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EUROPE

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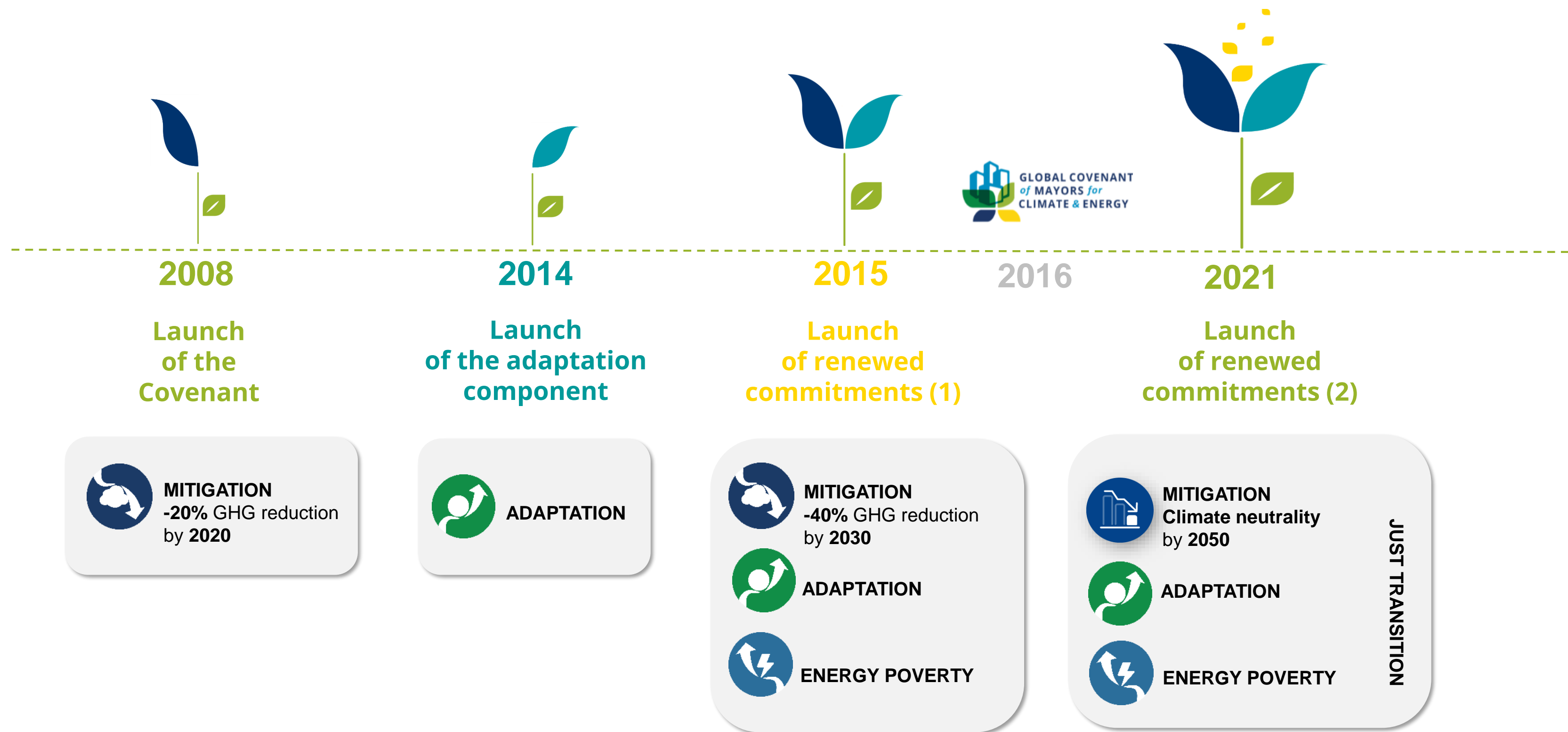
Stepping up actions for a fairer, climate-neutral Europe

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Good practice webinar Rural areas in the energy transition
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Evolution of the Covenant of Mayors – Europe



