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European Week of Regions and Cities

Thriving Regions, Stronger Europe

11:30 **Welcoming**

Eero Ailio, Adviser on Energy transition and local governance, European Commission - DG ENER

11.35 **Together for ambitious climate and energy action**

Sagrario Pérez Castellano

Director General, Environment, Sustainability and Climate Change, Galicia Region, Spain

Alessandro Delli Noci

Regional Councillor for Energy, Puglia Region, Italy

Bart Somers

Vice Minister-president, Flanders Region, Belgium

11.55 **Interaction with the audience**

12.10 **Second round of intervention from the panellists**

12.25 **Final remarks**

Eero Ailio, Adviser on Energy transition and local governance, European Commission - DG ENER

12.30 **End of the session**





Covenant of Mayors

Together for ambitious climate action

Eero Ailio, Adviser on Energy Transition and local Governance, European Commission DG Energy

21st European Week of Regions and Cities, Brussels 11. October 2023

The Context

DELIVERING THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL THE DECISIVE DECADE



Become
climate-neutral
by 2050



The European Climate Law



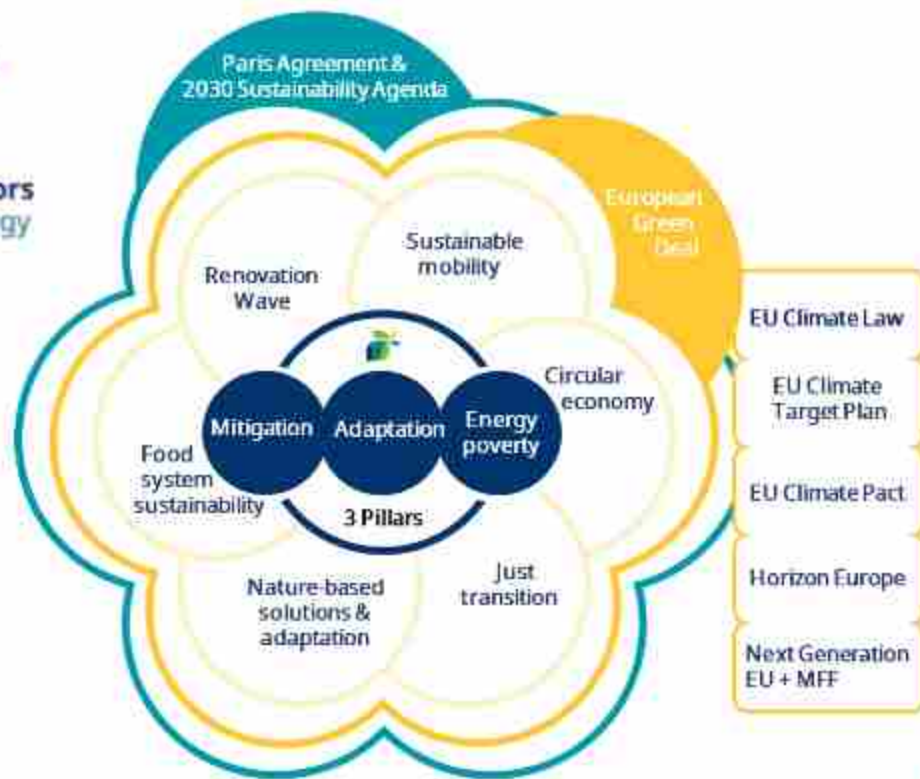
Getting it done

Enabling Framework



The Just Transition Mechanism

Making sure no one is left behind



National Energy and Climate Plans:

Member State contributions to the EU's 2030 climate ambition



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Sagrario Pérez Castellanos

General Director of Environmental Quality,
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Galicia,
an Spanish Autonomous
Community

Where are we?



29,574.8 km²

2,690,464 inhabitants

91 people per km²

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Galician municipalities profile

