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## COVENANT OF MAYORS GOING GEORGIA

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With the Georgian capital Tbilisi joining the initiative back in 2010, the Covenant of Mayors' era has begun in Georgia. Since that time the number of Georgian Signatories has increased up to 23 representing 62 % of the country's population, which means that every second Georgian lives on the territory of CoM Signatories. By officially joining the Covenant of Mayors, more than half of the Georgian Signatories have undertaken commitments of reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 20% by 2020, while the others are committed to cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 30% by 2030. Ten Signatories have developed Sustainable Energy (and Climate) Action Plans (SE(C)APs) – an outline of municipal sustainable energy strategies which assesses energy saving potential in the key sectors of economy and proposes measures to improve energy efficiency and facilitate the utilization of renewable energy sources to meet the undertaken commitments.

The CoM East Project Team and its partners provide ongoing support to the Georgian Signatories in improving their capacities in developing projects for implementation and monitoring of their SE(C)APs. They also share theoretical and practical knowledge on various energy efficiency measures in different sectors as well as assist new Signatories in developing joint Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans, providing specific trainings with JRC experts' involvement, and paying special attention to the promotion of the new Covenant and its benefits amongst local population and media.

In the framework of the EU funded Programme “Covenant of Mayors – Demonstration Projects” (CoM-DeP), two Georgian Signatories received support in the course of implementing their SE(C)APs. One Demonstration Project – “Retrofitting three kindergartens in Rustavi City in order to achieve high energy efficiency standards and greenhouse emission reduction” – has been already completed, while the second one – “Biomass energy and energy efficient technologies as sustainable energy solutions for Georgian CoM Signatories” – was launched in 2018 in Telavi municipality.

**Liana Garibashvili**  
CoM East Communication Expert in Georgia

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## COUNTRY FACTS & FIGURES:

 **23** Signatories

 Every **2nd** Georgian lives on the territory of CoM Signatories (2.32 mln)

 **10** Sustainable Energy (and Climate) Action Plans (SE(C) APs) developed and accepted by JRC

 **250 mln EUR** will be invested by 10 Signatories to achieve their goals on reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and implementing SE(C)APs.



## Katarina Mathernova witnesses the improvement of lives in Kakheti thanks to the EU supported projects





Ms. Katarina Mathernova, Deputy Director-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations at the European Commission, paid visit to Kakheti region (Georgia) on July 16-17, 2018. In particular, she visited the kindergarten #1 in Telavi and the kindergarten of Ikalto village. Both public buildings have been selected for a comprehensive energy efficient modernisation under the "Biomass Energy and Energy Efficient Technologies as Sustainable Energy Solutions for Georgian CoM Signatories" project, which is funded within the EU Programme "Covenant of Mayors – Demonstration Projects" (CoM-DeP) and co-financed by the Telavi Municipality City Hall.

The Deputy Director-General assured of stepping up the EU support in the region, in particular by fostering "energy-efficient rehabilitation of kindergartens, financial support to micro-enterprises and community centres as well as providing vocational education training adapted to market needs."

During her two-day trip Ms Mathernova also visited two other CoM Signatories located in Kakheti – Lagodekhi and Kvarli, where she met with the EU funded project beneficiaries, representatives of local authorities and residents of the municipalities. "I met with people whose lives have improved thanks to the EU, such as farmers and entrepreneurs in Lagodekhi and Kvarli. Local initiatives supported by the EU led to economic development, social benefits, and empowerment of citizens."



## Two Demonstration projects are being implemented in Georgia since 2015 under the EU-funded Programme "Covenant of Mayors - Demonstration Projects"

-  **RUSTAVI:** "Retrofitting three kindergartens in Rustavi City in order to achieve high energy efficiency standards and greenhouse emission reduction"
-  **TELAVI:** "Biomass energy and energy efficient technologies as sustainable energy solutions for Georgian CoM Signatories"

More information about CoM-DeP projects can be found at: <http://com-dep.enefcities.org.ua/>

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## WELCOME NEW NATIONAL COORDINATORS IN AZERBAIJAN AND UKRAINE!



Recently, **Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Azerbaijan** and **Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine** have become the Covenant of Mayors National Coordinators respectively in Azerbaijan and Ukraine. Both Covenant National Coordinators will provide support to the CoM Signatories in achieving their commitments and improving the lives of their citizens, ensure necessary coordination between the European Union, CoM Signatories and the municipalities intending to join the Covenant, as well as contribute to the development and implementation of Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans.