Global dimension of the Covenant initiative





Some key figures

11 000+ Signatories



mitigation



adaptation



energy
poverty



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7 500+ action plans submitted, including
2 000+ joint action plans

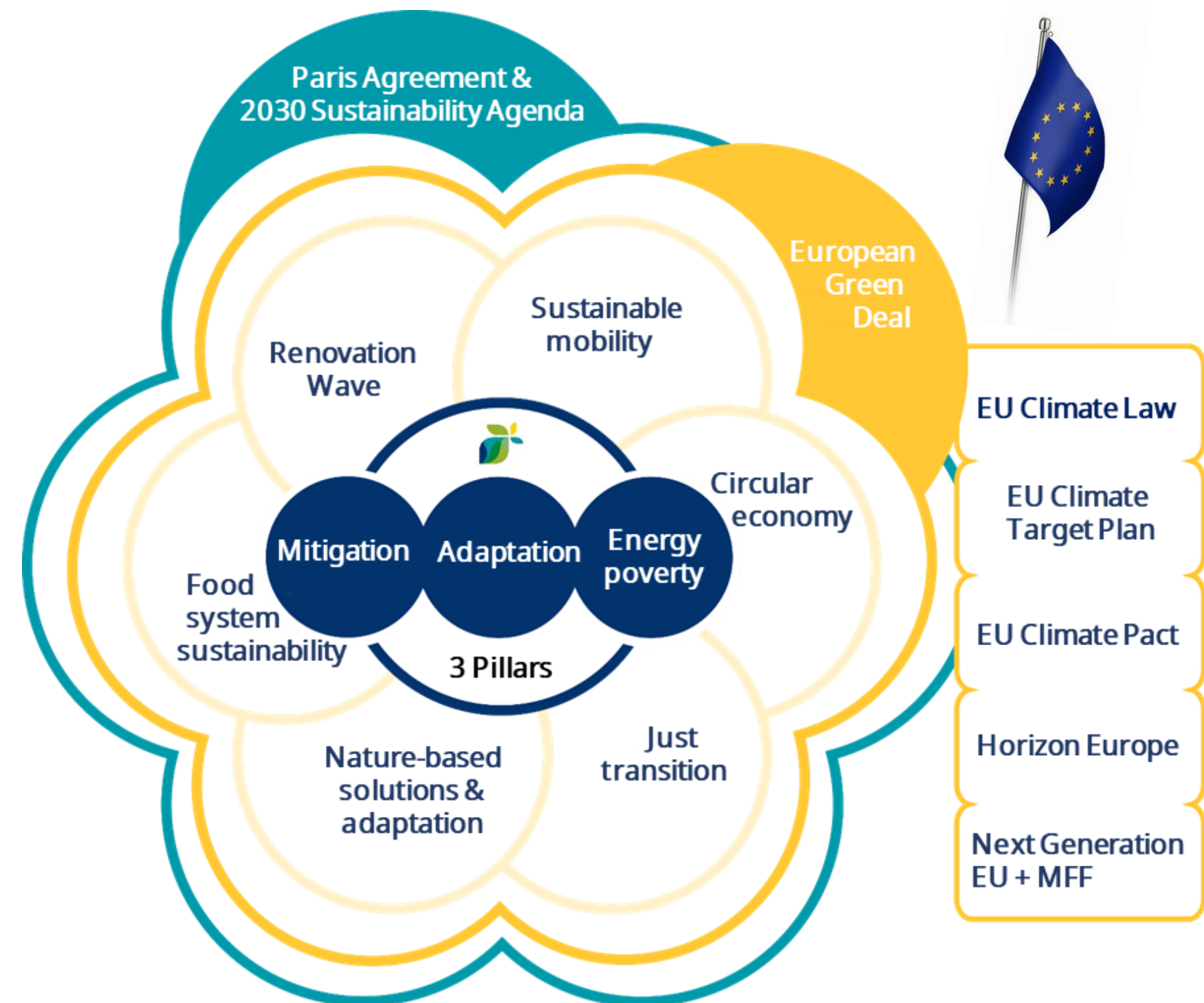
200+ Covenant coordinators
280+ Covenant supporters

