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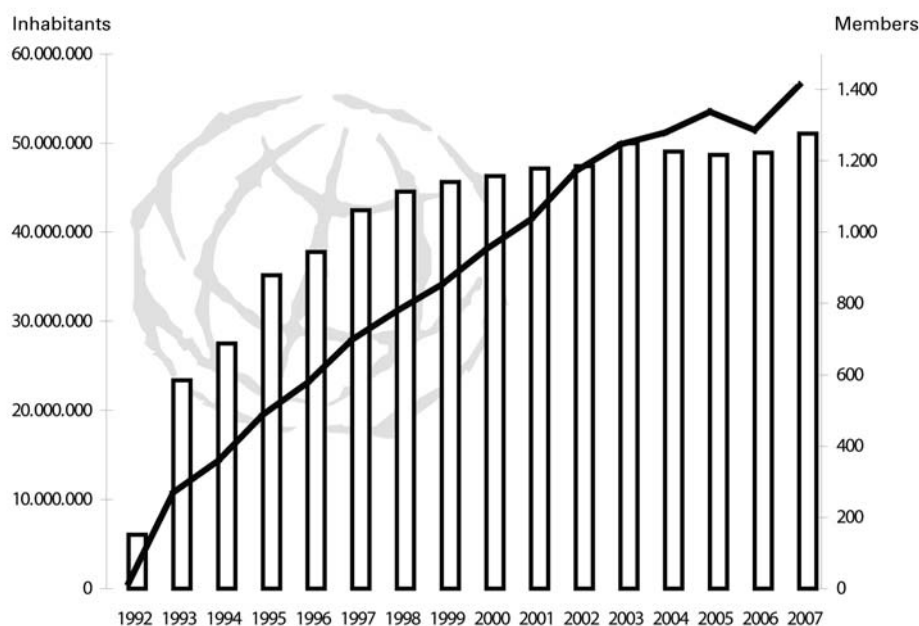
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Members of the Climate Alliance

In 2007, 106 cities, municipalities and district authorities and one associated member joined the Climate Alliance. Seven members left, mostly for financial reasons.

Therefore, 1,413 cities and municipalities from 17 countries have joined the Climate Alliance by the end of 2007. Thirty-one regional states and provinces as well as 32 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



Thus membership now consists of 1,413 cities, municipalities and district authorities (of which 201 are associated small municipalities) and 63 other associated members.

The combined population of Climate Alliance members figured 51,065,475 in May 2007.

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 joined the Climate Alliance.

There are national and sometimes regional coordination offices with a variety of their own projects and activities in Italy, Luxembourg, 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 December 2007

Country	Members (cities, municipalities and districts)	Associated municipalities	Associated members	Population of cities, municipalities and districts
A	502	195	9	5,000,004
B	7			324,600
BG			1	
CH	18		2	1.118,000
CZ		1		100
D	381	1	18	33,499,940
DK	3			94,200
E	2			1,500,400
F	4			759,400
H	1		1	51,300
I	129	27	21	2,324,090
L	35		1	293,091
NL	102		10	6,021,150
PL	2			14,500
S	1			60,000
SK	1			2,000
SLO	1			2,700
Total:	1,189	224	63	51,065,475

The European Secretariat of the Climate Alliance

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. The secretariat received support in 2007: Stephanie Sternheimer has been providing relief for Silvia Guth since September 1, 2007. Due to her good command of the English language she will take over additional internal translation work.

One of the most important developments for the Climate Alliance in 2007 was the establishment of a permanent secretariat in Brussels. Pirta Lindholm is employed full-time. She represents 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.

The Climate Alliance shares one office with the European City Network Energie-Cités. From April 2008, this joint office will be moved to the "House of Municipalities", the building directly near the EU Parliament, in which all city networks are located.

The Climate Alliance is subtenant of G4, the four major cities of the Netherlands. The office in Brussels involves a considerable financial burden for the Climate Alliance; however, it is anticipated that this will pay itself back, at least in part, through higher profile and the additional grant funding acquired as a result.