We wish the new Covenant National Coordinators every success in promoting the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy in their countries and boosting sustainable development in the participating municipalities.

## CoM East CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES



### ARMENIA

Yerevan, February 27, 2018

#### Local municipalities in Armenia strengthened capacities in SE(C)AP implementation

CoM East Signatories in Armenia took part in the third country-specific capacity building training "Implementation and monitoring of Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans" held in Yerevan on February 27, 2018. It was focused on strengthening the capacities of local municipalities to implement mitigation and adaptation measures as well as to monitor and report on the energy saving and GHG emission reduction in line with the Covenant procedures. Representatives of 19 active Signatories and specialists of the Ministry of Energy Infrastructures and Natural Resources of RA and Ministry of Territorial Coordination and Development of RA (Covenant Coordinators) as well as Union of Communities of Armenia and Foundation to Save Energy (Covenant Supporters). The trainees learned practical and technical aspects as well as best local and international practices of planning, design, implementation and monitoring of activities aimed to improve energy efficiency, facilitate locale renewable energy generation and ensure adaptation to climate change in the key sectors of SECAPs.



#### The active Signatories practiced to develop and implement high-quality project proposals

The training helped to build capacity of representatives of 15 active signatories, CNCs and CSs on the following key aspects of project identification and proposal development: (i) preliminary screening of SEAP/SECAP activities; (ii) evaluation (financial appraisal) of project feasibility, risk analysis; (iii) project ranking according to community priorities and in line with criteria of donors and financial institutions; (iv) content of a well-structured and effective proposal: main requirements and expectations of the donors and funding agencies; (v) project cycle and content of a detailed implementation plan. The training was provided by the experts experienced in development and management of high-quality project proposals and in key principals of the Covenant of Mayors.

After the theoretical session, all participants were divided into three groups of conditional municipalities and were tasked to develop proposals for projects on energy efficiency in buildings, energy efficient street lighting and decentralized renewable energy generation. During the practical session the participants learned to work in groups, participate in team discussions, formulate tasks, develop draft proposals and present it to other groups. Knowledge and skills obtained during the seminar will help the municipalities to transform their projects ideas (stated in the action plans) into projects proposals in line with the basic requirements of the donor community.

Yerevan, May 11, 2018



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## AZERBAIJAN

Baku, July 3, 2018

### Azerbaijani municipalities learn about the Covenant of Mayors

On 3 July 2018, the meeting «Covenant of Mayors – from commitments to implementation» took place in Baku with the participation of representatives of the Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Ministry of Justice, State Agency on the Alternative and Renewable Energy Sources, 14 municipalities from different regions of Azerbaijan, as well as the EU Delegation to Azerbaijan and CoM East experts.

Deputy Energy Minister Gulmammad Javadov underlined that the European Union had launched an initiative on climate and energy, which was supported by efforts of local governments to prepare and implement sustainable energy policies aimed at improving energy efficiency, expanding the use of renewable energy, adapting to the climate change, strengthening cooperation between municipalities, local and central authorities and ensuring access to safe and affordable energy. The Deputy Minister noted that the Mingachevir municipality and the Icherisheher State Historical and Architectural Reserve have already joined the Covenant of Mayors. He stressed on that the Ministry of Energy supports the steps taken by other municipalities to join the Covenant of Mayors.

Ambassador Kestutis Jankauskas, Head of the EU Delegation to Azerbaijan, noted that this initiative is one of the main priorities for achieving a reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 40% by 2030 using measures to improve energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.

A representative of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources confirmed Azerbaijan's obligations adopted at the Paris Climate Conference.

During the seminar, the Azerbaijani municipalities learned how to join the CoM initiative; received the detailed information on various aspects of CoM East project activities, in particular on CoM East's support provided in development and implementation of Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans, functioning the helpdesk, promotional activities, shared the experience of organizing the "Energy Days", etc.