as of October 2023



Embedded into wider climate policy

- The world's **largest movement of cities** taking climate and energy action
- Embedded in the EU climate & energy policies (Green Deal, EU adaptation strategy...)
- **Connected to other EU city initiatives** to best support cities in delivering on their ambition (EU Climate Pact, Green City Accord...)
- Allowing **easier access to funding** (LIFE, Horizon Europe, Recovery...)
- Ensuring a **stronger voice** on the international scene



CoM Political Board



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Mayor of Grenoble,
France



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Energy Agency, Croatia



Cities at the forefront of the energy crisis

2023 Covenant high-level political event



Key Note Speech: Kadri Simson

WE REACTED TO RUSSIA'S INVASION UNITED AND WITH A PLAN OF ACTION

WE'VE SET A TARGET OF doubling renewable GENERATION CAPACITY BY 2030

WE PUT FORWARD A REFORM OF Europe's Energy Market Design

RePower EU

STABLE PRICES

CHEAPER ENERGY FROM RENEWABLES

Renovation Wave STRATEGY FOR AFFORDABLE HEALTHIER AND SUSTAINABLE housing

EUROPEAN COMMISSIONER FOR ENERGY Kadri Simson

How can we build a clean, affordable AND secure energy system

#CitiesREPowerEU #EU Cities Save Energy #StandWithUkraine @EU MAYORS

CITIES ON THE FRONTLINE OF THE ENERGY CRISIS 30 March | Brussels

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The Covenant Commitments in Europe

- **55% GHG emission reduction by 2030 & climate neutrality target by 2050**
- **Increasing resilience and prepare for the adverse impacts of climate change,**
- **Tackle energy poverty as one key action to ensure a just transition.**

COMMIT



Adopt the Covenant commitments by municipal council decision

Register on eumayors.eu and upload signed commitment text

ACT



Set city targets and goals

Complete inventories and assessments for mitigation and adaptation pillars

Develop Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP)

Implement actions, monitor, and report on a Covenant-Europe platform

ENGAGE



Develop a local climate pact or similar

Mobilise pledges from citizens, businesses, and government at all levels

Ensure stakeholder participation in both development and implementation of climate action

