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Subject: Letter of Recognition

Dear Sir,

We are pleased to welcome the ECORegion tool as an efficient tool for development of Baseline Emission Inventories (Inventories) in the context of the Covenant of Mayors (CoM).

We acknowledge that there is a high analogy and good convergence between the ECORegion and the Covenant. We are also pleased to note that a specific output of ECORegion tool has been developed, which can be used to fill in the Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP) template. Nevertheless the signing of the Covenant and the related Inventory entails some specific definitions and methodological considerations that are expected to be reflected in the cities' Inventory. The cities already using ECORegion might consider the following issues in order to make sure that their Inventory is in line with the specifications of the Covenant:

- The Inventory has to be relevant to the local situation and therefore should be based on actual data from the territory of the local authority.
- The focus of the Inventory is on the CO₂ emissions occurring due to energy consumption in the territory of the local authority.
- The emissions from transportation are calculated under Covenant based on transportation occurring in the territory of the local authority, instead of on transport performance of the inhabitants.
- The industrial plants which participate in the EU ETS are out of the scope for Covenant Inventory.
- In the calculation of local emission factor for electricity, green electricity purchases by the local authority and local electricity production can be taken into account following rules specified in the Inventory guidelines and SEAP template instructions.

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- Local emission factor for heat/cold consumption follows the Inventory guidelines and SEAP template instructions.

The monitoring/reporting requirements in the context of the Covenant are under development. However, the emission inventories for the monitoring years will follow the same principles as Inventory.

The European Commission strongly encourages the Climate Alliance to inform about the Covenant of Mayors and to support its members in the formal adhesion process. Similarly, the Covenant of Mayors Office will inform about the outstanding position of the ECORegion tool.

The European Commission welcomes this new partnership and hopes that a large number of Climate Alliance municipalities will join the Covenant of Mayors initiative.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, sweeping initial 'F' followed by a series of connected loops and a final horizontal stroke.

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