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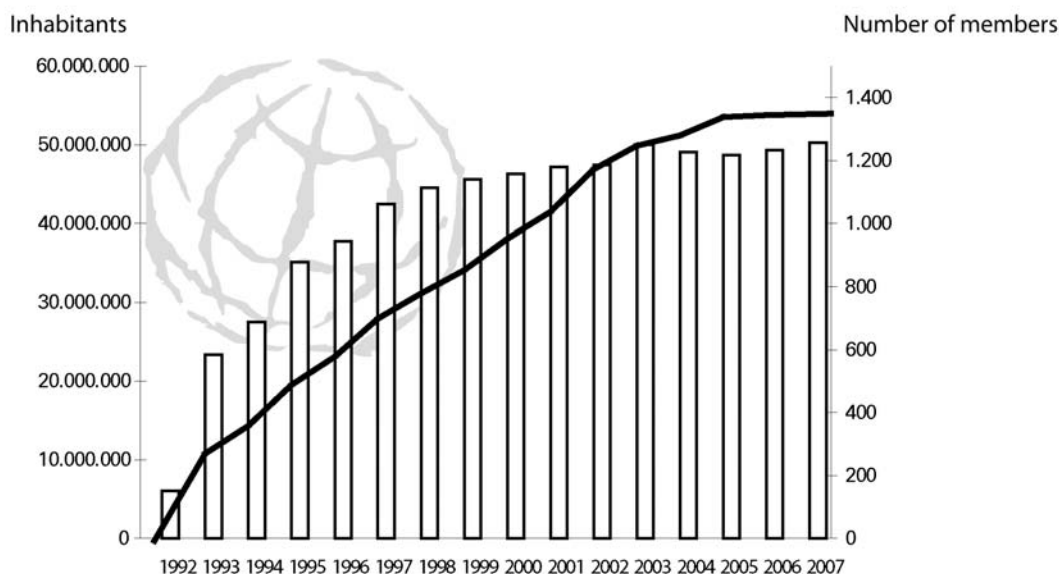
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Members of the Climate Alliance

In 2006, 56 cities, municipalities and district authorities and five associated members joined the Climate Alliance. Eleven members left, mostly for financial reasons. At the start of 2007, therefore, 1,302 cities and municipalities from 17 countries had joined the Climate Alliance.

Thirty-one regional states and provinces as well as 31 associations and organizations collaborate with the Climate Alliance as associated members.



Growth in membership and in population of the member municipalities of the Climate Alliance

By early May 2007 a further 46 cities and municipalities had joined. Thus membership now consists of 1,348 cities, municipalities and district authorities (of which 201 are associated small municipalities) and 62 other associated members.

The combined population of Climate Alliance members figured 50,274,803 in May 2007, which means that the target set last year of crossing the 50 million threshold has indeed been achieved.

The majority of Climate Alliance members are in the 15 member states of the "old" EU and in Switzerland. The countries with the most members continue to be Austria, Germany, Italy and the Netherlands, followed by Luxembourg and Switzerland. In the new EU member states, first municipalities in Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, the Slovak Republic, the Czech Republic and Slovenia have now joined the Climate Alliance.

There are national and sometimes regional coordination offices with a variety of their own projects and activities in Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Austria and Switzerland. In other countries the Climate Alliance cooperates with national organizations, such as the E-Forum in Slovenia and, since last year, FEMP, the national association of towns and cities in Spain. Further contacts in central and eastern Europe have already been established or are being developed, for instance currently with Reflex in Hungary.

