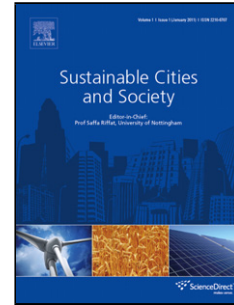


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Highlights:

- The CoM initiative has more than 7,600 signatories as of October 2017, covering 238 million inhabitants from European, Central Asian and South Mediterranean cities, with majority of signatories being mainly small or medium size cities by CTCs.
- To make the most of the contribution by small local authorities to climate and energy targets, the coordinating role of regions/provinces is very important, as shown by the experience of Covenant Territorial Coordinators (CTCs) in the CoM.
- The governance model Signatory-CTC observed within the CoM can be positively replicated in other European countries with an administrative structure similar to that of Italy, Spain, or Belgium.

Abstract

Sustainable energy is recognised by policy makers at global, EU, national, and local level as a key solution for the mitigation of climate change. In the process leading to COP 21 in Paris targets have been established or are being established for energy and climate, e.g. the EU 2030 climate and energy targets and the national climate strategies in the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), which may have

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