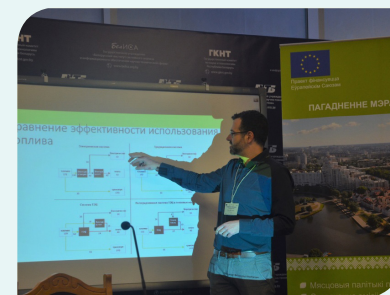


## BELARUS

Minsk, February 8-9, 2018

### Belarusian Signatories learned how to improve energy efficiency of buildings

On February 8-9, 2018, a seminar-training "Improving the energy efficiency of buildings and heating systems to achieve the goals of the Covenant of Mayors" was held in Minsk. It was attended by the experts from Belarus, Germany and Ukraine. The participants were trained in various aspects of improving energy efficiency in buildings with a special focus on central heating, which is the most priority topic for municipalities according to the results of the survey that was earlier conducted amongst the CoM Signatories in Belarus.



## GEORGIA

Tbilisi, February 26-27, 2018

### Georgian municipalities trained in successful monitoring of SE(C)AP implementation

To address the challenges related to monitoring of SE(C)AP implementation as well as development and submission of monitoring reports, faced by the majority of Georgian CoM Signatories, a special training – "Energy Management System & Monitoring of SE(C)AP Implementation" – was organised at the end of February 2018 in Tbilisi, Georgia. The event brought together CoM Signatories as well as National and Regional Coordinators in Georgia. The participants learned and discussed various aspects of facility management (maintenance of buildings or equipment), software for energy monitoring, roles and responsibilities of energy manager, methodological approach to SE(C)AP monitoring etc. Apart from that, the trainees were offered practical sessions on monitoring the emission inventory (MEI) development and discussed the successful experience of Ukrainian municipalities in the development of monitoring reports.



Telavi, April 25-26, 2018

### Joint SECAP: how to combine efforts and share success

Municipalities in Georgia (as well as their partners in Moldova) have good examples of taking joint commitments and combining efforts to achieve joint success, in particular by developing Joint SECAPs. At the same time, municipalities of both countries often face lack of experience and capacities in this field. Therefore, together with their Territorial Coordinators, Georgian and Moldovan CoM Signatories took part in a special training organised in Telavi on April 25-26, 2018. The experts from the European Commission's Joint Research Center presented a roadmap for the Joint SECAP elaboration with the focus on the role of regional administration, preparation of baseline emission inventory, development of mitigation and adaptation measures.





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### Country-specific training on SECAP implementation in Georgia

Batumi, May 29-30, 2018

The training "SECAP Implementation in Transport, Waste & Water Management Sectors" held on May 29-30, 2018 in Batumi was the fifth in a series of capacity building activities for representatives of Georgian CoM Signatories and other stakeholders. It was aimed at providing participants with theoretical and practical knowledge on various energy efficiency measures envisaged by SE(C)APs. In the course of training sessions, the trainers shared their successful experience and international practices in the field of improving energy efficiency in transport, waste and water management sectors.



### CoM Signatories in Georgia learn how to finance SECAP measures

Tbilisi, August 30-31, 2018

On August 30-31, 2018, a 2-day country-specific training "Financing of SECAP measures" brought together representatives of 23 CoM Signatories, National and Territorial Coordinators of Georgia in Tbilisi. The participants had an opportunity to discuss the findings of the study "Barriers and recommendations for SEAP development and implementation for selected energy efficiency measures" performed by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, and learned about the GEF Small Grants Program in Georgia and the Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency operating in the region. They also discussed in groups various aspects and mechanisms of financing municipal projects with a special focus on energy efficiency and renewable energy.



## MOLDOVA

Chisinau, February 27, 2018

### Fostering collaboration with Energy Efficiency Fund

Several work sessions were organized by the CoM East Team to strengthen the collaboration with the Energy Efficiency Fund in Moldova. The participants discussed the responsibilities of municipalities, in accordance with national legislation, for ensuring energy efficiency and promoting the use of renewable energy sources at the local level, as well as possibilities to provide local financial contributions to European projects by the Energy Efficiency Fund.



### Monitoring of SE(C)AP implementation in the focus of the training for Moldovan Signatories

Chisinau, April 23-24, 2018

Representatives of 15 CoM Signatories in Moldova took part in the training "The Energy Management System. SE(C)AP – monitoring of the implementation" on April 23-24, 2018. It was tailored for local public administration staff responsible for the implementation and monitoring of SE(C)APs, including engineers, architects, technical support representatives, etc. The training participants learned how to monitor the activities outlined in their Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans, what tools and methodology to use, and how to adopt the successful experience of Ukrainian municipalities in this field.