NETWORK



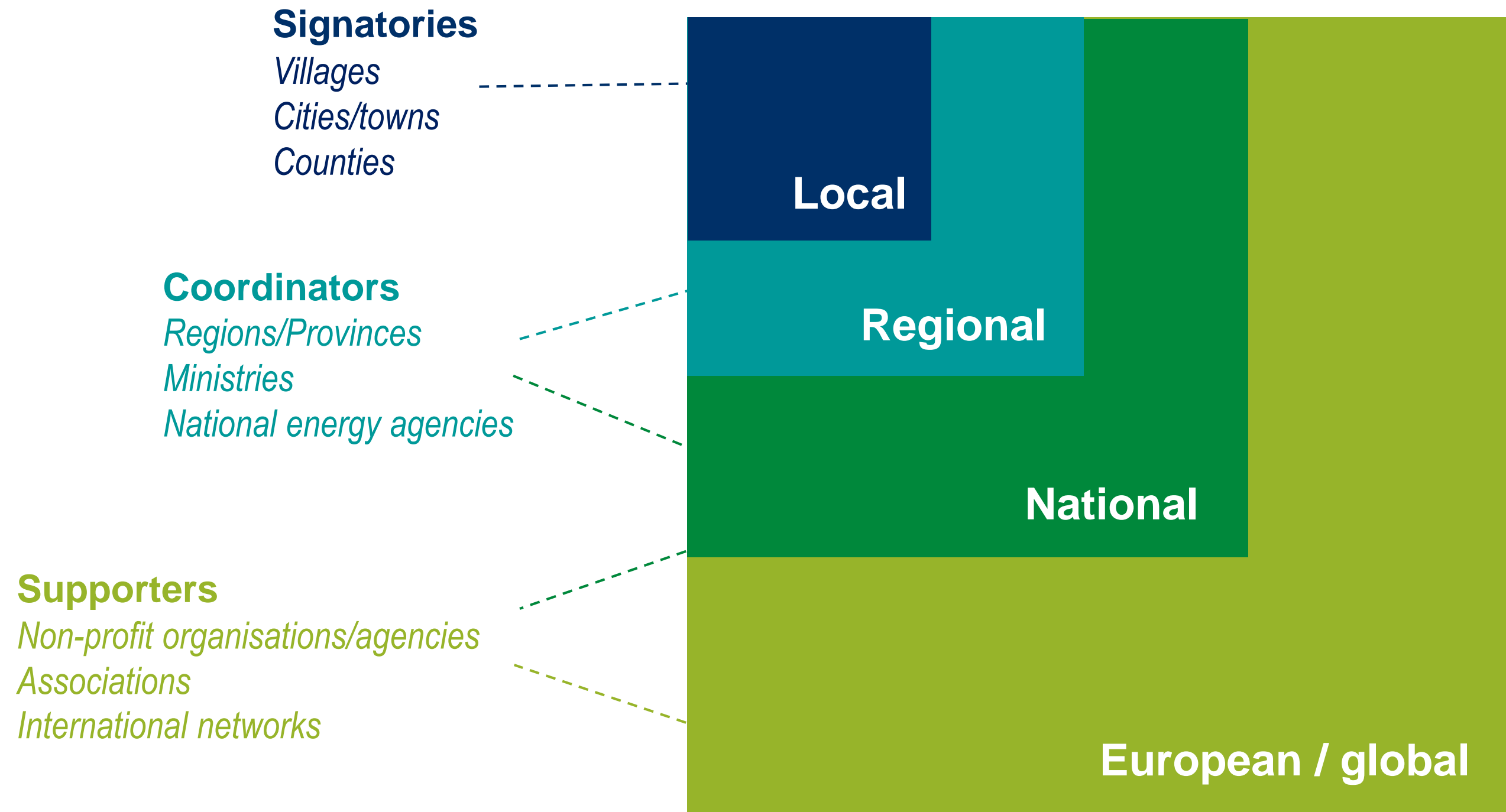
Prepare good practice examples of action implemented