Membership as per May 2007

Country	Members (cities, municipalities and districts)	Associated municipalities	Associated members	Population of cities, municipalities and districts
A	471	175	9	4,870,527
B	7			324,600
BG			1	
CH	18		2	1,118,000
CZ		1		100
D	374	1	18	32,678,916
DK	3			94,200
E	2			1,500,400
F	4			759,400
H	1			51,500
I	130	24	21	2,565,819
L	31		1	278,891
NL	101		10	5,928,650
PL	2			14,300
S	1			60,000
SK	2			26,800
SLO	1			2,700
Total:	1148	201	62	50,274,803

The European Secretariat of the Climate Alliance

At the European Secretariat, the year 2006 was marked by the departure of our director and the difficult search for a successor. In early 2007, Ulrike Janssen and Thomas Brose, both long-standing staff members of the European Secretariat, took up the post as joint directors.

The European Secretariat currently employs 13 people, who share approximately 8.5 full-time posts. Seven experts work in the areas of local climate change mitigation and forests/timber, and two in the field of cooperation with Indigenous Peoples. In addition to the two directors and the accountant, two members of staff are responsible for membership service and administration, secretarial tasks and Internet services. They are supported by a number of people working on a part-time, temporary, voluntary or internship basis.

One of the most important developments for the Climate Alliance in 2007 is the establishment of a permanent secretariat in Brussels. One person will be employed full-time. The secretariat will represent the Climate Alliance at the European Commission and the European Parliament, and vis-à-vis all European-level initiatives and events. A further task will be to lobby and acquire project funding. Current plans envisage that the Climate Alliance will share office rooms with Energie-Cités, the European city network. The office in Brussels will involve a considerable financial burden for the Climate Alliance; however, it is anticipated that this will pay itself back, at least in part, through a higher profile and the additional grant funding acquired as a result.

Priorities in 2006/2007

The Climate Alliance target

Following several preparatory workshops and consultations, the new Climate Alliance target was adopted at the 2006 General Assembly:

The members of the Climate Alliance commit themselves to reducing their greenhouse gas emissions continuously. The aim is to cut CO₂ emissions by 10% every 5 years. The important milestone of halving per capita emissions (baseline year 1990) shall be achieved at the latest in 2030.

In the long-term, Climate Alliance members aim at a sustainable level of 2,5 tons CO₂ equivalent emissions per capita and year by energy saving, energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy sources.

Reaching these goals, however, requires concerted efforts by all decision-making levels (EU, national states, regional/province governments, municipalities), as they can not be achieved by measures taken by municipalities alone.

In order to document their efforts undertaken, Climate Alliance members will draw up a report regularly.

The 2007 annual conference will focus on local strategies for attaining this target.

The 2007 General Assembly is expected to adopt the new target as an amendment to the Climate Alliance statutes.

CO₂ monitoring in the Climate Alliance

At a meeting held during the 6th municipal climate protection conference in Aachen, Germany, the Climate Alliance's working group on energy and CO₂ inventories decided to commission the Swiss company Ecospeed to develop a web-based software for scoping inventories within the Climate Alliance. The software is to be based on the ECO₂-Regio energy and CO₂ calculation tool. ECO₂-Regio has been used for some time already in Switzerland, uses including Climate Alliance cities. This software provides an opportunity to develop a uniform inventory methodology at local and regional level in Europe. After the software has been further developed to take the special Climate Alliance requirements into account, it shall be tested in the second half of 2007 in a series of pilot municipalities in Germany.

Climate Star 2007

For the third time now, all European cities, municipalities and district authorities are invited to present their climate protection activities and successes and thus to make a bid for a "Climate Star 2007". The focal theme is sustainable mobility. The deadline for submissions is 30 June 2007. The province of Lower Austria will host the award ceremony due on 23 November 2007 in Baden near Vienna.

Climate change mitigation and adaptation to climatic changes

The AMICA project (see below) will conclude at the end of 2007. It has generated a range of tools for local authorities, including an online tool for an integrated approach. A final conference will be held in autumn, presumably in Linz, Austria.

Offsetting CO₂ emissions

The number of institutions offering voluntary CO₂ emissions offsets is mushrooming. Even experts can no longer gain a full picture of the diversity of schemes on offer. This tool is easy to communicate, presenting a danger that it will be used increasingly and actual emissions reductions will be lost from sight. The Climate Alliance's national coordinators therefore decided at a workshop held in June 2006 to address this strategic issue. A first step is to develop the Climate Alliance's position on this theme. This will involve consideration of a special Climate Alliance offset scheme for local authorities.