Priorities 2007/2008

CO₂ monitoring in the Climate Alliance

Financial support from 17 member municipalities and districts in Germany enabled work to proceed on the Climate Alliance version of the energy and CO₂ calculating tool ECO₂-Regio, which is produced by the Swiss company Ecospeed. The software makes it possible to create a standardized accounting method for use at municipal and regional level in Europe. Testing of the software began at the end of August in 14 test municipalities of varying sizes. The test phase is scheduled to end in spring 2008 and the Internet-based software will then be made available to all members in Germany for their preliminary energy and carbon emissions inventories. In order to ensure that municipal emissions inventories in Germany are as far as possible calculated on the same basis, cooperation with all municipalities taking part in the European Energy Award® has been negotiated through B.&S.U. GmbH. The intention is to produce versions of the software for other European countries once experience has been gathered from a large number of towns and cities in Germany.

Climate Star 2007

For the third round of Climate Star awards we chose the theme of "sustainable mobility", reflecting the fact that transport is the fastest growing source of greenhouse gas emissions and now accounts for some 30 percent of CO₂ emissions in Europe. More than 50 local schemes, campaigns and measures in eleven European countries were submitted for a Climate Star 2007. The projects and overall climate change mitigation measures of 26 towns, cities and municipalities were of such a high standard that they were nominated for a Climate Star. In the end 13 cities and municipalities were recognized for their outstanding work and awarded a Climate Star 2007 at a ceremony held on the invitation of the state of Lower Austria at Baden near Vienna.

Prizewinners in the category of cities with a population of more than 100,000 were **Alcalá de Henares** (Spain), **Essen** (Germany), **Gent** (Belgium) and **Sheffield** (UK). In the category of towns with between 10,000 and 100,000 inhabitants Climate Stars were awarded to **Baden** (Austria) and **Baden** (Switzerland), **Esslingen am Neckar** (Germany), **Karlstad** (Sweden) and **Stockerau** (Austria). Of the municipalities with fewer than 10,000 inhabitants, **Wieselburg an der Erlauf** (Austria) and **Zwischenwasser** (Austria) received awards. Climate Stars were also given to the grouped local authorities **plan-b Mobil**, six local authorities in the Vorarlberg region (Austria), and the **Alpine Pearls**, 21 local authorities in the Alpine regions of five countries. Project descriptions are available at www.climate-star.org/.

The following cities and local authorities were nominated for a Climate Star: **Bad Vöslau** (Austria), **Belgrade** (Serbia), **Feldkirch** (Austria), **Hollabrunn** (Austria), **London** (UK), **Luxembourg** (Luxembourg), **Munich** (Germany), **Nantes** (France), **Norderstedt** (Germany), **Pinkatal** (Austria), **Spillern** (Austria), **Ulrichskirchen-Schleinbach** (Austria) and **Virgen** (Austria).

Climate change mitigation and adaptation to climate change

The AMICA project was concluded at the end of 2007. For the last two years the AMICA project (Adaptation and Mitigation: an Integrated Climate Policy Approach) (www.amica-climate.net) has been studying ways of mitigating and adapting to climate change, laying the foundations for an integrated local climate policy. AMICA's work has attracted widespread public interest. AMICA was referred to as a positive example in the IPCC Report. Events at which the results have been presented include a workshop at the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities on adaptation to climate (Strasbourg, September 2007) and the Consultation Workshops of the European Commission in Helsinki and Lisbon. The closing conference was held in the autumn in Linz, Austria. In addition to booklets with illustrative examples (in English, Italian and German), an online tool for an

integrated methodology is available in English. On the basis of AMICA's findings, recommendations to the EU on the Green Paper on adaptation were drawn up and sent to MEPs. A follow-up project for 2008 - AMICA+ - has already been submitted.

