

## Province of Genoa, IT - Territorial strategy for energy planning

**Time period:** 2009- ongoing

**Theme of collaboration:** Modelling, planning, monitoring. Awareness raising and stakeholder involvement

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

**Topic:** Covenant of Mayors - related technical support

### Description

In the framework of the activities linked to the Covenant of Mayors (CoM), the Province of Genoa formalised, via two Memorandum of Understanding, its cooperation with local and regional authorities.

The first Memorandum of Understanding is signed at provincial level between the province and the municipalities joining the CoM in order to:

- define the respective roles for an effective collaboration
- promote the CoM as a strategic tool for the local development
- share knowledge and data among the different public authorities working on the CoM;

The province of Genoa is also signatory of another Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the Covenant-related activities but at regional level. The Steering Committee includes:

- 3 representatives of the Liguria Region from the environment, economic development & education departments
- 1 representative per Province (Savona and Genoa)
- 1 representative of each provincial capital (having signed the CoM and the MoU)
- 1 representative elected per group of smaller municipalities involved in the CoM

### Context / Background

The Province of Genoa is a Covenant Territorial Coordinator since 2009 and provides various forms of support to the municipalities:

- BEI and SEAP development
- Support to the implementation of actions: promotion of solar co-operatives, free energy audits for condomini, search of funding and EU projects, development of municipal energy management systems, refurbishment of public buildings...
- Energy days and communication activities
- Technical seminars and training courses
- Monitoring



Steering Committee Meeting

### Key results

- 1 MoU between the province and the local authorities
- 20 municipal SEAP and the provincial plan developed and under implementation
- 1 MoU between the region, the 3 provinces and the representatives of the local authorities

### Partners involved - Governance

Besides the good cooperation at **all administrative levels** organised through the two MoU, the province relies also on the expertise of **local and regional partners** (for example **the in-house Fondazione Muvita**, the **regional Energy Agency of Liguria**, the **university of Genoa**, the **chamber of commerce**....

## Results achieved

- A **shared methodology and platform** for gathering and processing data to build up the energy balance and the Baseline/Monitoring Emission Inventory at regional, provincial and municipal level (2005, 2010, 2011 and 2012, data partially available at [www.inventarioGHG.it](http://www.inventarioGHG.it)).
- A well-established organisation that through steering committees, training, meetings and operative day-to-day common activities ensures an **effective cooperation of different administrative levels**. The sharing of needs, ideas, goals and resources result in a very effective implementation of actions.
- **20+ municipal SEAPs** developed with the **technical assistance of the Province** in coherence with the Provincial Programme. On the other hand the Provincial Programme is based on a **bottom-up** approach and includes municipal SEAPs as its main tool for implementation. The SEAPs and the Provincial policies promote cooperation among municipalities through collective/replicable actions that bundle many municipalities.
- **A set of collective/replicable actions** identified by the Province and the municipalities. The Province provides technical and financial assistance and general management, while the municipalities are in charge of the operative tasks and of local stakeholders' engagement. The actions range from awareness raising to building refurbishment (both public and private) and RES promotion.

## Lessons learned & Success factors

- The **bottom-up approach** is efficient to make strategic choices
- Centralization of common technical activities with greater operational efficiency
- Obvious benefits for small / medium-sized municipalities involved.
- Strong interest at local level.

## Similar Initiatives – Transferability

- ▶ Provinces carrying out similar support to their municipalities are found in the ["CTC" corner of the CoM](#) such as *Andalucia, Granada and Alicante*, for which you can find Best Practices.

## Financing & costs

### 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

The funding is provided by the province of Genoa directly but also through its various EU-financed projects (IEE Energy for Mayors, Mayors in Action, PAST).



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