## UKRAINE

Taking into account the constantly increasing number of CoM Signatories in Ukraine and their needs in building capacities for implementing the planned measures under the new Covenant, 7 training events were conducted by CoM East Project Team in the country during the period February – September, 2018. Almost 180 persons in total, including deputy mayors in charge of energy issues, energy managers, financial and technical experts etc., took part in the events.

Lutsk and Kyiv, February 1-7, 2018

### Tailored trainings in SECAP development for small and big Ukrainian Signatories

On February 1-2, 2018, the first training for energy managers and city executives of small Ukrainian CoM Signatories took place in the regional center of Volyn oblast. It was focused on the methodology for SECAPs development, step-by-step process of their preparation, bottlenecks that could occur and the ways of fixing them. In less than one week, on February 6-7, the same event was organized in Kyiv. This time, the relevant specialists of the mayors' offices of large Ukrainian CoM Signatories were invited to participate in the event. In the course of preparing and holding these events, the CoM East Team applied a tailored approach taking into account the specificity of energy sectors in small and large municipalities.







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**Kyiv, April 12-17, 2018**

### How to select and apply financial instruments for SECAP implementation?

For the municipalities that already submitted their SECAPs (and received the official approvals from JRC), financial support in the course of implementation of their energy strategies is the next important issue requiring a qualified experts' assistance. For this purpose, the trainings on financial instruments for SECAP implementation were conducted in Kyiv. Representatives of small and big municipalities took part in two separate training sessions on April, 12-13 and on April, 16-17. The trainers focused on the ways of effective fundraising, loan mechanisms, revolving funds, ESCO and other instruments that can ensure successful SECAP implementation.



**Zhovkva, April 19, 2018**

### Municipal energy managers learn the methodology of preparing SE(C)AP monitoring reports

According to the CoM rules, Signatories that are implementing the approved sustainable energy policies are committed to regularly submit their monitoring reports on SE(C)AP implementation process. The reports are to be prepared within the adopted methodology developed by JRC. In order to learn in details how this methodology has to be applied, 25 representatives of CoM Signatories – municipal energy managers – took part in a special training in the city of Zhovkva (Lviv region).



**Myrhorod and Ternopil, August 21-31, 2018**

### Ukrainian Signatories trained in technical aspects of SECAP implementation

A survey conducted among the Ukrainian CoM Signatories had revealed a strong need for consulting assistance in the field of technical approaches to the implementation of various measures aimed at improving the situation with energy efficiency in the municipalities. Therefore, two trainings entitled "Technical aspects of the implementation of the SE(C)APs" were organized by CoM East Project Team.

While preparing these events, it was decided to follow the principle "it's better to see once than to hear a hundred times". And it's not by chance that the city of Myrhorod as one of the most advanced municipalities in EE-measures implementation and innovative technical solutions became a training venue on August 21-22 for the technical specialists and engineers in construction, district heating, street lighting, thermal refurbishment, transport and other key sectors of municipal economy of small towns. Respectively, the relevant representatives of large gathered for their tailored training on August, 30-31 in Ternopil where the impressive investment projects of European financial institutions aimed at cardinal changes in the sphere of effective and economical use of energy resources are already implemented or still ongoing.



## PROMOTING NEW COVENANT IN EAP COUNTIES

### European Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) and Energy Days in EaP Countries

In May – June 2018, traditional European Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) brought together public authorities, private companies, NGOs and consumers to promote initiatives to save energy and move towards renewables for clean, secure and efficient power.

Covenant of Mayors East also joined the EUSEW celebrations in the Eastern Partnership countries and actively supported and co-organised several events aimed to promote advanced energy efficiency practices, inspire innovative ideas and combine efforts to achieve the EU goals in overcoming the consequences of climate change, improving energy efficiency and energy security.

This year, 99 municipalities embracing about 44 thousand people in Eastern Partnership countries organised Energy Days under the EU Sustainable Energy Week for promoting sustainable energy, renewables and efficient energy use among their citizens. The CoM East Team prepared and published a special issue of the Newsletter fully dedicated to the EUSEW 2018 celebration in the EaP countries [#EUSEW2018](#).





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## How to communicate Covenant of Mayors to citizens?

