CEPS Task Force on
Global Climate Change Policy and the Increasing Role of Cities

Introduction to the Draft Outline of 20 November
“EU levers to accelerate city actions on climate change”

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Objective(s)

- explore how cities and their actions could *facilitate and possibly accelerate the implementation* of EU current and future EU and national climate change commitments. ("Local governments must become leading actors for implementing sustainable energy policies..." ...) [Covenant of the Mayors].

- Includes potential city action internationally

- Adaptation is not addressed

- Report does not discuss whether cities should have seat at the negotiation table

... take stock of and to structure ongoing initiatives and discussions ... identify and think through some of the issues ... test those among EU and international stakeholders and formulate a limited set of concrete recommendations to be presented to local, national, EU and international policy-makers and negotiators.
1. Prospects and status

- Why? (scale of emissions, easily targeted; acceptability; overcoming transaction costs; intermediate institutions)

- Covenant of the Mayors (... ) [1.1]

- Other European/international initiatives (... p. 8-9) [1.2]

- International activities (... p. 9-11) [1.3]

- Cities in international cc negotiations (and actions) (... p. 11/12) [1.4]

- Research (... p. 13/14) [1.5]

Review, to be updated and completed
2. Principal challenges

- Emissions are regulated sector-wide and not city-wide

  (1) double-regulation
  (2) double-counting
  (3) Potential lack of mandate
  (4) Improper definitions of sector boundaries
  (5) Governance (EU; subsidiarity)

- Other

  (6) Corporate versus regulated emissions
  (7) Quantification of policy-based approaches
  (8) Monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV)
  (9) Time consistency
3. Moving the agenda forward

(1) Legal commitments (importance of legal commitment to avoid crowding out)
(2) Legal tools, i.e. competencies, mandates ...
(3) Finance
(4) Benchmarking and comparison
(5) Experimental works, i.e. pilots
(6) MRV tools
(7) Economic tools to identify abatement potentials
(8) Political mobilisation

- To be discussed at meeting
- Including recommendations
Next steps

- Based on today’s outcome, completion of the Final Draft Report
- Discussions and approval at final meeting (8 February)
- Revision after final meeting and circulation again for definitive approval
- Outreach activities (also to be discussed at next meeting)