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## Climate Alliance news

### Two new Climate Alliance posters

The “Climate Alliance” poster shows measures and actions of Climate Alliance members in Europe and Amazonia – arranged in the stylized Climate Alliance globe. The poster “Discover Diversity” represents the topic diversity with 520 paintings, which have been created in the framework of the project EnergyBridges. Order the posters in the format 594 x 841 mm for exhibitions, for your office or as a small gift for busy climate workers. The postage and packaging charge for up to 10 posters is 7 euros. For Climate Alliance members the posters themselves are free of charge. Non-members need to pay an additional 3 euros per poster.

[http://www.climatealliance.org/309.html?&L=0&tx\\_ttnews\[tt\\_news\]=1087&tx\\_ttnews\[backPid\]=308&cHash=a8c134a51c1e85be959ed73ea1fdab7b](http://www.climatealliance.org/309.html?&L=0&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=1087&tx_ttnews[backPid]=308&cHash=a8c134a51c1e85be959ed73ea1fdab7b)

### Covenant of Mayors – Energy action plans are online

The online catalogue is an innovative web-based system that gives high visibility to the actions of signatories. More than 700 Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs) are already downloadable on the catalogue and on signatories’ profiles! In addition, key figures of those which have already been assessed by the Joint Research Centre are available in the form of graphs and figures. With this advance database, action plans can be searched by country, by CO<sub>2</sub> reduction target or by year of approval by the municipal council.

[http://www.eumayors.eu/actions/sustainable-energy-action-plans\\_en.html](http://www.eumayors.eu/actions/sustainable-energy-action-plans_en.html)

### Covenant of Mayors – now also for Eastern Europe and Caucasus

Starting in September 2011 Climate Alliance will be active east of the EU, too: The consortium of Energy Cities, Climate Alliance, the Association of Energy Efficient Cities of Ukraine, NL Agency and Carec awarded the contract for the new Covenant of Mayors Office EAST. With that, cities in 11 states in Eastern Europe, Southern Caucasus and Central Asia will be supported to build up sustainable local energy policy.

### Smart-e Buildings campaign: Over 100 tools for energy saving in build environment now online

How do I plan to build a passive house? How can I renovate my house in an energy efficient way? What financial instruments are available in the Netherlands to stimulate energy saving measures? How can I measure the energy consumption of my building? Answers to these questions and many more can now be found on the project website. The Smart-energy Buildings partners have assembled a database with over 100 tools for energy efficiency and renewable energy in buildings.

To continuously receive new information on the subject, you can follow the campaign via Twitter <<http://twitter.com/#%21/smartebuildings>> and Facebook <<http://www.facebook.com/pages/TakeYourEnergyBack/142363142500099>> <http://www.takeyourenergyback.eu>

## Climate Alliance news

### **Sustainable NOW – Guiding municipalities towards sustainable energy**

Within the framework of the EU project Sustainable NOW, nine partner cities in Germany, United Kingdom, Hungary, Bulgaria and Italy have developed sustainable local energy action plans (LEAPs) over the last three years. Experienced cities as well as city networks like Climate Alliance, and other technical project partners have supported the “learning cities” in developing their own plans. Climate Alliance organised capacity building activities, such as training workshops, peer-to-peer exchanges, study tours and staff trainee exercises. Tips concerning CO<sub>2</sub> monitoring and LEAP development were given, and practical experiences were exchanged in direct encounters. The final conference of the Sustainable NOW project has been held in Ludwigsburg (DE) in June.

[http://www.klimabuendnis.org/309.html?&tx\\_ttnews\[tt\\_news\]=1078&tx\\_ttnews\[backPid\]=308&cHash=2cb990937eaafef373e68747081874b](http://www.klimabuendnis.org/309.html?&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=1078&tx_ttnews[backPid]=308&cHash=2cb990937eaafef373e68747081874b)

The fourth and last project newsletter is now downloadable. The final project result brochure will be published very shortly!

<http://www.sustainable-now.eu>

### **Start of the NET-COM project**

The Covenant of Mayors has grown up with until now 2,800 signatories to an unprecedented European initiative of cities and municipalities, which commit themselves to reduce their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions up to the year 2020 about more than 20 percent. The NET-COM project (NETworking the Covenant of Mayors) links Climate Alliance and further city networks in Europe. They will strengthen the networking between local authorities among each other and the supporter organisations as well as communicate more strongly their activities on national and European level.

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## Climate Alliance events

### **“Climate protection in practice” Workshop regarding the Covenant of Mayors**

16 September 2011 in Herten, Germany

[http://www.climatealliance.org/events-details0.html?&tx\\_ttnews\[tt\\_news\]=1076&tx\\_ttnews\[backPid\]=314&cHash=3067cd40ce7738b6b76c6cefdcf15500](http://www.climatealliance.org/events-details0.html?&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=1076&tx_ttnews[backPid]=314&cHash=3067cd40ce7738b6b76c6cefdcf15500)

### **European Mobility Week**

16 – 22 September 2011 in Europe and beyond

[http://www.climatealliance.org/events-details0.html?&L=0&tx\\_ttnews\[tt\\_news\]=906&tx\\_ttnews\[backPid\]=314&cHash=eef072d359ea89dc741607db2fb46b0c](http://www.climatealliance.org/events-details0.html?&L=0&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=906&tx_ttnews[backPid]=314&cHash=eef072d359ea89dc741607db2fb46b0c)

### **International Annual Conference and General Assembly**

23 – 26 May 2012 in St. Gallen, Switzerland

Save the date

## Amazon news

### Indigenous people of Sarayaku take Ecuador to court

Ecuador did not respect the Kichwa people of Sarayaku and their right to a prior, free and informed consultation when, in 1996, it signed a contract with an Argentine oil company. This was the case presented in a public hearing held over two days at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in Costa Rica's capital San José. The anthropologist Rodrigo Villagra focused on the link between the complex cosmogony of the Sarayaku people and the land they inhabit. His argument was backed by Sabino Gualinga, the community's spiritual leader, who described how the oil company's activities had seriously damaged the community's spiritual life. The Inter-American Court is expected to issue its final sentence by the end of the year.