Awareness-raising and public relations

CLIMAIL Europe bulletin

In 2006 the CLIMAIL Europe bulletin received a new, coloured layout. For cost reasons this bulletin is no longer printed and distributed by post to all recipients, but only in a small number of special cases. Our members and all other interested persons received CLIMAIL Europe via our e-mail distribution lists. CLIMAIL Europe was published three times in 2006, each time in a German and an English version.

For 2007, issues are planned on the following themes: 15 years of the Climate Alliance; General Assembly in Zurich; adaptation and mitigation; activities, campaigns and projects in the individual countries.

eClimail electronic newsletter

We use our eClimail electronic newsletter to inform our members as well as numerous ministries, associations, institutions, NGOs and interested individuals in short pieces about activities, campaigns and projects of the Climate Alliance, news from member municipalities, interesting events etc. In 2006 one English-language and one German-language edition of eClimail was produced, and ten issues of a version for Germany. In addition, 17 project newsletters and invitations to Climate Alliance events were distributed, some to a regional group of recipients. Overall, more than 1,700 individuals in member municipalities and 1,300 further persons receive the electronic newsletter.

We will be delighted to publish your announcements of events and news from your town or municipality in eClimail – insofar as these are of relevance to the Climate Alliance and may be of interest to other members. We will be pleased to include your e-mail address in our distribution list, and to include further addresses of which you notify us.

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Media work

By means of press releases, press conferences and personal contacts to media representatives we have continued in 2006 to raise the Climate Alliance's profile and supply background information on climate change issues.

In 2006 a large number of pieces about the Climate Alliance and its member municipalities appeared in regional and national newspapers, specialist media and municipal bulletins, on radio and television, and on the Internet. The media reports on the 2006 ZOOM – Kids on the Move Campaign upon the occasion of the UN Climate Conference in Nairobi, which were published worldwide, were a highlight in that year. The text was published on all continents in English, Spanish and German (see press roundup in CLIMAIL Europe 2006/3).

We use Internet search machines to track media articles, but cannot cover the media fully. We have limited access in particular to articles in the regional press or in non-German-language media and are therefore always pleased to receive any press clippings you send us. Publications of the national press of many European countries can also be viewed by arrangement with the relevant national coordination office.

Request to members:

Please continue to support us by:

- using the press releases you receive by e-mail from us for your own press and public awareness-raising work – insofar as they are relevant to your city or municipality
- referring to your membership of the Climate Alliance on your homepage
- communicating your membership of the Climate Alliance to the media and the public on appropriate occasions

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Involvement and participation of the Climate Alliance in processes and events at European and international level

In 2006, European Secretariat staff were again involved in a range of processes, activities and events at European and international level. These included:

Green Paper on Urban Transport: The Climate Alliance participated in the consultation phase for the preparation of this Green Paper in spring 2007.

Guidance on Sustainable Urban Transport: Meeting of the European Commission for consultation with relevant associations on this follow-up process of the Thematic Strategy on the Urban Environment.

Green Paper on Adaptation to Climate Change: Work on a green paper on adaptation to climate change began in 2006. The Climate Alliance is supporting this process.

Sustainable Cities and Towns Campaign: The Climate Alliance is a member of the Steering Committee of the campaign and helped to organize the 5th Conference on Sustainable Cities and Towns in Sevilla from 21 to 24 March 2007. The Climate Alliance was represented with two Executive Board members and three European Secretariat staff members in the plenary, several workshops, activities and an exhibition booth. In particular, the conference provided an opportunity to make contact with Spanish local authorities.

Sustainable Energy Europe: The Climate Alliance is a Campaign Associate of this EU campaign since late 2006.

