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## Climate Alliance news

### Member spotlight: Climate Alliance welcomes the Region of Andalusia!

The Region of Andalusia in the South of the Iberian peninsula has joined Climate Alliance as associated member. The region counts 771 cities and municipalities in eight provinces with 8.5 million inhabitants. Andalusia is a pioneer in climate change mitigation. It has already reduced its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 18 percent in comparison to 2004. This was primarily possible due to a shift to renewable energy with in the meantime 33.5 percent of the generated electricity being delivered by renewable energies. The Region of Andalusia is also active within the Covenant of Mayors: 500 municipalities have signed the Covenant and 400 of them have already finished and submitted their Sustainable Energy Action Plan to Brussels. Region Andalusia, welcome to Climate Alliance!

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### The Covenant of Mayors at a glance

Now, you can look at it in writing: The success story of the European initiative “Covenant of Mayors”, the role of Climate Alliance in the Covenant of Mayors Office, as Covenant Supporter and a series of reasons for becoming a Signatory of the Covenant of Mayors. Please read more in our most recent issue of the newsletter CLIMAIL Europe and feel free to order paper copies in English or in German at the European Secretariat <[europa@climatealliance.org](mailto:europa@climatealliance.org)>.

<http://www.climatealliance.org/climail0.html?&L=0>

### Need for new funding models and policy continuity: board members of Climate Alliance met Philip Lowe, Director General for Energy

In September, the board members of Climate Alliance, Joachim Lorenz and Camille Gira met Philip Lowe, the Director General for Energy at the European Commission, in order to highlight Climate Alliance’s views on key EU energy policy initiatives and present our long term commitments to climate protection. The New Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020 (MFF) and the funding needs of local authorities were the key discussion points. Different funding models were discussed as well as the need to make an inventory of existing successful models used by local and regional authorities. The Climate Alliance board members emphasised the value of the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme – and its role in supporting capacity building and other non-technical actions towards a sustainable energy future. The Climate Alliance board members also made a concrete proposal on using the Sustainable Energy Action Plan (as required within the Covenant of Mayors initiative) as a passport when applying for EU funding.

[http://www.climatealliance.org/309.html?&tx\\_ttnews%5Btt\\_news%5D=1165&tx\\_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=308&cHash=5347871575223148a810268217e0a1ce](http://www.climatealliance.org/309.html?&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=1165&tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=308&cHash=5347871575223148a810268217e0a1ce)

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### **Proposed Energy Efficiency Directive – heated debates at the European Parliament**

The Energy Efficiency Directive will have a decisive role on the future path of the EU energy policy – and whether Europe will reach its energy efficiency target of 20 percent by 2020 and start strongly investing in the energy efficiency market. Throughout October, Claude Turmes, the Rapporteur of the European Parliament on the Energy Efficiency Directive, has joined heated debates on the new proposed Directive. The debates focus mainly on the different targets on the table. Firstly the overall 20 percent energy efficiency target – the only one of the 20-20-20 targets of the Climate and Energy Package - which is not binding. And the targets proposed by the draft directive: 3 percent binding renovation target for the total floor area for public buildings and 1.5 percent yearly end-use energy saving obligation. Climate Alliance will soon issue its position on this draft directive.

[http://www.climatealliance.org/309.html?&tx\\_ttnews%5Btt\\_news%5D=1175&tx\\_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=308&cHash=10b96555d011404821e01f7824a087bb](http://www.climatealliance.org/309.html?&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=1175&tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=308&cHash=10b96555d011404821e01f7824a087bb)

### **Climate Alliance and its network partners react: the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme should be preserved**

The European Commission has published its proposal for the next Multi-annual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020. This proposal might lead to discontinuation of the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme (IEE). Climate Alliance, together with its European network partners, asks President Barroso in an open letter to preserve the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme. It is the only EU programme focusing entirely and exclusively on ‘soft’ measures, and gives core support to local and regional actions in the field of sustainable energy and climate change mitigation.

[http://www.climatealliance.org/309.html?&tx\\_ttnews%5Btt\\_news%5D=1145&tx\\_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=308&cHash=64da9512b89a6c2454c7075998bd67b4](http://www.climatealliance.org/309.html?&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=1145&tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=308&cHash=64da9512b89a6c2454c7075998bd67b4)

### **Smart Cities and Communities Initiative – Workshop for local authorities**

On 27 September, Climate Alliance organized jointly with Energy Cities a half-day workshop dedicated to the Smart Cities and Communities Initiative. Climate Alliance members were provided with up-to-date information and specific input on the Call directly from an officer of the Commission in charge of the planning scheme. The day offered the opportunity to raise questions on the conditions, discuss proposals and meet with potential partners.