A series of trainings for PR specialists, press officers and media representatives of the CoM Signatories took place in Belarus, Moldova and Georgia aimed to exchange theoretical knowledge and practical experience on how to communicate the CoM to the wide public and to get ready for effective CoM promotion at public events. In Georgia, the communications training was organised for the Georgian and Azerbaijani active Signatories.

- **BELARUS, Niasvitzh, May 17-18, 2018**
- **MOLDOVA, Orheiul Vechi, August 2-3, 2018**
- **GEORGIA, Tbilisi, September 25-26, 2018**



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The ways of effective communication of the Covenant and its targets to citizens, making them appreciate the benefits of SE(C)APs' implementation at local level were the main subject of the workshops. Special attention was paid to conducting successful information campaigns with the focus on changing people's mindset, promoting energy efficiency behaviour and climate change adaptation issues. The trainees were involved in practical exercises on planning the raising awareness campaigns, including organisation of Energy Days. They obtained useful knowledge and skills on how to apply the novel ways of communication in working with their audiences and get prepared for the Energy Days.

About 25-30 participants from each country took part in the trainings.

In Moldova and Georgia, the participants of the trainings also had an opportunity to visit advanced CoM Signatories that implemented the energy efficiency projects in Orhei (Orhei Regional Hospital, Moldova) and in Calarasi (Calarasi District Hospital and DoReMicii kindergarten, Moldova) as well as recently opened bio-diesel production plant and municipal transport service station in Tbilisi (Georgia).

## COM EAST PROMOTION AT PUBLIC EVENTS



### ARMENIA

#### Yerevan | June 8, 2018

##### EIB and multi-donor fund E5P spearhead the refurbishment of kindergartens in Yerevan

On June 8, 2018, the Yerevan Energy Efficiency Project was officially launched at the Donor Agreement signing event, organised by the European Investment Bank (EIB) in association with the Municipality of Yerevan and the EU Delegation to Armenia. European Union is the main contributor to the Eastern Europe Energy Efficiency and Environmental Partnership (E5P) fund. The project foresees that over 140 kindergartens in Armenia will benefit from renovations, such as comprehensive energy efficient retrofitting and refurbishment of buildings. In parallel, an interactive training is planned for young people dedicated to the ways of energy saving in everyday life.



#### Yerevan | August 31, 2018

##### CoM East Country Expert in Armenia took part in the working meeting on RE and EE issues

On August 31, 2018, the "EU for Yerevan Solar Community" programme was discussed at the seminar for managers of responsible subdivisions of Yerevan administrative districts and representatives of Homeowners' Associations in Yerevan. The Head of Yerevan Municipality Department of Development and Investment Programs Tigran Sargsyan, international cooperation executive of the Cooperation Department at the EU Delegation to Armenia Andrea Baggioli and Team Leader of the CoM-DeP Support Team Jan Waanders presented the program, its goals and implementation process. During the meeting, the CoM East Country Expert in Armenia Artem Kharazyan presented the developments of the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy initiative in Armenia.





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## GEORGIA

**January 31 – February 23, 2018**

### Meetings with newly elected mayors of 10 Georgian Signatories

In the period January 31 – February 23, 2018, “Covenant of Mayors – East” Country Expert in Georgia and Azerbaijan George Abulashvili and representatives of the Energy Efficiency Center, which is an official CoM Supporter in Georgia, took part in a series of meetings with the newly elected mayors and representatives of municipal administrations of Rustavi, Kutaisi, Zugdidi, Poti, Gori, Akhaltskhe, Bolnisi, Kazbegi, Tianeti and Mtskheta municipalities. The participating city leaders expressed their readiness to co-operate and jointly work on the implementation of various renewable energy and energy efficiency projects to fulfill commitments undertaken under the Covenant of Mayors and also discussed the establishment of the Municipal Development Coordination Platform.



## BELARUS

### EU supports 10 local initiatives in Belarus to help CoM Signatories achieve their goals

In the spring of 2018, **10 new local initiatives** aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting Belarusian municipalities to climate change were supported by the European Union in the framework of the project “**Strengthening the Covenant of Mayors movement in Belarus**” (STRONGCOM). 6 non-governmental organisations and 4 district executive committees received funding in the amount of 7 to 45 thousand Euros.