ManagEnergy Initiative: With its new representation in Brussels, the Climate Alliance will intensify its cooperation with this initiative, especially in the ManagEnergy Reflection Group.

12th United Nations Climate Conference in Nairobi: The Climate Alliance was present in the second week of the conference, when, among other things, it handed over the Green Footprints of the 2006 ZOOM Campaign to the head of the UNFCCC Secretariat, Yvo de Boer.

UNEP Governing Council: The Climate Alliance is accredited as observer.

Covenant of Mayors: The European Commission's Action Plan for Energy Efficiency envisages the establishment of a "Covenant of Mayors". The Climate Alliance is participating together with other networks in the preparatory process.

Internet

The Climate Alliance now runs more than 15 different websites. An increasing number of these websites are operated using the open source content management system (CMS) Typo3 (see the "Typo3" symbol). This allows the websites to be edited via a web interface from any location and without knowledge of html. In the course of 2007 the entire homepage of the Climate Alliance will change over to the new design using the content management system.

www.klimabuendnis.org or www.climatealliance.org is the homepage of the Climate Alliance in German and English, comprising approx. 1,200 pages and hundreds of documents for download. The "Indigenous Peoples" section has already changed over to a new layout using the Typo3 CMS. The "Municipal Fields of Action" section is undergoing migration, while the "Climate Alliance" and "Policy" sections are presently still in the old html-based version.

New websites since 2006

www.climate-compass.net: Website of the EU-funded "Climate Compass" project, which helps small and medium-sized municipalities to prepare climate action programmes (Typo3).

www.fiftyfiftyplus.de: Site of the "Fifty/fifty PLUS" project for energy conservation at schools (Typo3)

www.climate-toolbox.net: Website of the Climate Toolbox project – a toolbox for climate communication at local level (Typo3)

www.mitglieder.klimabuendnis.org: The members' section of the Climate Alliance for direct communication of members among each other, for the provision of internal documents exclusively for members, and for exchange among project groups. Each contact person listed in our member database has password access. At present, 1696 persons have access to this internal section.

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Projects and activities involving cooperation with indigenous partners

Following more than one year of standstill COICA was able to resume its work at its office in Quito in 2006. The basis for this was the legal recognition by the responsible ministry in Ecuador of the board elected in 2005 in Bolivia. As a result of the one-year pause, many contacts to institutions and donors have been interrupted, which has greatly constrained COICA's work overall.

The Climate Alliance is one of the few partners which are now trying to again develop a joint basis for cooperation. Because of this situation, no COICA representative took part in the 2006 Climate Alliance Executive Board meeting or in the annual conference in Vienna. In 2007, a COICA representative will take part in the annual conference in Zurich.

Participation of indigenous representatives in international policy processes: Through GTZ (Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit – German Technical Cooperation), financing was secured for the participation of a COICA representative in the UN Climate Conference in Nairobi in November 2006. Diego Iván Escobar, the new division coordinator for environment and natural resources of COICA and President of the Climate Alliance, took part.

Local-authority supported projects involving cooperation with indigenous organizations

- Ongoing **support of COICA's coordination activities** in the field of environmental and resource conservation. In 2006 there was one-off support for COICA with joint financing by Climate Alliance Austria.
- **Solar lamp project in Peru:** Following the successful installation of a workshop for the production of solar lamps in connection with the FORMABIAP training programme for indigenous teachers in Iquitos, Peru, the programme has now been extended. The topics of resource conservation and renewable energies will be included in the programme's curriculum. Moreover, indigenous representatives will be provided with grants to help them participate in the training programme.
- As a part of the **ProjektGRÜN (GREEN Project)**, the successful establishment of herb gardens in communities in the state of Acre in Brazil was continued in 2006. The gardens are used to cultivate both medicinal and other useful plants. The midwives project of ProjektGRÜN received an award from the Brazilian ministry of culture.