[http://www.climatealliance.org/309.html?&tx\\_ttnews%5Btt\\_news%5D=1164&tx\\_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=308&cHash=c021697ca36e2a3fc569ff0532706297](http://www.climatealliance.org/309.html?&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=1164&tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=308&cHash=c021697ca36e2a3fc569ff0532706297)

## Project news and outcomes

### European Mobility Week 2011 – another full success!

2,267 European cities and municipalities participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the European Mobility Week (EMW) from 16 to 22 September. The EMW focused this year on alternative mobility, encouraging local authorities to introduce and promote sustainable transport measures and to invite their citizens to try out alternatives to car use.

<http://www.mobilityweek.eu>

### Sustainable NOW – Project results brochure is out!

After the project's official completion at the end of this summer, the final brochure is now available. It collects experiences of partners in developing their local sustainable energy action plans (LEAP – also known as SEAP) and offers newcomers some practical advice on ways forward.

All the documents and tools developed throughout the project are freely accessible at the download area of the website. The fifth and last project newsletter is also available in the languages EN, DE, IT, HU, and BG.

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

### Take part in the Smart-e competition! – Tell us how smart-e your building is!

You represent a local authority, a company or an association and would like to give details on the energy efficiency measures you carried out in your building and on the implied advantages? Or do you live in a “smart-e” house and would like to share how you’ve made your home more energy efficient and how it feels to live there? Then take part in the Smart-e competition! Share your experiences and send your testimonial, i.e. a short text (70 words) with a picture (jpg) or a video (YouTube link or mp4) to:

[competition@takeyourenergyback.eu](mailto:competition@takeyourenergyback.eu)

<http://www.takeyourenergyback.eu/smart-e-competition>

### New POLIS Newsletter

The EU project “POLIS – Identification and Mobilisation of Solar Potentials via Local Strategies” is aiming in France for adapting the local laws in the municipalities in a way that renewable energies and solar installations can be integrated directly into the urban development plan. POLIS further deals with various solar potential studies from different countries and compares them. In a new city area in Munich already existing (planning) instruments shall assure an optimal use of the solar energy.

<http://www.polis-solar.eu/publications>

## Project news and outcomes

### Remining Lowex: Heerlen (NL) is heating with mine water

The EU project Remining Lowex makes use of water from abandoned mines for the heating and cooling of buildings. Besides local communities in Slovenia, Poland and Bulgaria, Heerlen in the Netherlands is implementing the principle through applied research activities as well as demonstration sites. Heerlen is the project's most advanced site. During summer 2011, the final buildings in Heerlerheide Centre were connected to the minewater energy station and the new centre is near final completion. Nowadays 170 apartments, a supermarket, the cultural centre 'Gen Coel', a school with kindergarten and a small commercial area are supplied with energy by the district heating and cooling system in Heerlerheide Centre. Dr. Andreas Kress <[a.kress@climatealliance.org](mailto:a.kress@climatealliance.org)> is your contact person at Climate Alliance. <http://www.remining-lowex.org>

## Climate Alliance events

### Intelligent Cities Conference and Expo

#### 8 – 10 November 2011 in Hamburg, Germany

As an official supporter of the Intelligent Cities Expo, all Climate Alliance members will receive an exclusive 15 percent exhibition discount and/or a 15 percent discount on conference passes (discount code ICE15C).

<http://www.intelligentcitiesexpo.com>

### Covenant of Mayors – Annual Ceremony 2011

#### 29 November 2011 in Brussels

The annual Covenant of Mayors Ceremony will take place this year on 29 November, within the premises of the European Parliament. The timing of the event is strategic, as it will coincide with the international negotiations on climate change to be held in Durban (South Africa) from 28 November onwards. While others are divided over strategic decisions concerning Europe's future, Covenant of Mayors local and regional authorities stand united in their efforts to meet and exceed ambitious EU targets and create better living conditions for their citizens. Local and regional authorities will gather in Brussels on this occasion to move ahead and share their vision with EU leaders on how to sustain the initiated process and successfully lead the EU out of the crisis.