Offsetting of CO₂ emissions

This issue was a frequent theme of the Secretariat's work in 2007. As a result of critical comments about operators of offset schemes published in 2006, the Climate Alliance was repeatedly asked for interviews and reports on the subject. A workshop on carbon offsetting was held at the national conference in Rostock and enabled the position paper to be developed further. This position paper is due to be adopted by the members at the General Assembly in Aachen.

Public relations work

Media work

The European Secretariat issued 29 press releases in 2007 – many in German and English, some only in English and some, for regional purposes, only in German. Media representatives were informed about the Climate Alliance and its goals and about climate change mitigation in general via press conferences, one-to-one telephone contact, and in front of microphones and cameras. Articles by Secretariat staff were published in a variety of publications. In addition, both the Climate Alliance coordination offices in different countries and our members have mentioned the Climate Alliance in press releases and interviews and at events, thus helping it to become more widely known.

As a result of all this media work, the Climate Alliance or Climate Alliance projects were mentioned in more than 1,200 press articles published in 2007. This figure is derived from a free search engine that does not cover all media sources. More than 500 articles appeared in Germany, while in Austria there were 160 and in the Netherlands 60. Fifty press articles described the Climate Alliance annual conference, and the same number covered Climate Star 2007. As in 2006, the record was achieved by the "ZOOM – Kids on the Move" campaign, which was mentioned in more than 150 publications around the world.

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CLIMAIL Europe newsletter

Three issues of the CLIMAIL Europe newsletter appeared in 2007. They covered the Climate Alliance annual conference in Zurich, the partnership project Local Governments Climate Partnerships involving cities in Japan, Germany and the USA, and the EU project AMICA, which studies way of mitigating and adapting to climate change. The first issue was published in both English and German; the other two appeared only in English. Members and other interested individuals have been informed by e-mail of each issue and have been able to download the newsletters from our website. In addition, a small quantity of the second and third issues was printed so that they could be distributed at the UN Climate Conference in Bali and at events in Europe.

eClimail electronic newsletter

Our eClimail electronic newsletter is distributed to our members and to ministries, EU staff, organizations, institutions, NGOs and interested individuals. It contains short articles on Climate Alliance campaigns, projects and events as well as news from member municipalities, information from the rainforest, news from Europe and details of events. In 2007 eClimail appeared seven times in an English-language version, a German-language version and an edition for Germany. In addition, 15 invitations to Climate Alliance events were sent out by e-mail (some of them only to a specific region), as was other news of opportunities for taking action. The electronic newsletter goes out to 1,900 individuals in member municipalities and to 1,400 other contacts.

At your request we shall be happy to add your e-mail address or addresses of other contacts to our mailing list.

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

In 2007 Secretariat staff were again involved in a range of processes, activities and events at European and international level, including:

Green Paper on urban mobility. The Climate Alliance was involved in the consultation phase for the preparation of the Green Paper in winter 2007 and submitted its own position statement.

Guidance on Sustainable Urban Transport. Meeting of the EU Commission for consultation with relevant organizations for this follow-up to the Thematic Strategy for the Urban Environment.

Green Paper "Adaptation to Climate Change". The Green Paper on adaptation to climate change was published in 2007. On the basis of AMICA's findings, the Climate Alliance has commented on the Green Paper and drawn up detailed recommendations to the EU. These recommendations include a call for climate change mitigation to be taken into account whenever adaptation measures are considered. The Climate Alliance has also commented on the Commission's 28 "key questions". (For further information see:

<http://www.amicaclimate.net/fileadmin/amica/inhalte/dokumente/Eu-green-paper-CA-response.pdf>.)

Sustainable Cities and Towns Campaign. The Climate Alliance is a member of the campaign's steering committee; from April 2008 it will take on coordination of the committee's work for one year.

Sustainable Energy Europe. The Climate Alliance has been a Campaign Associate since the end of 2006. The Climate Alliance took part in Sustainable Energy Week 2008 by organizing a "virtual ice block bet" in conjunction with the European insulation manufacturers' association EURIMA.