313
municipalities

Small municipalities
<10,000 inhabitants



257
municipalities

Medium municipalities
Between 10,000 and
20,000 inhabitants



33
municipalities

Large municipalities
>20,000 inhabitants



23
municipalities

7 Galician
cities
of 983,206
inhabitants

High population
density

Medium population
density

Small population
density

Small area

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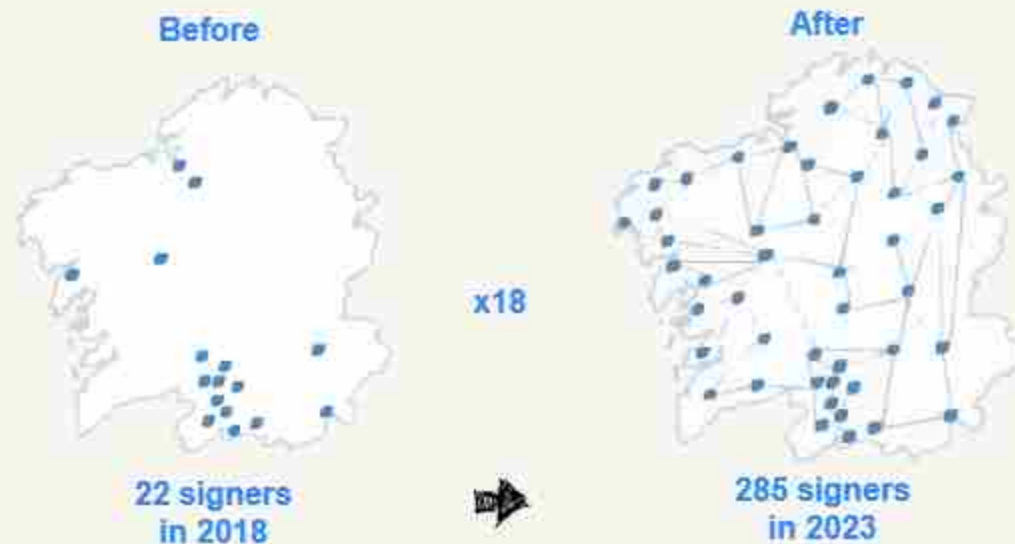
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Galician Covenant of Mayors coordination

Xunta de Galicia promoted and led the adhesion of municipalities to Covenant of Mayors.

Since then, municipalities adhesion multiplied, compromising to:

- ✓ set medium and long-term climate action objectives,
- ✓ transform their social and economic systems involving citizens and companies,
- ✓ and to accelerate the necessary transition in coordination.



285
Councils in the Covenant of Mayors



2,500,799
inhabitants

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The Assistance Centre

2019

Mayors were informed about the initiative

Adhesion form +
Commitments +
Step-by-step approach

Councils passed the agreement

CAC registered 268 out of 285 signatories since 2019

Now



CAC support for
SECAP elaboration /
update

Information + Training
Templates + toolbox

Meteogalicia:
extreme events data

SECAPs submitted now:
248 out of 251 candidates



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SECAPs and other funds



'PIMA Climate Change' regional funds are planned to support municipalities to prepare their urban and peripheral areas for climate change effects.

Xunta de Galicia required municipalities to apply to this fund with proposals that are part of their SECAPs.

Our government will mobilized nearly **0.8 M€ in PIMA CC funds for SECAP's adaptation actions** in nearly **45 municipalities** of Galicia during 2023 and 2024.

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An integrated regional government strategy

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1st Climate Law of Galicia

Administration neutrality in 2040



Galician Climate Alliance

Covenant's Mayor of Galicia



Galician Resilience Office

Xunta de Galicia has a complete and integrated mitigation and adaptation strategy for the next decades.

- ✓ Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2030, on pair with the new European Green Deal, are the keystones of our regional action plan.



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An integrated regional government strategy

A public-private collaboration for climate change action.

It is an open initiative to any Galician entity that commits itself to:

- ✓ establish measures to mitigate and adapt to climate change effects,
- ✓ and to promote and support research that accelerates the low emission technologies development.



79 SIGNERS



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An integrated regional government strategy



Galician Strategy of Climate Change and Energy 2050

An integral plan of mitigation and adaptation with:

- ✓ 10 strategic objectives
- ✓ 34 action points
- ✓ 170 action items



Multidimensional policies



MITIGATION



RESEARCH



ADAPTATION



SOCIAL DIMENSION,
GOVERNANCE AND
AWARENESS

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An integrated regional government strategy

A new **Galician Climate Law** will pass by the international and national agreements in order to be climatically neutral by 2050, and for mitigate and be adapted to climate change consequences.

- ✓ The **Climate Change Strategy** and **innovative carbon bonds** are key tools for achieving neutrality.
- ✓ **Covenant of Mayors**, **Climate Alliance** and the new office **Galicia Resilience** would boost adaptation at all levels.
- ✓ The law will guarantee transparency and social participation.