<http://www.climatealliance.org/upcoming-events00.html?&L=0>

### Beyond growth: Steps towards a 2,000-Watt society

#### International Annual Conference and General Assembly

#### 23 – 25 May 2012 in St. Gallen, Switzerland

On invitation of the Executive Committee member Freddy Brunner and the City of St. Gallen, next year's International Annual Conference and General Assembly will be held in St. Gallen from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012. Please save the date! We are looking forward to welcoming you next year in St. Gallen!

## North-South cooperation and Amazon news

### North-South cooperation – applications for local authorities possible

In the framework of development cooperation of the EU foreign and domestic projects (inside the EU) of NGOs have been supported since many years. Through the restructuring of the work, there is now a particular line of funding only for local authorities and associations of municipalities. There, different project types can be submitted: projects in southern countries, projects for the coordination in Europe as well as projects for the information and sensitisation of the population to North-South topics in Europe. On 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011 the next call will probably start. In a first step concept notes can be submitted. If you have further questions or want to submit an own application, you may gladly ask Thomas Brose <[t.brose@climatealliance.org](mailto:t.brose@climatealliance.org)>.

[http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/documents/call\\_forecast.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/documents/call_forecast.pdf)

### Huge Amazonia conference of the COICA

“Ancestral knowledge, indigenous peoples and fulfilling life in harmony with forests” was the title of the 1<sup>st</sup> Amazon Regional Summit that the COICA arranged in narrow cooperation with the Brazilian indigenous organisation COIAB from 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> August 2011 in Manaus. Beside the known topics, as illegal wood harvesting, expanding of intensive agriculture, oil extraction, digging of gold and other recourses, new problems intensify the situation in the region. Parts of it are big partial transnational infrastructure programmes and the extension of soil for agro fuels from palm oil and sugarcane. Another topic, that bothers the indigenous communities and organisations, is REDD (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation), an instrument discussed in the international climate negotiations, which should reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from forest destruction.

<http://www.coica.org.ec/cumbre2011/cumbreForm/Ingles-Mandato.pdf>

### Success for indigenous peoples in Bolivia and Peru

Bolivia's President Evo Morales has scrapped plans for a road project in the Amazon that had triggered protests by indigenous people. Morales said the road would no longer go through the rainforest reserve TIPNIS (Isiboro Secure National Park and Indigenous Territory). He made the announcement two days after protesters arrived in La Paz following a two-month march from the Amazon lowlands to voice their opposition. The president said he would send a measure to Congress that would accommodate the protesters' demands.

In September 2011 Peru's Congress unanimously approved a 'historic' new law that guarantees indigenous people's right to free, prior and informed consent to any projects affecting them and their lands. President Ollanta Humala says he supports consultation. It is a significant step away from the policies of former Peruvian President Alan Garcia, who vetoed a similar bill. Amazon indigenous organisation AIDESEP has welcomed the government's decision, but warned this is just the first step to ensure indigenous rights are guaranteed.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-15409447>

<http://www.survivalinternational.org/news/7618>

## North-South cooperation and Amazon news

### **Belo Monte – European Parliament endorses decision to freeze dam**

The European Parliament in its plenary session in the end of September 2011 explicitly addresses in a report about the power plant constructions the negative effects of Belo Monte for people and environment. An occupation of the construction site by indigenous groups was disbursed by police. The indigenous peoples demand broad information and want to be asked for consent about the project.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belo\\_Monte\\_Dam](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belo_Monte_Dam)

### **UN: Mining for resources injures human rights**

Underscoring the “negative, even catastrophic impact” of extractive industries on the social, cultural and political rights of indigenous peoples, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples told in a report. “The issue of extractive industries is a major and immediate concern of indigenous peoples all over the world,” James Anaya said. He said negligent projects had been implemented in indigenous territories without proper guarantees and without the involvement of the people concerned. Consequently, disputes related to extractive industries had sometimes escalated into violence, and there was an increasing polarisation and radicalisation of positions about those industries. Against that backdrop, the absence of a common understanding about key issues and applicable standards among all actors concerned formed a major barrier to the effective protection and realisation of indigenous peoples’ rights, he said. Significant legal and policy gaps, as well as a lack of coherence in standards related to those industries in all countries and regions, contributed to the situation.

<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2011/gashc4013.doc.htm>