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

13th UN Climate Conference in Bali. The Climate Alliance was represented by a rotating team of staff throughout the entire period of COP13 in Bali. The project with Japanese, US and German municipalities was described at a side event in conjunction with the German Environment Ministry (BMU), the IFEU Institute and the University of Nargoya. The Green Footprints gathered in the ZOOM Campaign 2007 were presented to the head of the UN Climate Secretariat, Yvo de Boer, at a press conference. During the second week the Footprints were also presented to the environment ministers of Germany and Austria.

Development Days. This conference, organized for the second time by the EU, took as its subject “Climate change and development”. In 2007 the conference took place on 7 – 9 November in Lisbon. The Climate Alliance had its own stand at the event.

Covenant of Mayors. The Covenant of Mayors is an EU initiative under its Energy Efficiency action plan. The aim is for the mayors of the “most pioneering cities” to set high energy efficiency targets for their areas. The EU is responsible for ensuring visibility at European level, setting up funding programmes appropriate to the purposes of the Covenant and involving participating cities in policy-making processes. The Climate Alliance, working alongside the city networks Energie-Cités, Eurocities and the Council of European Municipalities and Regions, belongs to a preparation group set up by the EU to organize the Covenant. In 2007 the Covenant’s constitution was drafted and cities were invited to join. During Sustainable Energy Week the President of the Climate Alliance, Joachim Lorenz, took part in the launch of the Covenant with José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, and Energy Commissioner Andris Piebalgs.

Internet

The Climate Alliance now has more than 15 different websites. Almost all the Climate Alliance’s important projects and campaigns have associated information available on the Web. An increasing number of these websites are managed using Typo3, an open source content management system (CMS). This enables the Internet pages to be edited via a web interface from any location and without any knowledge of HTML.

The Climate Alliance homepage can be accessed in German or English at www.klimabuendnis.org or www.climatealliance.org. The website consists of around 1,200 pages and contains hundreds of items to download. Every month our websites attract around 200,000 page views and 40,000 documents are downloaded.

At the time of the report early in 2008 the sections “Climate Alliance” and “International policy spheres” on the Climate Alliance website are being redesigned. The sections on “Indigenous peoples” and “Municipal fields of action” have already been produced in a new layout in the CMS Typo3.

An Internet-based project database is currently being created for the “Toolbox” and “Climate mitigation partner forum”; it will be possible to access the database from both project websites. The website for our project “Climate mitigation partner forum – intelligent energy use in cities, towns and local communities” is in development and will be available soon.

New website since 2007:

The website for our project “Climate Toolbox – a toolbox for effective climate communication at municipal level” can be found at: <http://www.climate-toolbox.net/>.

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Projects and activities involving cooperation with indigenous partners

In 2007 we were again able to welcome a representative of our indigenous partner organization COICA to the international conference in Zurich. Diego Escobar, coordinator for matters relating to the environment and natural resources, took part in a workshop on biofuels. Fortunately the internal conflict at COICA has been largely resolved, enabling the organization to again present a united front. However, as a result of its 18-month absence from the international stage COICA has lost contact with important ongoing processes and must now work hard to restore these links. It is particularly important that indigenous people have strong political representation in processes associated with climate change and the Convention on Biological Diversity, since these involve decisions which affect these peoples and the areas in which they live.

An important event in the autumn of 2007 was our involvement in the second "European Development Days" held in Lisbon 7 – 9 November. This year the theme was "Will Climate Change Development?". The Climate Alliance had its own stand and made many contacts with interested institutions. In autumn 2008 the proposed theme is "Development and municipal representatives".

Involvement of indigenous representatives in international policy-making processes. In 2008 the 9th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP9) to the Convention on Biological Diversity will take place from 19 to 30 May in Bonn. There are plans for an indigenous forum to accompany the conference; COICA representatives will be among those taking part. The Climate Alliance will have a stand and, together with the city of Bonn, will run training events for teachers on the subject of indigenous peoples and biodiversity in the run-up to the conference. It is anticipated that COICA representatives will also attend the next climate COP which will be held in December 2008 in Poznan, Poland.