1st Climate Law structure

Climate neutrality 



Carbon bonds

Evaluation mechanisms 



Covenant of Mayors

Climate Alliance 



Galicia Resiliente

Transparency and participation 



Social engagement

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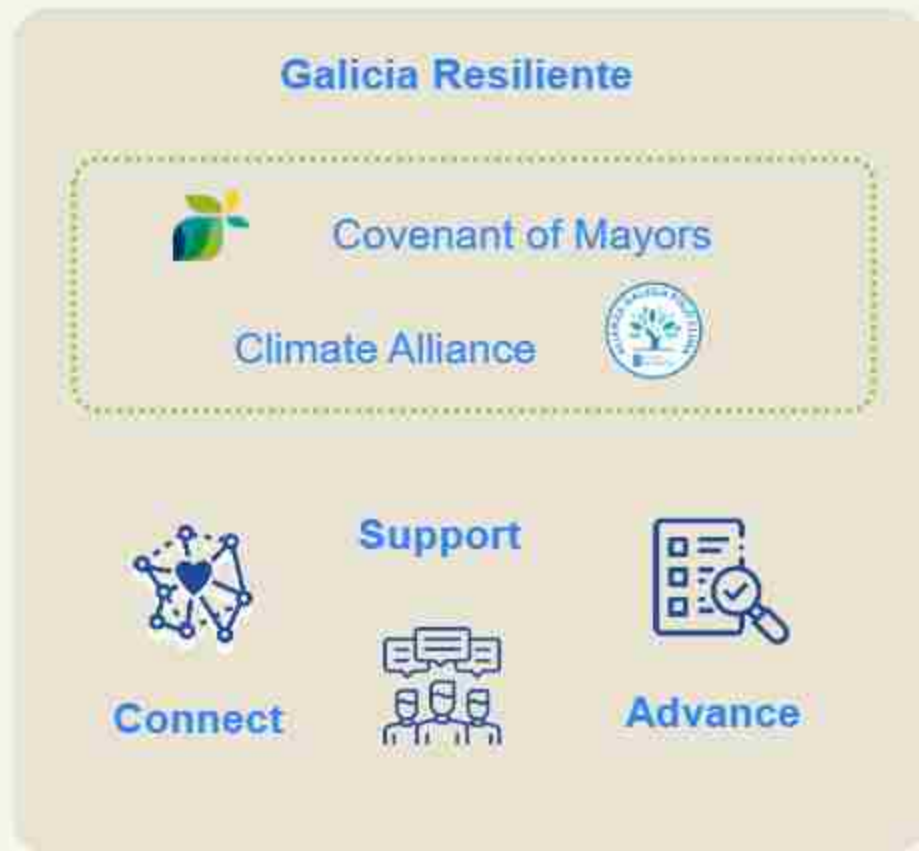
'Galicia Resiliente' will be a new office for persecuting a neutral and resilient Galicia.

Its meant to connect all players and give support to them. It will check if their actions are on the right way for adaptation.

This office is created thanks to **1.2 M€** of funding from **European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)** and will operate from 2024 up to 2029.



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Bart Somers

Vice-minister-president

Flemish minister of Internal Affairs and Living Together in Diversity

Flanders, Belgium




ACCELERATING TRANSITION IN FLANDERS

TRANSLATING THE EU GREEN DEAL INTO TANGIBLE LOCAL ACTIONS

Vice-minister-president Bart Somers
Flemish minister of Internal Affairs and Living Together in Diversity

Wednesday 11 October 2023



**"Why try to explain miracles to
your kids when you can just
have them plant a garden."**

Robert Brault, Freelance Writer



CREATING A PACT

- Abstract climate goals translated into **18 concrete targets**: 1 tree extra per inhabitant
- In correlation to number of inhabitants
- Mutual **contract** between governments
- With **financial Flemish support** and follow-up

LOCAL ENERGY & CLIMATE PACT



1.0 THE BEGINNING

4 domains

Greening * Energy *
Mobility * Rainwater



2.0: FIT FOR 55

EU Fit-for 55 ambition
Focus on fossil fuel free



2.1: SOCIAL ENERGY

Energy crisis
Focus on vulnerable
households



BUILDING CAPACITY

1. WORKING PLATFORM OF FRONTRUNNER CITIES

Getting rid of hampering thresholds

2. DISTRICT RENOVATION TOOL

Creating digital twins

Goal: to collectively renovate



3. TECHNICAL SUPPORT HUBS FOR ENERGY COMMUNITIES

Technical, financial and legal advice



INVITATION

15/03/2024

**THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT &
COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS**

Belgian presidency of the EU

550 Mayors fit for 55



THANK YOU

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Cities is where the success of the
Green Deal will be tested

Its all about a top down + bottom
up strategy