

## Region of Andalusia, Covenant Territorial Coordinator

**Time period:** 2011 - 2020

**Theme of collaboration:** Modelling, planning, monitoring

**Application:** energy efficiency, renewable energy, reduction of CO2 emissions.

**Topic:** Covenant-related technical support to local authorities

### Description

**The territorial strategy:** The regional ministry of Environment created the "Andalusia Covenant of Mayors team", made up of the region, 7 of the 8 provinces, the Association of Andalusian Municipalities & Provinces, and the provincial energy agencies. This structure is led and coordinated by the region, and each partner has a specific role defined in a protocol signed by all parties:

- Andalusia, one of the first European Region to become a Covenant Territorial Coordinator in 2009, coordinates and leads the Andalusia Covenant of Mayors team. It mobilizes 8 technical staff members for this work. These 8 staff members coordinate the 7 provinces' participation in the Covenant, help each municipality complete their Baseline Emissions Inventory, and co-finance or helps find financing solutions for municipalities to effectively implement their Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAP).  
Effectively, in a first stage, the region provides municipalities with tools, such as calculators, to establish their emissions inventory, and develops methodologies that guarantee the quality of the municipalities' Sustainable Energy Action Plans. In a second stage, the region concentrates on the SEAP implementation, looking for financial structures and solutions that favour local environment and economic development.
- 7 of the 8 provinces, also Covenant Territorial Coordinators since 2009, promote the initiative through public events ('energy days') and individually assist the municipalities in their day-to-day preparation and implementation of their SEAP.
- The Association of Andalusian Municipalities & Provinces ensures, since 2009, the promotion of the Covenant to its hundreds of members.

To date, the regional administration has helped deliver 536 municipal SEAPs, representing over 5 million citizens (80% of the Andalusian population) and more than 60% of the total number of local authorities in the region. With this, Andalusia is planning to reduce its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by over 8 million tons per year.



Signatories	Population	Adhesion	Status
Abla, ES	1,505	26 Jun 2009	Completed
Abrucena, ES	1,358	14 Aug 2009	Completed
Adamuz, ES	4,476	23 Jul 2009	Completed
Adra, ES	23,195	1 Apr 2009	Completed
Agrón, ES	342	24 Jun 2010	Completed
Agudulce, ES	2,169	23 Jul 2009	Completed
Alajar, ES	802	13 Jan 2009	Completed
Alameda, ES	5,426	21 Dec 2009	Completed
Alanís de la Sierra, ES	1,900	28 Jul 2009	Completed
Albánchez de Mágina, ES	1,326	28 Sep 2009	Completed
Alboloduy, ES	745	31 Jul 2009	Completed
Albolote, ES	18,088	31 Mar 2010	Completed
Albox, ES	11,271	4 May 2009	Completed

[List](#) of Andalusian signatory municipalities

### Key results by 2020

- €1,250,000 planned investments
- Planned reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emission by over 8 million tons per year

### Partners involved - Governance

The multi-level governance approach adopted in the region, in the framework of the Covenant of Mayors, means that in all levels of administration are **collaborating, with clearly defined responsibilities each - despite having different political allegiances.**

## Financing & costs

During the 2015-2020 period, the Regional Ministry of Environment and Land Planning will continue to work on this multi-level governance initiative (analysing the technical and economic viability of municipal SEAPs, etc.) notably thanks to its ERDF funds.

The aim in this second period is for the municipalities to concretely implement their SEAPs measures.

## Lessons learned & Success factors

All stakeholders interviewed for the [Covenant of Mayors mid-term evaluation](#) agreed on the fact that as a result of the Covenant, there has been increased cooperation among the three tiers of government.

The Covenant has been an extremely successful instrument in **breaking down political boundaries** in the fight against climate change, **considering that municipalities, provinces and regions involved often have different political allegiances.**

Proof of this success is the fact that SEAPs are picked up by successive municipal administrations coming from different political parties. In addition, the adoption of SEAP plans within municipal councils seldom draws opposition from political minorities.

## Similar Initiatives – Transferability

- ▶ [See the list of Covenant of Mayors Territorial Coordinators and how to become one.](#)

Andalusia in the Covenant of Mayors



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### Budget range

< € 100,000
€ 100,000 – € 1,000,000
€ 1,000,000 – € 10,000,000
€ 10,000,000 – € 100,000,000
> € 100,000,000
N/A

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