Local-authority supported projects involving cooperation with indigenous organizations

- Ongoing **support of COICA's sector coordination** in the environmental and resource protection sector.
- **Solar lamp project in Peru.** After the successful setting up of a workshop for the production of solar lamps in cooperation with the training programme for indigenous teachers in Iquitos/Peru (FORMABIAP), the programme is now being extended. The issues of resource conservation and renewable energies are being included in the programme's curriculum. In addition there are plans to provide grants to indigenous representatives wishing to take part in the training programme.
- As part of Projekt GRÜN (the GREEN project), support was provided for the setting up of an association of indigenous midwives in Acre, Brazil, in September 2007. Doctors, shamans and traditional midwives from indigenous communities throughout the state of Acre came together at a conference which sought to forge links between traditional and western medicine. It was the first meeting of indigenous midwives and shamans in the state. After the midwives and shamans had voiced their welcome in song, the event was opened by the coordinator of Sitoakore, an organization that represents the indigenous women of a number of Brazilian states. The conference was also attended by prominent politicians including the health minister of the state of Acre, the municipal commissioner for health and the representative for indigenous affairs in the state of Acre.

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

- ◆ In cooperation with the ILO 169 coordination group and the Iserlohn Protestant Academy a conference on the status of ratification of ILO 169 in Europe was organized.
- ◆ Participation in the ILO 169 coordination group
- ◆ Participation in the "AG Biodiv" working group and a project group preparing for the international biodiversity conference COP9/MOP4 in Bonn (May 2008)

- ◆ Cooperation with the organization Indio-Hilfe with regard to the introduction of renewable energy (production of plant oil using mobile oil presses) in indigenous areas in Ecuador

Municipal development work and development education and public relations work

“Energy bridges”

The North-South project “Energy Bridges”, funded by the EU, has been running since January 2008. The project is aimed at the European public, aiming to provide information and raise awareness of the problems of access to energy in the South and the consequences of the provision of energy (oil extraction and palm oil plantations in the rainforest) for the indigenous peoples of Amazonia. The project will also study the effects of international instruments such as the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) on climate change mitigation. Partners in this three-year project are Climate Alliance Luxembourg, partner organizations in the Czech Republic and Hungary and southern partners in Ecuador, Bolivia and Peru.

“Paper Memorandum”

The Climate Alliance, together with other environmental organizations, is supporting a campaign for a paper memorandum. Environmental and consumer organizations that have signed up to the campaign are calling on German policy-makers to initiate concrete measures for the sustainable use of paper. The campaign’s first target is the adoption of a procurement guideline for paper, which would provide for annual monitoring of paper consumption in the public sector and lay down paper-saving targets to be achieved by 2020. The campaign also wants to see implementation actively supported at all subordinate levels (*Land*, district, municipality).

“FLEGT” (Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade)

The Climate Alliance, together with other environmental organizations, is supporting a campaign for the EU to take legal measures against the import of and trade in timber and timber products from illegal sources (FLEGT). A pillar of the scheme is an EU law which would make it compulsory to introduce a chain of custody and a standard verification system. This is essential for the Climate Alliance’s goal of ensuring that all timber and timber products sold on the European market is of legal origin and comes from responsibly managed forests. The topic is likely to be discussed by the Commission’s Agricultural Council during Slovenia’s presidency (1st half of 2008).

Planning for 2008

UN Biodiversity Conference in Bonn (COP9, 19 – 30 May 2008)

ILO conference in Schwerte, Germany (conference series with the Protestant Academy) 29 – 31 August 2008

Art project linked to the EU project “Energy Bridges” (autumn 2008)

We are planning to produce materials on the topic of biodiversity that can be used for locally based work, particularly in educating children and young people. This is in connection with the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP9/MOP4) which will be held in Bonn in 2008.