The cities will focus their activities on the following areas: cycling development (Viliejka and Kobryn), landscaping at residential neighborhood and working with businesses to introduce green technologies (Čavusy), extensive information work with residents (Viciebsk, Biaroza and Braslaŭ), introducing energy efficient technologies in the public objects (Brest and Hlybokaje). At this stage, new energy-efficient equipment has been already installed at three boiler houses in Brest, construction of a 7.5-km-long bike path is underway in Kobryn, planting of seedlings and the construction of a bike path are being completed in Čavusy.

**Iuje | June 28, 2018**

### Second Conference of the Covenant of Mayors in Belarus

On June 28, 2018, the Second Conference of the Covenant of Mayors in Belarus was held in Iuje, Hrodna region. More than 100 representatives of the public authorities and non-governmental organizations from Belarusian Signatories took part in the event.

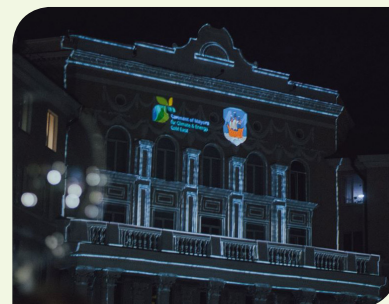
The conference participants discussed the Belarusian and European experience in improving energy efficiency, funding opportunities, as well as the potential of wastewater treatment plants and waste management to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Representatives from Estonia, Denmark, Latvia, Ukraine and Russia shared their experience of meeting the CoM commitments in their respective municipalities. Particular attention was paid to financial instruments that cities can use to implement energy efficiency and climate change adaptation measures.



**Polack | August 31 – September 2, 2018**

### The Festival of Light in Polack

For the very first time in Belarus, the city of Polack organised the Light Festival within the framework of Energy Days. A special intense programme was prepared for the citizens and guests – there were more than a dozen events offline and online. The event was highlighted by 10 amazing light installations that appeared on the city streets. The visitors were engaged in various activities, such as an amazing 3D projection on the facade of Dzvin hotel, night city tours and lectures, master classes on night photo shooting, a fire show and a bicycle race, light puppet shows and workshops on light drawing for kids. Also, cafes and restaurants of Polack offered a special festival menu.







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## MOLDOVA

### Chisinau | March 26, 2018

#### Three new CoM-DeP projects officially launched in Moldova

On March 26, 2018, the CoM East Team participated in the official opening of three projects funded by the EU Programme "Covenant of Mayors – Demonstration Projects" (CoM-DeP). The event was attended by the Head of the EU Delegation to Moldova Ambassador Peter Michalko, CoM-DeP Team Leader Jan Waanders, CoM East Country Expert Victor Parlicov, representatives of the Energy Efficiency Fund, the mayors of Cantemir, Calarasi and Festelita, as well as representatives of media and civil society.

The project teams of the three newly supported initiatives presented their projects:

- **"Fireflies in the Heart of Forests"** (Calarasi): Around 17,000 inhabitants of Calarasi will benefit from street lighting. The length of the street lighting network will be 21 kilometers providing a 35% reduction in annual energy consumption.
- **"Cantemir thermal rehabilitation of educational buildings – CanTREB"** (Cantemir): Two schools and two kindergartens in the city of Cantemir will benefit in the next three years from a comprehensive thermal modernisation measures. Thanks to these energy efficiency measures it will be possible to improve comfort conditions for over 900 children aged 2-17 years.
- **"Creation of excellence center through piloting demonstrative new energy efficiency technologies and renewable energy sources in Festelita community"** (Festelita) Establishment of a center of excellence in the Festelita community, Stefan Voda district, for the management of new energy efficient technologies and renewable energy sources; installation of street LED lighting; installation of solar panels in the kindergarten and a biomass system at four public institutions (school, kindergarten, cultural center and the town hall); planting 20 ha of energy willow; building a photo-voltaic power plant of 300 KW.



### Chisinau | April 12, 2018

#### Moldovans exchanged experience, knowledge and practice in energy efficiency

On 12 April 2018, the CoM East Country Expert in Moldova Victor Parlicov presented the Covenant of Mayors and invited municipalities to join the initiative at the workshop held under the auspices of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH in partnership with the Energy Efficiency Agency (AEE). The event offered a platform for the exchange of experience, knowledge and practice in the field of energy efficiency in public buildings. The workshop participants had an opportunity to study international experience and best practices in the field of energy efficiency from other countries, such as Germany, Latvia, Macedonia and Croatia.



