Policy recommendations for better SECAPs

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The CoM EU in numbers

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More than 75% of the signatories are supported by Coordinators and/or Supporters
Multilevel governance

Countries with a higher number of supporters and coordinators also have a higher number of CoM signatories.
In Spain 95% of the SECAPs are developed with the support of the provinces and regions.
Challenges of the eastern municipalities by the development and implementation of SECAPs

Lessons learn from the CESEEU project included in the evaluation report,

- Multilevel governance cooperation ist absolutely necessary
- Necessary continuous support of CoM Coordinators and supporters through the time
- Engagement from stakeholders and population in the SECAPs development is challenging
- The Covenant platform and the SECAP are too complex
The example of the region Galicia

The CoM process the region Galicia involve 281 municipalitis and a population of 2,5 million inhabitants (total population of the region 2,6 millions)

The region Galicia use ERDF fonds to,

- Support municipalitis in the development of the SECAP
- Offer technical assistance to the municipalities through a regional technical helpdesk (250.000 € yearly)
- Help municipalities with the implementation of their SECAPs (750.000 € per municipality)
- Invoving stakeholders, universities and companies like Citroën, Zara, Pescanova, etc
How the CoM Office want to help municipalities to develop SECAPs in a easier and better way

For the next period of the CoM EU, up March 2024 the CoM is going to focus on three important strategical points,

- The SECAP as core element of the local policy connecting with many other initiatives
- Simplification
- Nationalisation
- Automatical import of SECAPs
The C O M E U as a core element of the EU policy

The Covenant of Mayors should be a core element of the EU's climate and energy policy and the sustainability agenda. The participation in the CoM EU should allow the contact and participation in many other initiatives.
Simplification of the Covenant reporting framework

• At the global level: Simplification of the Common Reporting Framework/GCoM

• At the EU level: Consultation with city practitioners (May 2023)

• What is being simplified?
  o Less data points / less dis-aggregated data on GHG emissions
  o Reduced number of mandatory actions
  o Mandatory data made optional, e.g. relating to the strategy, emissions, actions

• Adjustments to the EU context:
  o Inclusion of question on energy communities

• Simplified reporting available for European signatories:
  o Once the simplified reporting framework has been implemented in the reporting platforms (MyCovenant / CDP/ICLEI Track)
Nationalization of the reporting process

The nationalization process will allow to align the CoM reporting system with national and regional regulations, accepting and integrating in the CoM EU what municipalities report because of national or regional obligatory regulations like for example, national or regional climate laws.

- Avoiding double reporting for municipalities
- Integrating national and regional energy and climate processes in the CoM EU
- Making possible the participation of many municipalities till now not included in the CoM EU
Overall goals:
  automatic data transfer from Third Party Tools to myCovenant
  • secure
  • easy to use
  • supporting standardization

Data sources:
  - Third Party Tools
  - Standardized Excel Files (official reporting template)
SECAP upload

- Accessible for every signatory user in myCovenant (reporting corner)
  - Official reporting template can be uploaded
  - Supports BEI/MEI import
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Thank you very much for your attention

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