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

Completed projects

Federal climate mitigation capital (D): The Climate Alliance has supported the German environmental organization Deutsche Umwelthilfe (DUH) by taking part in the working group which forms part of the "Federal climate mitigation capital" competition, which assessed local authority climate mitigation measures. The winner of the competition was the Climate Alliance member town of Münster, which was awarded the title of "Federal climate mitigation capital".

www.duh.de/klimakommune.html

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Cogen Challenge (EU): This three-year project (financed through the EU's Intelligent Energy Programme) was concluded at the end of 2007. It supports the expansion of combined heat and power (CHP) and combined cold and power facilities with an electric capacity of up to 1 megawatt. Details of more than 1,300 CHP facilities have been recorded in an Internet-based database and country-specific information about CHP has been produced.

The project has been coordinated by Cogen Europe, a European trade association for the promotion of cogeneration. The Climate Alliance took particular responsibility for dissemination and promotion; other partners involved in the project were the city network Energie-Cités, the Jozef Stefan Institute (Slovenia), the Institut de Conseil et d'Etudes en Développement Durable (Belgium), the Rhônealpennergie-Environnement (France), the Fundación Asturiana de la Energía (Spain), the city of Frankfurt am Main (Germany) and the Grazer Energieagentur (Austria).

www.cogen-challenge.org

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PRIME (Private Investments move Ecopower) (EU): In this project initiated by the Climate Alliance and financed by the EU's Intelligent Energy Programme, 14 partners from eight countries worked together to develop and publicize innovative models and ideas for the private financing of sustainable energy projects. The project produced an "Action Package" which provided helpful aids, described requirements and quoted examples of local PRIME projects. Ideally a local PRIME project combines measures to improve energy efficiency with measures to use renewables. At least 20% of the funding should come from private-sector capital. As a result of PRIME, a project of this type was initiated in the province of Bologna (Italy). Sustainable energy projects based on PRIME were also initiated in Antwerp (Belgium) and Graz (Austria).

www.prime-ecopower.net

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Ongoing and new projects

Support_ers

The aim of this EU project is to improve the institutional and legal framework conditions for renewable energies, particularly in the new EU member states. The outcomes of the project are supporting instruments and policy recommendations for the participating countries. Training workshops are held. The Climate Alliance is responsible for developing partnerships between member municipalities and between regions and cities in the accession countries. In the second phase of the project (2009) interested Climate Alliance partners will be included in the project. Ministries and national energy agencies from the following countries are participating in Support_ers: Romania, Bulgaria, Estonia, Croatia, Latvia, Slovakia, Spain, Belgium, Austria and Germany.

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ECOLISH (EU): This project, which runs until the end of 2009 (financed through the EU's Intelligent Energy Programme) aims to promote energy efficiency in social housing and low-income homes through energy performance contracting and other measures. Pilot schemes for funding, implementation and occupant participation have been developed for the local authority areas of Heerlen (Netherlands), Ogre (Latvia), Pieriki (Greece) and Pécsvárad (Hungary). The project is being coordinated by the Dutch consulting firm Cauberg-Huygen R.I. Alongside the Climate Alliance, other project partners are Arpas (Netherlands), Riga Technical University (Latvia), Techem Greece (Greece), the National Kapodistrias University, Athens (Greece), the University of Pecs (Hungary) and the Federation of European Heating and Air-Conditioning Associations.

www.ecolish.com

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REMINING-LOWEX (EU) is a project that forms part of the EU's CONCERTO programme. The purpose of the project is to provide residential districts in former coal-mining areas with geothermal energy from old mines that can be used to meet heating and cooling needs. The pilot local authority areas are Heerlen (Netherlands), Zagorj (Slovenia), Czeladz (Poland) and Bourgas /Cherno More (Bulgaria). The system is based on low-energy standards; it involves the integration of energy schemes and construction methods. The project is scheduled to run for eight years and the first phase commenced in autumn 2007. The Climate Alliance is responsible for public relations work at European level and for information work among the population.