Project cooperation (with organizations, initiatives, networks, EU)

- ◆ In cooperation with the ILO 169 coordination group and the Iserlohn Protestant Academy, a conference was organized on the state of ratification of ILO 169 in Europe. José Luis González, former Climate Alliance president and current member of the Venezuelan National Assembly, was invited to this conference, as was Patricia Gualinga from Sarayacu, Ecuador. Following the conference, they visited several Climate Alliance member municipalities and held talks with members of the German Bundestag and representatives of various ministries.
- ◆ Cooperation in the "Koordinationskreis ILO 169" / coordination group ILO 169
- ◆ Cooperation in the "AG Biodiv" / biodiversity working group and in a project group for preparation of the COP9/MOP4 biodiversity conference due in Bonn in May 2008
- ◆ Cooperation with the Indio-Hilfe organization on the introduction of regenerative energies (production of plant oil using portable oil presses) among indigenous communities in Ecuador
- ◆ Cooperation with the Oro Verde foundation on the installation of solar-powered communication radios in Surinam (phase 2)

Municipal development work and development education and public relations work

“Black Gold from Green Forests – Oil in the Amazon region” in cooperation with Climate Alliance Austria and ASTM (Action Solidarité Tiers-Monde) / Climate Alliance Letzebuerg, funded by the European Commission:

To mark the conclusion of this successful project in February 2006, high-profile activities were carried out in Austria, Luxembourg and Germany in order to draw attention to the problems arising from dependence upon mineral oil in the industrialized and developing world alike. The diverse activities, presentation and materials produced in the three countries also focussed on the adverse effects upon Indigenous Peoples in Amazonia resulting from mineral oil extraction in their territories.

The school painting campaign resulted in an “Arts catalogue”, and individual pictures were reproduced as postcards. Further information and a documentation of activities is available at www.erdoelinamazonien.org

Planning for 2007

Within ProjektGrün, provision of support for a midwives meeting covering the entire province of Acre and provision of institutional support for the SITOAKORE indigenous women’s organization is planned for the first half of 2007. The goal is to further stabilize the SITOAKORE grassroots organization and to secure the preconditions for the midwives projects.

We plan to prepare material on the theme of biodiversity which can be used in municipalities, especially for educational activities with children and youths. This work is in preparation for the international conference on biodiversity due in Bonn in 2008.

In September 2007, a tour by our indigenous partners is planned, who have developed a major project in Peru for the sustainable marketing of timber and timber products. They will use this tour to provide information about the project and to attract new partners for their activities.

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Overview of projects and activities in the fields of local climate change mitigation, forests and timber

Completed projects

CLIMATE COMPASS (EU): This EU-sponsored project is devising a methodological basis for the provision of initial advice to municipalities on climate change mitigation; it involves the development and piloting of an advanced training course in the use of this method. Target groups are, in particular, smaller towns and districts as well as consultancy firms, environmental associations, regional offices and other multipliers which can work with municipalities in the relevant countries. In 2006 the consultancy processes in the pilot municipalities were completed, and European pilot training was conducted for the future promoters of this method. In the meantime, the method is being used in practice in Italy and Spain, and an expansion to further countries is envisaged.
www.climate-compass.net

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fifty/fifty PLUS – Energy saving in schools (D): The aim of the fifty/fifty PLUS project, which was sponsored by the German Federal Environmental Agency (UBA), is to extend and further develop the scheme for saving energy in schools and to secure its long-term future. Application of the model has frequently met with success and is linked to a system of financial incentives. fifty/fifty PLUS provides help to local authorities and schools with the aim of achieving broader participation. The PLUS consists of: “coaching” through the provision of detailed information, advice and training, the bundling and evaluation of available know-how, the development of a network of experts and users and the trialling of a “promoter” model. Since January 2006 the campaign website has been offering a wide range of tools, materials and best practice examples for both newcomers and the more advanced. A brochure entitled “Saving energy at schools through financial incentives” gives school authorities an overview of the various incentive schemes they can use when introducing and implementing energy-saving projects, and helpful tips, checklists, ideas for future activities and experience gathered in practice. A CD-ROM accompanying the brochure contains a wealth of supporting materials for local authorities and schools.