<http://cejil.org/en/comunicados/indigenous-people-sarayaku-take-ecuador-court-violating-their-right-life-freedom-movemen>

### Ecuador: Private donations for Yasuní national park are welcome

2007 the government of Ecuador offered, not to extract the about 900 millions tons of oil in the block Ishpingo-Tambococha-Tiputini under the Yasuní national park, if half of the expected revenues will be repaid by the international community of states. Ecuador wants to finance a sustainable development with the Yasuní fund independently of the oil. 100 million dollars world-wide should be raised for the fund so that the exploitation of the oil field will be stopped permanently. Climate Alliance supports the Yasuní initiative and came to know of the coordinator for the trust fund of the UN Development Programme that starting now also private donations for the Yasuní fund are welcome.

<http://mdtf.undp.org/yasuni>

### Brazil: Yanomami celebrating success

The Brazilian Ministry of Health confirmed that Joana Claudete das Mercês Schuertz, who has worked with the Yanomami for decades, and who was chosen by them, will coordinate the healthcare program. The news was a huge relief to the Yanomami, who have lost many lives to mismanaged and even corrupt healthcare programmes over the past several years. While the incident illustrated the Yanomami's organising strength, Hutukara stated "The struggle must go on, and be constant, to improve healthcare and guarantee a better life for the Yanomami and Ye'kuana." Join us in celebrating the news with the Yanomami.

<http://www.rainforestfoundation.org/article/good-news-update-yanomami-healthcare-situation>

## Amazon news

### **Brazil: Clear cutting in the rainforest**

Just in the first six months of 2011 in the Brazilian Amazon region a forest area of 900 square kilometres has been cut down. Now there graze cows or soy and sugarcane is growing on unending fields. In comparison to 2010 the felling quota in Amazonia has more than doubled, after it decreased since 2004 continually. The area of damages (not yet cleared surfaces) is many times higher. However, instead of slowing down the overexploitation, Brazil's politics serves the interests of the agro industry. Only lately, the national congress has passed a new forest law with 410 to 63 votes that further simplifies clearances.

<http://www.eurasiareview.com/brazil%E2%80%99s-deforestation-quagmire-analysis-18072011>

### **Peru opens indigenous reserves for oil company**

Peru's Indian Affairs Department has revealed plans to open up uncontacted tribes' reserves to oil companies – just days before the country's new government takes office. New laws would allow the state to grant oil and gas companies open access to the reserves, despite the extreme risk this would pose to the Indians' lives. Critics have highlighted the timely coincidence of the proposal with plans to expand the massive Camisea gas fields in south-east Peru. According to Peru's leading Amazon Indian organisation, AIDSESEP, any new exploration in the reserve would breach conditions set by the Inter-American Development Bank, which funded the development of Camisea.

<http://www.survivalinternational.org/news/7488>

## European news

### Smart Cities and Communities call for proposals opening in July

The call for proposals of the Smart City and Communities Initiative was launched on 20 July and will end 1st December 2011. The total amount of 75 million euro for the initiative will be divided in the following three categories:

- Demonstration of nearly zero energy building renovation for cities and districts
- Smart heating and cooling systems (large-scale)
- Strategic sustainable planning and screening of city plans

[http://www.climatealliance.org/309.html?&L=0&tx\\_ttnews\[tt\\_news\]=1074&tx\\_ttnews\[backPid\]=308&cHash=60dac91cef8113636e129f7ee47cbf3f](http://www.climatealliance.org/309.html?&L=0&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=1074&tx_ttnews[backPid]=308&cHash=60dac91cef8113636e129f7ee47cbf3f)

### European Commission launches the European Energy Efficiency Fund (EEEF)

On 1 July 2011, the European Commission launched a new 146 million euro fund aimed at supporting energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in Europe. EEEF aims at providing market-based financing for commercially viable projects that can contribute to energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, particularly in urban settings. This EU contribution comes from funds mobilised for the European Energy Programme for Recovery which could not immediately be allocated to projects in other sectors. The setting up of the fund follows an agreement between the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament in December 2010 to a European Commission proposal.

<http://www.climatealliance.org/533.html?&L=0>

### Conservative MEPs reject more ambitious climate targets in the EU

In July 2011 the European Parliament failed to adopt a report on the EU's climate change policy, which should have raised the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction goals from 20 to 30 percent. The final report was rejected by a majority of MEPs. Even the Greens were forced to vote against an originally strong draft, after centre-right amendments aimed at fundamentally weakening the report and previous positions adopted by the European Parliament were passed by a narrow majority.

<http://www.globe-europe.eu/index.php/european-parliament/889-european-parliament-rejects-call-for-a-unilateral-move-to-a-30-emissions-cut-target-by-2020>