

# ISLEPACT



SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ACTIONS FOR ISLANDS



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# CONTRIBUTION OF EUROPEAN ISLANDS TO EU TARGETS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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## The ISLE-PACT Initiative and the Covenant of Mayors

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# Introduction

- **80% of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are produced in urban areas**
- **Cities, towns and other urban areas have a crucial role to play in mitigating global warming**
- **Local authorities have expressed a will to become important players in the fight against climate change**

# EU Climate & Energy Package

- **Adopted in 2008**
- **Established the 20-20-20 targets**
- **Encouraged local participation**
- **Emphasised the role of regions and cities**
- **“Think global – Act local”**

# The Covenant of Mayors

- **An initiative of the European Union**
- **Supported by the Committee of the Regions**
- **Launched in February 2009**
- **An immediate success**
- **350 Initial Signatories**
- **Today 3.564 cities have signed**
- **Signatories represent ~ 150 million EU citizens**
- **972 Spanish cities & municipalities have made the commitment**

# Commitments of the CoM signatories

- Prepare a **Baseline Emission Inventory**;
- Submit a **Sustainable Energy Action Plan** within the year following the official adhesion to the Covenant of Mayors initiative, and including concrete measures leading to **at least 20% reduction of CO2 emissions by 2020**;
- Submit an **implementation report** at least **every second year after submission of their Sustainable Energy Action Plan**
- **Organise Local Energy Days** and Share experience and know-how with other local authorities;

# Background of the Pact of Islands

- An initiative supported by the European Parliament & the European Commission
- Not another study that tells us what we already know about European islands
- Put to work a **concrete plan** for sustainable growth of insular communities
- Develop and implement sustainable plans and **specific investments** supporting sustainable growth for each participating island community
- An important tool for territorial and social cohesion

# ISLE-PACT Project Goals

- Achieve an overall objective of more than 20% CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction by 2020.
- Demonstrate islands' political commitment to EU sustainable energy objectives by signing a **BINDING DECLARATION, the Pact of Islands,**
- **Develop Island Sustainable Energy Action Plans (ISEAPs).**
- Monitor & track progress in reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Assess environmental and socio-economic impact
- **Produce a pipeline of priority bankable projects and the means to finance them**
- Inform and invite the civil society to participate



# Work Programme

- **30 months starting 01.02.2010**
- **A total budget of 4 million**
- **11 partners**
  - Canary Islands
  - Gotland+ B7 Islands, Samsø
  - Crete Aegean Islands
  - Azores Madeira
  - Malta Cyprus Sardinia
  - Outer Hebrides of Scotland (the coordinator)
- **8 work packages**
- **2 international conferences**
- **A process open to all European islands**

# Pact of Islands

- **Preparation of the Pact of Islands (PoI) initiative in parallel with the Covenant of Mayors**
- **A political engagement**
- **Commitment to exceed the 20-20-20 targets of the EU climate change package recognising specificities of islands**
  - Fragile ecosystems
  - Structural handicaps – loss of population
  - High tourism – fluctuation in energy demand – scarcity of water
- **Open for signatures at the end of June 2010**

# Islands Sustainable Energy Action Plans

- **To improve knowledge about the energy supply and demand.**
- **To establish the regional and local sustainable energy policies.**
  - Where they are today
  - Where they have to be in 2020 to achieve targets
  - How do they get there
- **To develop ISEAPs needed to achieve targets & policy objectives.**
- **ISEAPs a tool to promote territorial cohesion**

# A pipeline of Bankable projects

- **Identify in each region priority projects: RES, EE & ST**
- **Examine their financial viability**
  - Pre-feasibility studies
  - Advice & feedback from financiers & potential investors
- **Establish a priority list of bankable projects**
- **Perform feasibility studies for priority projects**

# Where are we today

## 62 Island authorities have signed the Pact of Islands

- All 7 cabildos of the Canary Islands
- The regions of Western Isles, Gotland, Hiiumaa, Saaremaa, Öland and Crete
- The autonomous governments (regions) of Sardinia, Sicily, Azores and Madeira
- 18 Greek island municipalities in the Aegean
- 13 Cyprus communities
- 5 Malta local councils
- Samsø from Denmark

More islands are in the process of joining

60 Island SEAPS are in an advanced stage of preparation

9 ISEAPs have been formally adopted by island authorities

44 projects have been submitted – 33 have been retained

## Where do we go from here

- The planning & investment horizon goes to 2020
- Present funding goes to 2012
- On 19 January 2012 a Written Declaration has been adopted by the European Parliament **recognising the Pact of Islands as an EU official EU initiative** and asking the European Commission for continued support.
- **We already plan for ISLE-PACT II** with the view to
  - Bring more islands into the process
  - Implement and monitor the ISEAPs and impact on emissions
  - Encourage and monitor the implementation of bankable projects
  - Measure the impact of ISEAPs on the local economy & society

## In conclusion

- **The Pact of Islands is not a project, it is a process**

It shows that islands can be at the forefront of the fight against climate change, and at the same time create growth, employment and prosperity during difficult economic times.

- **There are no barriers in the fight against climate change**, there are only opportunities that can benefit our islands and foster sustainable growth, create jobs and enhance territorial and social cohesion
- **The continued support of island authorities is crucial in this effort**

**THANK YOU**

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