Participate in global and regional advocacy activities

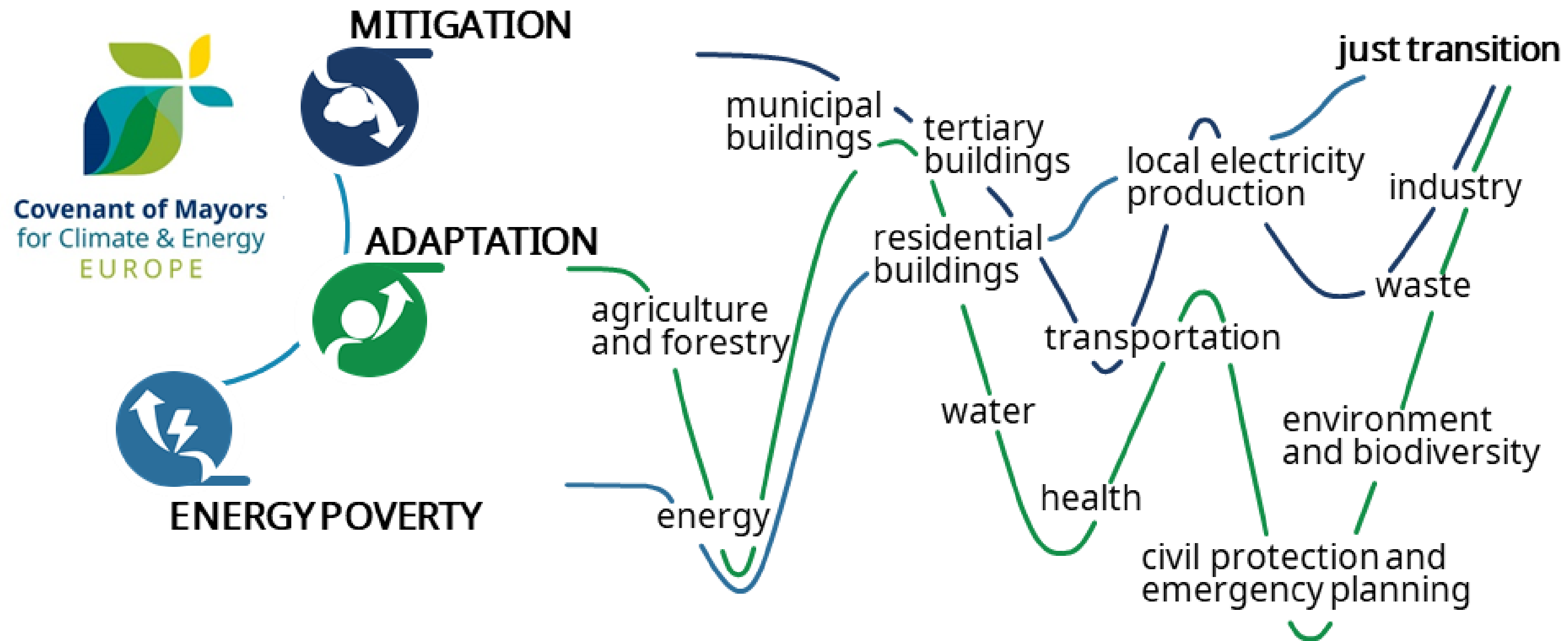
Reference and encourage participation in the Global and EU Covenant of Mayors movement as well as related initiatives