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ZOOM – Kids on the Move Campaign (EU): In 2007 the Europe-wide ZOOM campaign attracted more support than ever: more than 125,000 children from 13 European countries and four other states collected an incredible 1,457,039 Green Footprints to help protect the world's climate. The Footprints were presented to Yvo de Boer, head of the UN's Climate Secretariat, at the UN Climate Conference in Bali in December and to deputies of the environment ministers of Germany and Austria.

We were particularly pleased that the campaign was nominated for two different prizes: it was put forward for the COM+ Communications Award of CGIAR (Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research) and for the Sustainable Energy Europe Awards in the category of Promotional, Communication and Educational Actions.

In 2008 children are again "on the move" all over Europe, demonstrating that their steps count. The symbolic starting signal will be given in March at the UN Climate Secretariat in Bonn. This year we shall focus more strongly on North-South aspects. At the next UN Climate Conference, to be held in December in Poznan, Poland, Green Footprints will again be presented to the conference attendees.

www.kinder-meilen.de

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European Mobility Week (EU): At the promotion week from 16th to 22nd September, the focal point was "Streets For People". With more than 2,015 cities from 35 countries, the number of participating cities has risen again. The started or initiated 6,212 measures, e. g. new bus lines or cycle paths, guarantee the impact of this campaign even after the promotion week. In 2008 the Mobility Week's motto is "Clean Air". The Climate Alliance coordinates the European campaign in collaboration with Eurocities and Energie-Cités, and is responsible for the Europe-wide evaluation of the campaign, the creation of a reference book and the implementation of the competition for the European Mobility Week Award.

www.mobilityweek.eu

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Climate Toolbox (D): With its "Climate Toolbox" the Climate Alliance provides local authorities with "tools" that they can use to initiate and realize campaigns on specific topics and aimed at specific target groups; the Toolbox also suggests way of involving the relevant population groups and players in local climate mitigation activities. The Toolbox provides appropriately tailored information and campaign plans, including text, printing and design templates that can be easily

adapted by the local authority or used as they are. The suggestions can be selected, combined and used in ways that reflect the event taking place in the town or district (environmental festival, refurbishment of the building stock in a particular area, school project weeks, business energy-saving projects, etc.).

The action modules for the different target groups and areas of action are designed so that they can be used individually or as part of a comprehensive climate change campaign. The Toolbox will be available early in 2008. In 2008, as in 2007, the Climate Alliance will publicize the opportunity to take part in a campaign based on the Climate Toolbox.

www.climate-toolbox.net

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Climate Alliance Campaign 2007 (D): In 2007 the Ice Block Bet was implemented by more than 50 cities and municipalities, mainly in Germany but also in Austria, Italy, France and Belgium. The campaign, which was the result of the cooperation between municipalities and their local businesses, received great response. The campaign made it possible to picture the efficient energy use for the general public in a clear way: A huge block of ice with 1-2 cubic meters was mantled in a Passive House standard insulated cottage. Afterwards the people could bet how much of the ice block would be left after a certain period of time (up to three months). In Germany 30,000 people participated in this bet. They gained the knowledge that a good insulation – without high energy use for heating or cooling – keeps a comfortable and balanced building's interior climate. The campaign is part of the Toolbox-Campaigns, provides standardised material and will be offered because of existing interest in 2008. Partners of this campaign have been among others the Trade Association and Energy Agencies.

