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Dear Madam, dear Sir, dear friend,

we wish you a pleasant reading of the below stated newsletter,  
relaxing holidays and a happy New Year 2009!

For the European Secretariat  
Angela Hanisch

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UN Climate Change Conference 2008 in Poznan

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UN Climate Change Conference 2008 in Poznan

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- 1) Side-event: Town twinning for climate protection

In the first week of the UN Climate Change Conference on 4 December, Climate Alliance manager Ulrike Janssen presented the benchmark project "Local Governments Climate Partnership" during a side event. Together with her were participating Dr. Peter Pichl of the German Federal Environment Agency as well as representatives of the University of Nagoya, the city of Hamburg and the city of Hiroshima.

Documentation of the lectures as pdf-files:

<http://www.climatealliance.org/index.php?id=101&L=0>

And additionally - with corresponding software - as video:

<http://copportall.man.poznan.pl/Archive.aspx?EventID=65&Lang=floor>

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2) ZOOM - Kids on the Move: 38 times around the Earth

1,546,834 Green Footprints - more than 38 symbolic earth circulations - were collected by about 115,000 children all over Europe for the Climate Alliance's Campaign "ZOOM - Kids on the Move". On 4 December the collected Green Footprints were handed over to Yvo de Boer, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, acting for the negotiating states in Poznan.

<http://www.local-climate-protection.eu/zoomnews0.html?&L=0>

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3) Local governments act faster than national governments

During the second week of the Climate Change Conference in Poland Climate Alliance declared together with further city networks that cities and municipalities have achieved important and efficient contributions to international climate protection and will do so also in future. The more than 1400 members of Climate Alliance have committed themselves to reduce their CO2 emissions about ten percent every five years.

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

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Covenant of Mayors

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4) Decision pro Climate Alliance

Climate Alliance was awarded by the EU with the funding - together with the networks Energie-Cités, Eurocities, Fedarene as well as the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) - to run the Secretariat of the Covenant of Mayors for the next two years. Main tasks of Climate Alliance are the technical assistance to interested and signatory local authorities including support regarding action plans and reporting.

By joining the Covenant of Mayors local authorities commit themselves to go beyond the objectives of the EU in terms of reducing their CO2 emissions through energy efficiency and renewable energy actions.

<http://www.climatealliance.org/covenant-of-mayors.html?&L=0>

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5) EUSEW 2009 - Starting the Covenant of Mayors

Up to now more than 100 local authorities have signed the Covenant of Mayors, whose commitment will officially be recognised during a prestigious event in the European Parliament on 10 February 2009 from 14:00 to 17:30 in the framework of the European Sustainable Energy Week.

Signatory (Lady or Lord) mayors will be welcomed in Brussels by José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, Andris Piebalgs, European Commissioner for Energy, Hans-Gert Pottering, President of the European Parliament, and Luc Van den Brande, President of the Committee of the Regions.

To this high-level event only signatory mayors and their delegations or those who have expressed their interest to join will receive an invitation. For security reasons the entrance to the European Parliament building is only allowed after registering at website <http://eusew.eu> and by showing the invitation.

Further local authorities who are interested to join the Covenant are also welcome. Climate Alliance will be happy to provide invitations.

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#### 6) CLIMAIL Europe

Soon after the holidays you will find a new edition of the newsletter CLIMAIL Europe at our website. Focal point is North-South cooperation within the EU project Energy Bridges. Further topics are the European Development Days, an offer of Ecuador not to pump oil, avoided deforestation in the framework of the UN climate negotiations as well as the art projects GREEN and climate refugee camp.

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

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