### Cantemir | April 27, 2018

#### Launching a new CoM-DeP project in Cantemir

The CoM East Country Expert in Moldova Victor Parlicov took part in the official launch of the project "Cantemir thermal rehabilitation of educational buildings – CanTREB", implemented by Cantemir Town Hall in partnership with the NGO "Alliance for Energy Efficiency and Renewables" (AEER). The project is being funded through the EU Programme "Covenant of Mayors – Demonstration Projects". The event took place on April 27, 2018 at "Mihai Eminescu" gymnasium and was attended by representatives of local authorities, Energy Efficiency Fund, media, as well as children and citizens of Cantemir.



### Ialoveni | September 14, 2018

#### Green energy for a clean future in Ialoveni

On 14 September 2018, Ialoveni City Hall organized Energy Day. The event was attended by the CoM Country Expert in Moldova Victor Parlicov, who encouraged the Ialoveni community to advance with new initiatives in energy efficiency, climate adaptation and green energy. Ialoveni Mayor Sergiu Armașu and Deputy Mayor Radu Chilaru highlighted the prospects of Ialoveni in implementing energy efficient technologies for a clean city. Ialoveni became a Signatory of the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy in 2016 having taken voluntary commitments to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 30% until 2030.





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## Chisinau | September 15, 2018

### CoM East Moldova at the World Clean-up Day

On September, 15, 2018, the CoM East Team in Moldova participated in the World Clean-up Day. Together with representative of the Alliance for Energy Efficiency and Renewables (AEER), the Energy Efficiency Fund, and many local volunteers they helped to clean the Riscani Park, which is one of the most picturesque places in the capital of Moldova. Dozens of trash bags with garbage, especially plastic and glass, were collected and taken away from the park. We are glad that the World Cleanup Day campaign has united millions of volunteers around the world, including thousands of Moldovan citizens!



## Chisinau | September 19, 2018

### Moldovan CoM Signatories participated in the Moldo-German Energy Forum

Representatives of several CoM Signatories together with the Country Expert in Moldova Victor Parlicov participated in the Moldo-German Energy Forum in Chisinau on 24-26 August, followed by a study visit to Moldova. They presented the projects implemented with the EU support (in Calarasi, Festelita etc.), while Victor Parlicov provided an update about the Covenant of Mayors East. The event aimed to facilitate the dialogue between local communities from Moldova and Germany in terms of promoting renewable energy sources and sustainable development processes. The communities from both countries had an opportunity to share their experiences and develop innovative projects together.



## UKRAINE

### Meetings with local stakeholders

A series of meetings with representatives of city councils, local NGOs and other stakeholders dedicated to various energy efficiency issues on the municipal level was organized by the CoM East Project Team in cooperation with the CoM Territorial Coordinators of Dnipro, Poltava and Lviv oblast, National Coordinator (Ministry of Regional Development, Construction and Municipal Economy of Ukraine), Covenant Supporter (Association "Energy Efficient Cities of Ukraine") and the EU representatives. During the meetings that were initiated and co-organized by Oksana Kysil, the CoM East Country Expert in Ukraine, a special attention was paid to the ways of solving the problems in the field of thermal renovation of residential buildings, district heating mapping, reduction of emissions and adaptation to climate changes.

## ANNOUNCEMENT:

### High-Level Eastern Partnership Conference "Municipalities for Sustainable Growth"

**On November 22/23**, two major EU-funded Initiatives for the Eastern Partnership countries – the Covenant of Mayors and Mayors for Economic Growth – organise the **High-Level Conference "Municipalities for Sustainable Growth"** in the President Hotel, Kyiv (12 Hospitalna St.). The event will focus on the role of Local Authorities in identifying and addressing the complexities of sustainable development, economic resilience and climate action. Over 400 representatives from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, as well as EC representatives, will participate in the event.



**The EU4Energy Initiative** covers all EU support to improve energy supply, security and connectivity, as well as to promote energy efficiency and the use of renewables in the Eastern Partner countries Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. It does this by financing projects and programmes that help to reform energy markets and to reduce national energy dependence and consumption. Over the longer term, this makes energy supply more reliable, transparent and affordable, thus reducing energy poverty and energy bills for both citizens and the private sector.

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