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The Union of Towns and Cities of Slovakia (UTCS) is voluntary association of cities founded on April 29, 1994

UTCS members :

71 cities, 5 municipalities and 5 special members that are municipal parts of Bratislava and Košice

UTCS members represent more than 2,5 millions of Slovak inhabitants.

Main Goals of the Union:

- Promoting role of cities as centers of regions
- Supporting restoration and protection of the environment and cultural heritage
- Supporting pan-European cooperation focus on Local Agenda 21 and **Intelligent Energy Europe**
- Supporting and promoting **Covenant of Mayors**



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CITENERGO Association was created in 2009 thanks initiative of the **Union of Towns and Cities of Slovakia** and **Energy Centre Bratislava** in the framework of pan European BISE Process

CITENERGO includes **9 full members** (Gelnica, Košice, Kremnica, Nitra, Prešov, Vrable, Šala, Hurbanovo, Kolarovo) and **5 associated members**

CITENERGO main goals:

information, administrative and expert support to Slovak municipalities, especially at:

- Ensuring energy efficiency (EE) and the using of local renewable energy resources (LRER)
- Accessing information database in the framework of pan European **Energy-Cites Association**
- Supporting and promoting of **Covenant of Mayor** at national and local level



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The Covenant of Mayors is the most ambitious European initiative engaging signatory cities to go beyond the EU's energy and climate goals,

the so-called “3x20” objectives until 2020 :

- reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 20%
- increasing energy efficiency by 20%
- increasing the share of renewable energy to 20%

New jobs and activities, a better quality of life and lower energy vulnerability are expected on the ground.



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In Slovakia there are **in total 2928** municipalities, including **138 cities and towns**

At the end of 2011 there were **6 signatories** from Slovakia:

- The first cities **Nitra** and **Moldava nad Bodvou** signed the CoM in 2008.
- 4 small municipalities with population less than 2000 inhabitants: **Chtelnica, Malženice, Pobedim** and **Trakovice** signed up to the Covenant on the occasion of a conference organized on 29 September, 2011 in Bratislava.



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The Union of Towns and Cities of Slovakia became Covenant Supporter at the beginning of September 2011.

Drivers for cities and municipalities to join the Covenant:

- better access to the EU financing
- Visibility on the international arena
- create new contacts for cross-border cooperation



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Slovak Covenant of Mayors National Platform was launched November 15th, 2011 in Bratislava during a national conference “Effective Energy for Municipalities.

The Platform brings together local authorities and national actors.

The aim is to create and share a powerful vision and to develop common priorities for action in terms of decentralised energy, territorial cohesion and adaptation to climate change



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19 signatories signed the “National Covenant Networking Platform Charter:

- **Cities and towns – 4 signatories**
- **Ministries and Government bodies - 3 signatories**
- **Environmental NGOs – 3 signatories**
- **Professional Associations specialised in energy management and RES - 6**
- **Associations of local authorities – 2 signatories**
- **Academy of science and research centres – 1 signatory**



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Key actors which are able to actively participate in the Platform's activities:

- Cities: Kremnica, Gelnica, Medzev and Moldava nad Bodvou
- Associations of local authorities: Union of Towns and Cities of Slovakia and the Club of Slovak Mayors
- Government bodies: Slovak Innovation Energy Agency (Ministry of Economy SR)
- Professional Associations specialised in energy management and RES: Energy Centre Bratislava, CEVO, SUN4ENERGY, Association of energy managers (ASENEM)
- Environmental NGOs: REC Slovakia (Regional Environmental Centre) and Society for Sustainable Living of Slovakia (STUZ)



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The main targets of the National CoM Platform were discussed in Kezmarok, November 25, 2011 during the Presidium of the Union of Towns and Cities of Slovakia.

Key decisions:

- **To promote and continue to build the National CoM Dialog Platform**
- **To start the discussion about the national Covenant Action Plan development**
- **To find synergies among actions implemented by different key actors at local and national level**
- **To organise next Platform meeting in the frame of FORUM CARPATICUM 2012 focused on the Adaptation to Climate Change**



The continuous capacity building of the European, national and regional **networks of local authorities** will be crucial for the coming years.

NET-CoM project will set up a permanent cooperation among the networks in order to benchmark their experiences, practices, tools and working methods.

CITENERGO and the **Union of Towns and Cities of Slovakia** will focus their efforts on the strengthening this Net-work and on the implementation successfully their members current or future Covenant engagements.



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Sieťová spolupráca miest a obcí z 12tich európskych krajín, zameraná na podporu a implementáciu „Dohovoru primátorov a starostov“

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