

### **Eurogas joins Covenant of Mayors: accelerating local decarbonisation efforts by using gas**

**Brussels, Tuesday, 5 July 2016: Eurogas, the association representing the European gas wholesale, retail and distribution sectors has joined the Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy as Associated Partner. The Covenant of Mayors brings together thousands of local and regional authorities from small villages to major capital cities, all of which are voluntarily committed to implementing EU climate and energy objectives.**

Gertjan Lankhorst, Eurogas President said: *“The Paris COP21 Agreement has changed the energy landscape for good. Gas can and will help communities consume energy in an efficient and sustainable manner. We are pleased to join forces with the Covenant of Mayors, which is an important initiative that engages citizens, consumers and communities to work towards more sustainable energy choices.”*

Frédéric Boyer, Head of the Covenant of Mayors Office, said: *“It is comforting to see large industry groups such as Eurogas support the Covenant of Mayors movement and the transition to a decentralised energy system. It definitely shows we are entering a new phase, where cards are being distributed more widely across society and particularly through the involvement of cities, and the companies that adapt to this new reality are the ones which will successfully make their transition.”*

As an Associated Partner, Eurogas will support Covenant Signatories by sharing best practices and innovative solutions from the gas industry. By doing so, the association and its members will also be highlighting the vital role that gas can play in helping local and regional communities accelerate their efforts to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, while maintaining secure, sustainable and affordable energy supply.

#### **Note to Editors:**

**Eurogas** is an association representing 43 companies and associations engaged in the wholesale, retail and distribution of gas in Europe. Eurogas provides data and information relevant to EU decision makers and opinion formers in making the right policy choices.

**Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy** was launched by the European Commission on 15 October 2015 during a ceremony in the European Parliament in Brussels. The three pillars of the strengthened Covenant - mitigation, adaptation, and secure, sustainable and affordable energy - were symbolically endorsed on this occasion.

Signatories' vision — Signatories endorse a shared vision for 2050: accelerating the decarbonisation of their territories, strengthening their capacity to adapt to unavoidable climate change impact, and allowing their citizens to access secure, sustainable and affordable energy.

Signatories' commitments — Signatory cities pledge action to support implementation of the EU 40% greenhouse gas reduction target by 2030 and the adoption of a joint approach to tackling mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

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