

**EXTERNAL MEETING OF THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION  
COMMITTEE OF THE LATVIAN ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL  
GOVERNMENTS.**

**THE COVENANT OF MAYORS' SEMINAR "FUNDING AND INNOVATIONS FOR  
CLIMATE AND ENERGY ACTIVITIES – OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE."**

*"Make everything as simple as possible, but not simpler." (Albert Einstein)*

**19 September, 10.00-15.00 (EEST)**

**Working languages: Latvian and English (simultaneous interpretation)**

***Hotel "Amrita" (Rīgas iela 7/9, Liepāja)***

The international Covenant of Mayor's seminar is organized by the Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments in cooperation with the Covenant of Mayors – Europe and Liepāja city municipality.

The European Union Covenant of Mayors was launched in 2008 by the European Commission to support cities and regions with delivering the European Union's (EU) 2020 climate and energy targets. It is now reinforcing the role by aligning its climate pledge to the EU's objective of reaching climate neutrality by 2050 counting more than 11,000 signatories. They receive technical support and financial guidance to design and implement energy and climate plans that contribute to keeping the global temperature rise below 1.5°C - the highest ambition of the Paris climate agreement.

**AGENDA**

***Moderator: Ms Sandra Bērziņa, Adviser on Issues of Environmental Protection,  
Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments***

From 9:30	<b>Arrival of participants. Morning coffee.</b>
10:00- 10:15	<b>Opening speech</b> <b><i>Mr Gints Kaminskis, Chairman, Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments</i></b> <b><i>Mr Gunārs Anšņš, Mayor of Liepāja city municipality, Ambassador of the Covenant of Mayors in Latvia</i></b>

10:15 – 10:35	<p><a href="#">“The Covenant of Mayors” for climate neutral municipalities: why still topical and attractive?</a></p> <p><i>Mr Pedro Bizarro, Officer, Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy - Europe</i></p>
10:35 – 11:05	<p><b>The example of Rakvere: activities implemented in the framework of the Covenant of Mayors.</b></p> <p><i>Mr Andres Jaadla, Member of Rakvere city municipality (Estonia), Ambassador of the Covenant of Mayors in Estonia</i></p>
<p><b><i>EU programs on climate and energy: open project calls</i></b></p>	
11:05 – 11:25	<p><a href="#">“European City Facility”</a></p> <p><i>European initiative to support municipalities in developing investment concepts, accelerate investments in sustainable energy. Municipality can receive a EUR 60,000 grant to support the development of investment concepts, such as (technical) feasibility studies, market analyses, legal, economic and financial analyses, risk analyses and further supporting tasks.</i></p> <p><i>Mr Agris Kamenders, Director, “Ekodoma” Ltd. (EUCF National Hub)</i></p>
11:25 – 11:45	<p><a href="#">Estonia – Latvia programme 2021 – 2027: second call for proposals is open!</a></p> <p><i>2nd call for proposals is opened from 04.09.2023 until 04.01.2024: information on priority 3 “Sustainable and resilient program area”.</i></p> <p><i>Ms Laura Jessop, Program Consultant, Joint Secretariat, Estonia-Latvia Program Secretariat (online presentation)</i></p>
<p><b><i>Activities implemented by municipalities</i></b></p>	
11:45 – 12:10	<p><b>The example of Liepāja: on the way to a climate-neutral and smart city in 2030. Intermediate stop – <a href="#">European Capital of Culture 2027.</a></b></p> <p><i>Mr Kārlis Beihmanis, project coordinator for climate change and energy efficiency issues, Liepāja city municipality, Latvia</i></p>
12:10 – 12:30	<p><a href="#">Helping municipalities on their way to create and implement SECAPS.</a> The involvement and example of Vidzeme planning region.</p> <p><i>Mr Edgars Augustiņš, Energy Efficiency Expert, CEESEU project (online presentation)</i></p>
12:30 – 13:30	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>

***Interactive session "How to create new ideas and innovations, communicating them successfully to citizens."***

13:30 – 14:50	<p><i>Practice and methods for creating innovations, examples for inspiration.</i></p> <p><b><i>Mrs Jolanta Derkevica-Pilskunga, PhD, Expert on Integrated Marketing Communication, Director of the program "Communication management" at the university "Turība", Head of the agency "JDP Integrated Communications"</i></b></p>
14:50 – 15:00	<b>Concluding remarks</b>