The continuation of these activities on a long-term basis and stronger Europe-wide cooperation on the subject of climate change and schools is planned.

www.fiftyfiftyplus.de

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German climate protection capital (D): The Climate Alliance has assisted Deutsche Umwelthilfe (DUH) by taking part in a working group set up to support the “German climate protection capital” (“Bundeshauptstadt im Klimaschutz”) competition. The scheme rates local-authority activities to mitigate climate change. The winner was Climate Alliance member municipality Münster, which received the title of “German climate protection capital”.

www.duh.de/klimakommune.html

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Ongoing and new projects

AMICA (EU): This EU-sponsored project combines measures needed to adapt to climate change with those required to take preventive action to maintain the global climate. Project partners in the INTERREG IIIC project, which is being coordinated by the Climate Alliance, are: Dresden (D), Hespul (F), Upper Austria (A), Ferrara province (I), Stuttgart (D), Venice (I), and national Climate Alliance coordination offices in Austria, the Netherlands and Italy. Working group meetings were held in 2006 to consider flooding of rivers and coasts, drought in rural areas and overheating of cities. The outcomes have been made available as online tools containing some 50 measures and

30 practical specifications. At the same time, "Mitigation Scans" were carried out in Venice, Ferrara, Dresden, Stuttgart and Lyon. These scans evaluated the climate protection activities of partners and proposed further measures.

Work in 2007 will concentrate on integrating mitigation and adaptation. A number of activity areas have been identified as holding particular potential: construction, land-use planning and energy. An online tool for Climate Alliance members allowing an integrated approach will be completed by the end of 2007.

www.amica-climate.net

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Cogen Challenge (EU): This project, ongoing since 2005, is being financed by the EU under its Intelligent Energy Programme. It aims to expand the use of combined heat and power and combined cold and power facilities with an electric capacity up to one megawatt.

1,000 cogeneration facilities will be registered in an Internet-based databank by the end of 2007. The project is headed by Cogen Europe, a European association for the promotion of cogeneration, while the Climate Alliance is responsible particularly for dissemination and promotion. Further participants include the Energie-Cités city network, the Jozef Stefan Institute (Slovenia), Institut de Conseil et d'Études en Développement Durable (Belgium), Rhône-Alpénergie-Environnement (France), Fundación Asturiana de la Energía (Spain), the city of Frankfurt am Main (Germany) and the Graz Energy Agency (Austria).

www.cogen-challenge.org

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ECOLISH (EU): Improving energy efficiency through, among other things, contracting arrangements in publicly-assisted housing construction. The local authorities of Heerlen (NL), Ogre (LV), Pieriki (GR) and Pécsvárad (HU) will develop strategies for funding and implementation, and for involving residents.

www.ecolish.com

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REMINING-LOWEX (EU) is a project within the EU CONCERTO programme. The goal is to establish a supply of renewable (geothermal) energy for residential areas in former coal-mining areas, to improve the thermal performance of the housing stock and thus to reduce energy costs for residents. The first phase of the project, scheduled to run for eight years, begins in spring 2007.

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PRIME (Private Investments move Ecopower) (EU): Initiated by the Climate Alliance and financed by the Intelligent Energy Programme of the EU, 14 partners from eight countries are working together to develop and publicize innovative models and ideas for the private financing of sustainable energy projects. "PRIME Projects" deal with energy efficiency and renewable energies – in combination if possible – and are financed by private individuals, sometimes in collaboration with a Performance Contracting organization. After analysis of the various framework conditions, models and instruments are devised so that during the course of the project the first sustainable energy projects with private-sector financial involvement can be got off the ground. Implementation of pilot projects is envisaged in Antwerp (BE), Berlin (DE), Graz (AT) and the province of Bologna (IT).

www.prime-ecopower.net

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ZOOM – Kids on the Move campaign (EU): In 2006, as before, the Europe-wide ZOOM campaign was a great success: More than 100,000 children in nine countries collected far beyond 700,000 Green Footprints to protect the world's climate! With that amount, it was possible to make the symbolic journey through all 189 states signatory to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change four times! The footprints were handed over in November to Yvo de Boer, head of the UNFCCC Secretariat, at the Conference of the Parties in Nairobi.

