



Demonstration Projects  
Eastern Partnership



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## **EU promotes sustainable energy development of Ukrainian cities**

***Reducing CO2 emissions by 30% by 2030, enhancing energy efficiency, improving quality of people's life are ambitious commitments that Mayors voluntarily take over while joining the EU Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy. The European initiative is becoming widespread in the Eastern Partnership countries. Over 30 mayors of Ukrainian cities will gather together on June 19, 2017 at 10:30 in Slavutych (Kyiv oblast) for the solemn signing ceremony of Covenant of Mayors that will be held during the official opening of the European Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) in Ukraine.***

The EU SEW opening and Covenant of Mayors signing ceremony will be attended by **Thomas Frellesen**, Deputy Head of European Union Delegation to Ukraine, **Gennadiy Zubko**, Vice Prime Minister – Minister for Regional Development, Construction, Housing and Municipal Economy of Ukraine, **Oleksandr Gorgan**, Head of Kyiv Regional State Administration, **Yuriy Fomichev**, Mayor of Slavutych and **Volodymyr Harazd**, President of the Association "Energy Efficient Cities of Ukraine".

In the framework of the event, the International Conference "Covenant of Mayors and Energy Efficiency in Buildings: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" will be held with participation of representatives of governmental bodies, international donors, NGOs, leading Ukrainian and European experts and media. The main challenges of performing energy reforms in Ukraine, improving energy efficiency, key aspects of thermal modernization and potential of introduction of new European construction standards, EU programmes and projects supporting the Covenant of Mayors 2020 – 2030 will be in focus of the discussion.

The event is organised by the Association "Energy Efficient Cities of Ukraine" together with Slavutych City Council with the support of the European Union Delegation to Ukraine, "Covenant of Mayors East" (CoM East) Project and the Programme "Covenant of Mayors – Demonstration Projects" (CoM-DeP), funded by the EU, as well as projects, funded by the German Government and implemented by GIZ.

**Media representatives are invited to take part in the European Sustainable Energy Week in Ukraine and the signing ceremony in Slavutych.** The press briefing will be held at 11:50. Prior accreditation of journalists is required and will be open until **June 15, 2017, 17:00**, at: <https://goo.gl/forms/Lfd4Qm57FEX22hK53>

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### **Background:**

**European Sustainable Energy Week.** For the seventh year in a row, Ukraine joins the initiative of the European Sustainable Energy Week, which runs this year on June 19 – 25, 2017 and will be celebrated in around 50 Ukrainian municipalities. The European Sustainable Energy Week in Ukraine is a large-scale activities aimed at promoting best energy practices, inspiring innovative ideas and combining efforts to achieve the EU goals to overcome the consequences of climate change, improve energy efficiency and energy security as well sustainable urban development.

**Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy** is the initiative of the European Union involving local and regional authorities, which have undertaken a voluntary commitment to implement EU climate and energy objectives on their territories. Currently, the Covenant of Mayors has become the most ambitious worldwide urban climate and energy initiative, bringing together more than 7,500 signatories, representing over 220 million citizens. 112 Ukrainian cities have voluntarily committed to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 30% by 2030.

**Covenant of Mayors East (CoM East)** is the EU-funded Project aimed at bringing together local and regional authorities of the Eastern Partnership countries in implementing sustainable energy policies, reducing their dependence on fossil fuels, increasing security of energy supply and facilitating the global movement on climate change mitigation.

**Covenant of Mayors – Demonstration Projects (CoM-DeP)** is the European Union Programme supporting municipalities from EaP countries, which are signatories of the Covenant of Mayors, with the population of less than 200 thousand inhabitants. The CoM-DeP provides technical assistance and financial support to small cities in the course of implementing energy efficiency measures included in their Sustainable Energy Action Plans. As part of the Programme, 19 Demonstration Projects are being currently implemented in the Eastern Partnership countries: 11 in Ukraine, 3 in Moldova, 3 in Belarus, 1 in Armenia and 1 in Georgia.