

**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)**