CoM National approach



Fields of action

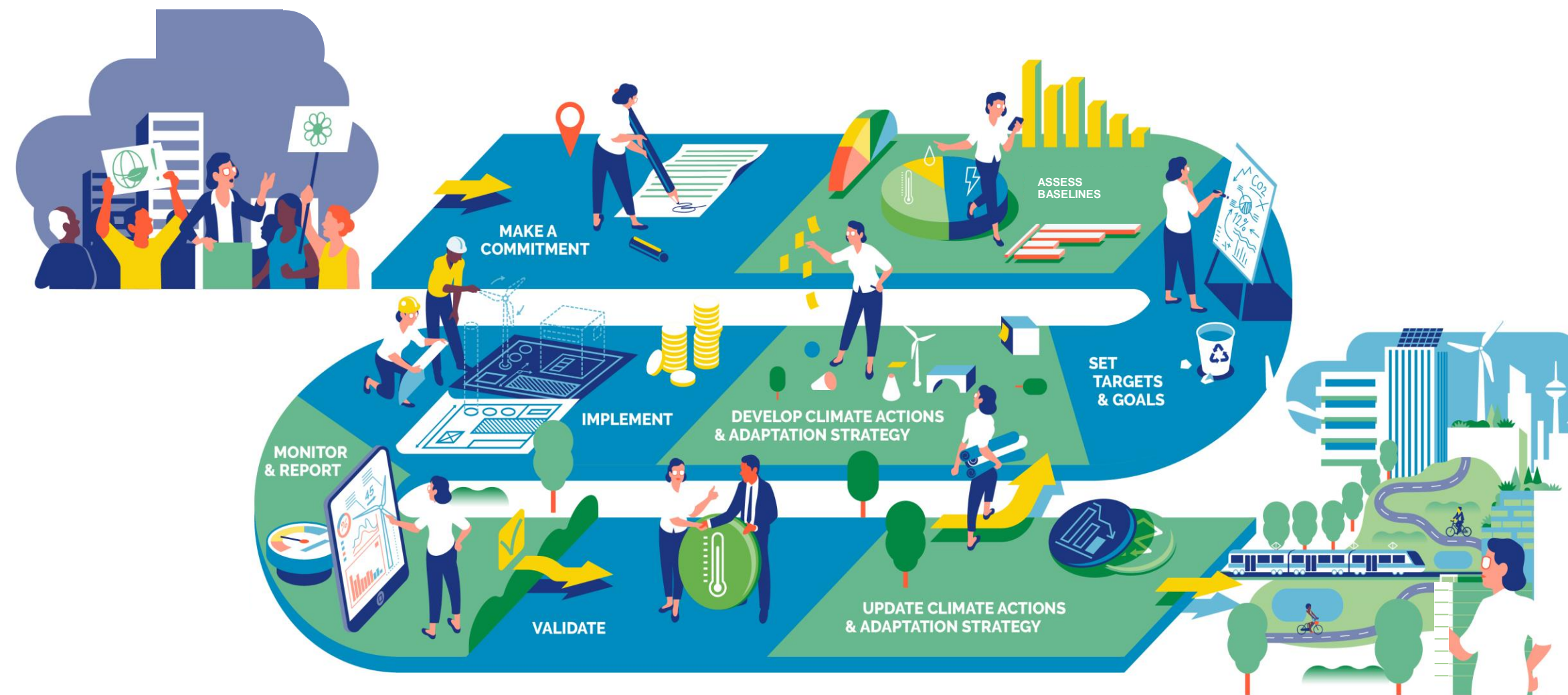


City journey

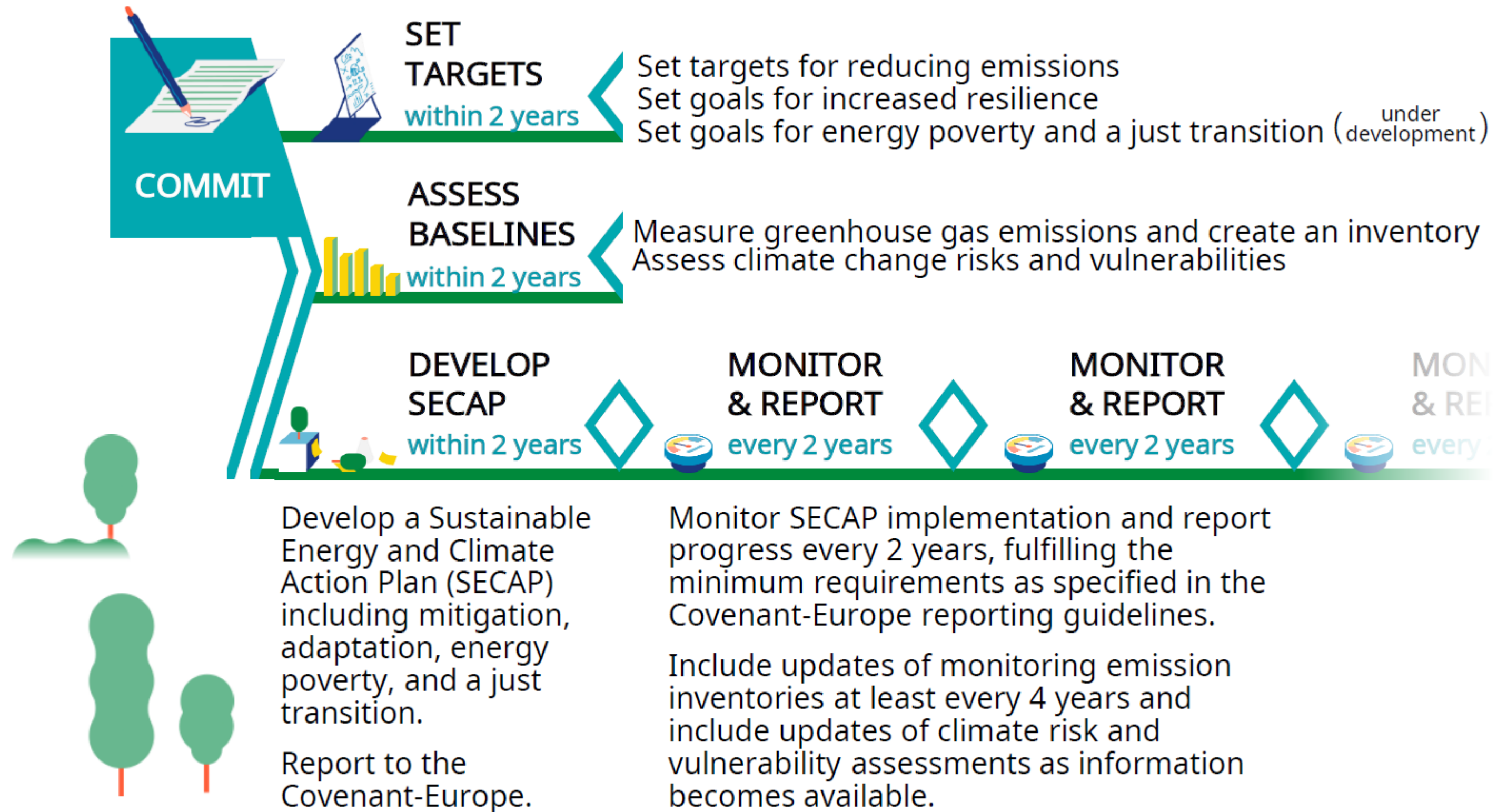


Cities that join the CoM pledge to:

- set targets, assess baselines and develop an action plan **within 2 years following their formal signing**
- monitor & report progress **every 2 years following the submission of their action plan**



Action plan reporting cycle



Support for Covenant signatories



METHODOLOGICAL GUIDANCE



Compilation of all [methodological guidance](#)

Covenant Reporting Guidelines and video tutorials on reporting to the Covenant

JRC Guidebook on methodological principles, procedures, and best practices to develop action plans

WEBINARS ON CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

Click on the boxes to watch recording of webinars

<p>Implementing a pathway approach for adaptation at the local level Presentations >>></p>	<p>Co-creation of climate action and adaptation support tools by local governments and researchers Presentations >>></p>	<p>How to engage citizens in local climate action with online tools? Presentations >>></p>	<p>Business models for nature-based solutions Useful information >>></p>	<p>Integrating mitigation and adaptation for more effective climate action</p>
<p>#1: Assessing risks and vulnerabilities Useful information >>></p>	<p>#2: Designing an adaptation strategy and action plan Useful information >>></p>	<p>#3: Monitoring and evaluating adaptation actions Useful information >>></p>	<p>#4: Financing adaptation actions Useful information >>></p>	

CAPACITY BUILDING