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Climate Alliance Campaign 2008 "City biking" – a model city goes biking: The city competition "City biking" – model city goes biking is addressed to municipalities and their politicians/parliamentarians (city councils, mayors, departmental heads), which are also responsible for the planning of cycle paths. The form of the city competition increases the eagerness as well as the interest of the media and all citizens of the participating cities. Parliamentarians from all participating cities work together and compete against each other. Best practice example 2006 was Nuremberg & Dresden, (www.stadtra-t-deln.de). Purpose is to collect as many bicycle-kilometres as possible during the campaign period of 4 weeks. The main target is the mobilisation of municipalities and their parliamentarians for the needs of bicycle traffic within an exemplary campaign. The message "Cycling is active climate protection" gives municipalities new incentives to the planning of improved bicycle traffic.

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Local Governments Climate Partnerships (INT) is a research and development project sponsored by the German Federal Environment Agency UBA and implemented by the Climate Alliance in conjunction with the IFEU Institute.

The aim is to set up climate mitigation partnerships between German, US and Japanese cities. The first step involved analysing the conditions under which cities in these countries are working to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. Having identified the scope for action in each country, work focused on developing a benchmarking system for CO₂ emissions, implementation strategies, activity profiles and individual measures. Around 15 Climate Alliance cities are participating in the benchmarking pilot phase. A number of events – including a side event at the UN Climate Conference in Bali and workshops held in the USA and Japan – have served or will serve to publicize the project internationally. To conclude the project, representatives of Japanese and American cities will tour German Climate Alliance cities in June 2008.

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Intelligent energy use in cities, towns and local communities (D): Under this project, which is sponsored jointly by the German Environment Ministry BMU and the German Federal Environment Agency UBA, the Climate Alliance and the German environmental organization Deutsche Umwelthilfe (DUH) will make contact with cities, town and local communities on two different levels. At one level the project directly addresses energy specialists in the local community and environmental officers in the cities and districts. Communication between the cities and local communities is facilitated by an Internet-based climate mitigation partner forum which will provide information on concrete and exemplary measures and projects for the intelligent use of energy. Achievement of the project's aims will be furthered by a new system of points awarded for the giving of advice. A municipality that has realized a successful project on the basis of advice received will award a point each time. The aim is to increase the motivation for giving advice at working level and to promote the exchange of information. In addition, at information events the project will specifically address local authority decision-makers involved in policy-making and administration. The aim will be to demonstrate, using the measures and projects that are described in the database, that an intelligent use of energy not only mitigates climate change but also leads to savings in the local authority budget. The project directly addresses not only local authority decision-makers but also political representatives.

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Energy efficiency and solar energy in land-use planning (D): At the beginning of 2007 a summary and thesis paper was prepared in order to report the key findings of the legal and technical report that was published in 2006. Many copies of this paper were printed and distributed. The discussion of the various instruments that might be used at the different political and administrative levels (national, state, local) to promote climate change mitigation in the field of construction and urban development was continued at an event on 7 May 2007 that was organized by the Climate Alliance and Berliner ImpulsE as part of the Berlin Energy Days. The Climate Alliance study attracted a great deal of attention in Germany at local authority level. Germany's law on using renewable energy for heating (Erneuerbare-Energien-Wärmegesetz), which came into force in 2008, imposes new conditions in this area; in consequence, decisions must be made about the further work of the Climate Alliance on solar and energy-efficient construction.

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PRO-EE (Public Procurement Boosts Energy Efficiency (EU)) is a new EU project of the Climate Alliance. The aim of the project is to increase the market presence of energy-efficient products through joint procurement of energy-efficient equipment and vehicles. In addition there will be dialogue between the cities as purchasers and industry, in order to develop these products further in an energy-efficient direction. The first products will be selected in summer 2008; all cities, towns and districts will then be able to participate in the joint procurement of these items.

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Public bicycles (EU): The provision of public bicycles enables the rapid transport facilities of the local public transport system to be combined with the bicycle's ability to take the user to his or her exact destination. This makes local public transport more attractive and thus better able to compete with the private motor car. The Climate Alliance is looking for cities and districts which are interested in developing a pilot system that makes use of new, flexible hire technology. The Climate Alliance plan was presented at the world bicycle conference Velocity 2007 held in June in Munich.

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