Children all across Europe will be on the move again in 2007. We will start in Bonn at the UN Cli-

mate Secretariat, with lengthier staging posts in some regions to learn more about climate issues there (for instance, in the Alps, South America, a South Sea island). The Green Footprints collected by November will then again be handed over to the next UNFCCC Conference of the Parties.
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European Mobility Week (EU): The slogan of the 2006 action week from 16 to 22 September was "Climate Change". Participation reached new heights with more than 1,300 towns and cities in 34 countries. The theme of the campaign week in 2007 is "Streets for People". Together with Eurocities and Energie-Cités, the Climate Alliance coordinates this campaign in Europe and is responsible for annual Europe-wide evaluation, the production of the handbook and the running of the European Mobility Week Award scheme.

www.mobilityweek.eu

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Climate Toolbox (D): With this scheme, the Climate Alliance provides a set of tools for local authorities by which they can tailor activities to specific issues and target groups, carry them out, and involve the relevant groups and stakeholders in local-level climate protection work. The toolbox contains ready-made sets of information and strategies for activities or campaigns including prepared texts and print and design material, which can be adjusted or used immediately by local authorities with little effort. The proposals contained in the toolbox can be selected, combined and implemented in accordance with the specific event in a city or municipality – eco-fair, building renovation scheme in a certain district, project weeks in schools, energy-saving projects in companies, etc.

The action packages for various target groups and issue areas will be produced in such a way that they can be used either individually or in combination as a comprehensive climate protection campaign. The toolbox will be completed in summer 2007. The Climate Alliance will issue a call for participation in a Climate Toolbox campaign in both 2007 and 2008.

www.climate-toolbox.net

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Climate Alliance Campaign 2007 – Ice Block Bet (D): The "Ice Block Bet" (Eisblockwette) event aims to highlight the great potential to reduce costs, energy consumption and CO₂ emissions by installing thermal insulation, for instance to passive house standards. This event makes energy efficiency a clear and comprehensible reality for a broad public. 35 towns and municipalities have already agreed to cover a block of ice in spring in a well-insulated hut and to take bets from their citizens on how much will remain after a certain period (about 3 months). Event partners include the German association of carpenters and the German Energy Agency (dena).

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Local Governments Climate Partnerships (INT) is a research and development project funded by the German Federal Environment Agency (UBA) which the Climate Alliance is carrying out together with the IFEU institute. The goal is to initiate climate partnerships between cities in Germany, the USA and Japan. The first step is to analyse the setting within which cities in these countries work to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. Based on knowledge of the country-specific scope for action, CO₂ emissions benchmarks, implementation strategies, activity profiles and specific measures will then be developed.

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Energy efficiency and solar energy in land-use planning (D): To publicize the key findings of the legal and technical expertise produced in 2006, a paper summarizing the analysis and the outcomes was produced in early 2007. A large number of copies has been printed and distributed. The debate on the best instruments by which to promote climate change mitigation in construction activities at the various political-administrative levels (federal, regional state, local authority) will continue at an event convened on 7 May 2007 during the Berlin Energy Days.

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Public bicycles (EU): Providing public bicycles is a way of combining the rapid transport which local public transport systems offer with the spot-on access to destinations which cycling offers. This is a way of making local public transport systems more attractive and thus more competitive vis-à-vis car use. The Climate Alliance is looking for cities and districts interested in setting up pilot systems using a novel, flexible rental technology. A first pilot system for the city of Offenbach (DE) is currently at the planning stage.

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