Webinars dedicated to a variety of climate and energy topics, featuring practical experiences and lessons learned

Workshops including country-specific meetings tailored to the needs of signatories

Peer learning programmes tailored to signatories at various stages of the climate adaptation and mitigation journey



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KNOWLEDGE SHARING

Case studies

to share and learn from the experiences of Covenant signatory cities



Thematic publications on

Adaptation measures

to prepare for floods, heatwaves and other climate change impacts



TOOLS



Urban Adaptation Support Tool ⇒ guidance on the entire adaptation cycle and references to resources

E-learning platform ⇒ thematic modules in MyCovenant on the Covenant commitments



Case studies

- Wroclaw, Poland: Citizens catching the rain for climate adaptation
- Riba-Roja de Túria, Spain: Building fire resilience using recycled water
- Barcelona, Spain: Using insurance data to improve resilience to climate change
- Brno, Czech Republic: Rainwater management in Pod Plachtami Park
- Breda, the Netherlands: The See2Do projects encourages citizens to improve energy efficiency
- Métropole Nice Côte d'Azur, France: Pavement irrigation to improve thermal comfort
- Murcia, Spain: Measuring social vulnerability and sectoral adaptive capacity
- Kispest - Budapest District XIX, Hungary: Tackling local needs: the development of an adaptation strategy using a citizen survey





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Thank you!

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