in 2011 and collected the impressive amount of 2.68 million Green Footprints!

### Sharing success stories, lessons learned and remaining challenges

**1 December, 13.00-15.00. German Pavillion [Stand 17, Quinine Tree]**

**Teaming up to meet the targets: Germany's "Energiewende" put into practice**

Joint event by Climate Alliance and the German Federal Ministry of Environment

The event presents the impacts of the German Climate Initiative as an example how national governments can support climate mitigation activities at the local level. Climate Alliance, the city of Bremen and the Municipality of Rethem-Aller show concrete results on how local government efforts can contribute to achieving ambitious greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.

**2 December, 12.00-13.00.**

**SA Climate Change Response Expo / EU stand**

**Urban Climate Action**

Climate Alliance contributes to this EU event by presenting European and International Cooperation among Cities in the framework of the Covenant of Mayors.

**6 December, 18.00-20.00.**

**EU Pavillion [room 2]**

**Climate Action in cities**

This event, organised by the European Commission, DG Climate Action and the European Parliament, highlights initiatives in the European Union and beyond, the interdependency of pioneer cities and international cooperation as well as policy networks. The event presents the achievements of the Covenant of Mayors initiative.



### Within COP 17 Climate Alliance calls for

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyoto period - as a single legally binding instrument is a necessity. As many of the building blocks towards this goal as possible should be put in place.
- Proper recognition of local authorities as important actors in climate mitigation and adaptation – including their involvement at all levels: in the international, European and national policy debates and policy making processes.
- Accounting and monitoring of the greenhouse gas emission reduction of local and regional authorities should be done via appropriate means. Without local authorities the achievement of ambitious climate targets remains an illusion. Such monitoring schemes already exist, e.g. Climate Alliance principles for greenhouse gas emission reduction and the Covenant of Mayors methodology ([www.eumayors.eu](http://www.eumayors.eu))
- Forests should not be part of the carbon market. REDD-Projects must respect rights of indigenous peoples and consider them as key actors in forest protection. The 'Manaus Mandate' summarizes their key demands to the international institutions calling for demarcation of the territories and ensuring their collective ownership ([www.coica.org.ec/cumbre2011/](http://www.coica.org.ec/cumbre2011/))
- Creation and improvement of legal and financial frameworks in partnership with local and regional authorities to enable necessary achievements. For example the UNFCCC report on new financial instruments should be discussed and further reinforced with innovative financing schemes.

*Climate Alliance has worked several years to develop a comprehensive methodology to support its members in implementing local energy and climate policies. The methodology includes tools on*

- *how to elaborate a greenhouse gas emissions inventory,*
- *how to set up an action plan and implement it,*
- *how to follow up progress and learning from the peers via a benchmarking scheme*

**„The city of Munich has a CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction target of 47% by 2020. We - and all members of Climate Alliance - are committed to act. We also urge national governments to take their responsibility and agree on a legally binding international framework for action in Durban.“**

*Joachim Lorenz, Permanent Councillor, City of Munich, Germany, President of Climate Alliance*

**„In the Hague we interpret "change" in climate change as an opportunity to become more innovative. Innovative in finding better sustainable housing and business solutions; changing our urban fabric to become climate proof. We invite all to join and help us in this quest.“**

*Jozijs Johannes van Aartsen, Mayor, City of The Hague, Netherlands*

**“With the solarCity, Linz has implemented one of the first energy efficient and sustainable urban districts worldwide. In order to continue this policy, financial support is necessary. Existing funding instruments should be expanded and new funding schemes should be developed.“**

*Eva Schobesberger, Councillor, City of Linz, Austria, Board member of Climate Alliance*

**„As the new head of environment department, I gave immediate priority to having a CO<sub>2</sub> emission inventory and a Sustainable Energy Action Plan in place. They are vital strategic instruments to orient, guide and monitor our progress towards becoming a low carbon territory.“**

*Luca Secondi, Head of Environment and Transport Department, Città di Castello, Italy*

**„Frankfurt is the City of Energy Efficiency and we are world champion of passive house development. However, we need innovative financing mechanisms to implement our projects. Existing funding instruments should be collected and evaluated, and new financial mechanisms should be developed to support our efforts.“**

*Dr. Manuela Rottmann, Deputy Mayor, City of Frankfurt, Germany, Board member of Climate Alliance*

