***Official Side Event:***

*Introducing the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy: the impact of collective city action*

**Place & Time of Event:**

Tuesday, November 15

13:15 – 14:45 PM

Arctic (300)

**Event Description:**

*The event will introduce the new Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy, resulting in a new global initiative from combining the efforts of the European Union Covenant of Mayors and the Compact of Mayors, now joining 7100 cities over 119 countries around ambitious city climate action. Analysis of the collective impact of city commitments will be presented & discussions will be facilitated via Q/A sessions, and new mayors will be invited to join the initiative.*

| **Time** | **Type** | **Theme** | **Topic** | | **Speakers** |
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| 13:15-13:25 | Introduction | Welcome & Introduction of the event |  | | * Jos Delbeke, Director General,DG Climate Action |
| 13:25- 13:35 | Overview | Brief overview of the Global Covenant of Mayors |  | | * Amanda Eichel, Special Advisor for UN Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change Michael Bloomberg |
| 13:35 – 14:10 | Panel | Discussion on the importance of city action and partnering with other levels of government; importance of consistent and comparable data in mitigation and adaptation; connect the climate agenda and the SDGs and city action | Local Climate Actions | | * Mayor Don Iveson (Edmonton, Canada) * Minister for Climate and Sustainability Shane Rattenbury (Australian Capital Territory, Australia) * Mayor Mohamed Sefiani (Chefchaouen, Morocco) * Mayor Ulrich Sumpoh (Port Vila, Vanatu) * Councillor Mpho Parks Tau (Johannesburg, South Africa) * President Francesco Pigliaru (Sardinia, Italy)   Moderator: Frédéric Vallier, Secretary General, CEMR |
| 14:10—14:30 | Question & Answer |  | |  | * Frédéric Vallier |
| 14:30—14:40 | Closing |  | |  | * Gabriela Fischerová, Senior State Advisor on Climate Change, Slovak Republic |
| 14:40 – 14:45 | Official Photo | | | | |