

CITY CLIMATE CONFERENCE HAMBURG 2009



16.–18. Nov. 2009
First Annual Conference of Mayors

Further information on the Hamburg City Climate Conference:

- » Registration for the Conference starts in May 2009
- » You can also register online at www.city-climate-conference.de
- » Further information is now available at www.hamburg.de/start-conference and www.eumayors.de
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Organiser:

Hamburg is organising the City Climate Conference in the framework of the Covenant of Mayors, in cooperation with the EU Commission.



The conference also has support from:



Climate Alliance



Hamburg is organising this international conference as the European Green Capital 2011.





Dear Mayors,

The Conference of Parties of the International Climate Convention will meet in Copenhagen in December this year, to discuss the future of action to mitigate global climate change.

We, the great cities of the world, are the main causes and the main parties affected in the process of global climate change.

So we should also be the main players. In view of the dangers that threaten us, it is high time for cities to take on more responsibility and to urge the conference to take decisive action.

That is why Hamburg is inviting the major cities to attend the City Climate Conference 09, in the framework of the European city network Covenant of Mayors. We will devote two days to intensive work on the strengths of our municipal climate action policies and the strategic challenges of climate change.

The focus will be on discussion and learning from one another. We will have support in this from representatives of the EU Commission, the German government, and leading NGOs.

Our city is open to the world, and looks forward to your participation.

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Hamburg City Climate Conference – a message to Copenhagen

Cities have a special role to play in global climate action – they are home to more than half the world's population, and are responsible for 80% of greenhouse gas emissions. They are the ideal place to test and apply possible solutions and strategies for combating climate change.

Recognising this vital role of cities, the EU Commission has set up the Covenant of Mayors initiative, which brings together more than 400 cities of Europe and the world to take up the struggle against climate change in a joint strategy. The cities undertake to go even beyond the EU targets, reducing CO₂ emissions by more than 20%.

The Hamburg Conference is intended to highlight the innovative resources of the cities and to show what networks such as the Covenant of Mayors can do, here and in other regions of the world. The cities should send a clear message to the UN Climate Conference in Copenhagen.

The Hamburg Conference will set out pro-active municipal climate action policy. It will show that climate-friendly development of infrastructure technologies is a tremendous opportunity – improving quality of life by means of decentral, renewable energy and transport systems, and at the same time creating jobs.

Programme

Monday, 16 November 2009

19:00

- » Senate Reception in the Stock Exchange Hall of the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce

Tuesday, 17 November 2009

9:00

- » Opening of the conference at Congress Center Hamburg
- » Plenary
 - » Mayors in dialogue with experts on strategies of municipal climate policy
 - » Cities and energy
 - » Cities and transport
- » Workshops
 - » The European cities network Covenant of Mayors as an example of joint strategies
- » Plenary
 - » The future of cities – global cities and climate change

19:00

- » Gala dinner in the Banqueting Hall of the Hamburg City Hall

Wednesday, 18 November 2009

9:00

- » Continuation of conference at Congress Center Hamburg
- » Plenary
 - » The future of cities – decoupling of growth from CO₂ emissions
- » Mayors from major cities of the world discuss the demands that cities make for Copenhagen
 - » 5 Cities – 5 Continents – 5 Claims
 - » Hamburg Declaration

12:00

- » Signature of the joint Hamburg Declaration followed by a press conference