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Subject: Letter of Recognition

Dear Sir,

We are pleased to confirm that the European Energy Award® can be recognised as an efficient implementation tool for Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs) in the context of the Covenant of Mayors. In doing so, the European Commission acknowledges the quality management and certification system of the European Energy Award® which has been developed within previous European programmes.

We acknowledge that there is a high analogy and good convergence between the European Energy Award® and the Covenant. As the signing of the Covenant entails some specific commitments that are likely to be reflected in the cities action plan and activities, European Energy Award® cities that wish to join the Covenant might consider the following actions in order to make sure that they are in line with the Covenant objectives and requirements:

- explicit integration of the minimum 20% CO₂ reduction by 2020 objective into the SEAP
- adjustment of the planned measures to make sure they contribute to this objective
- eventual inclusion of sectors that are not currently covered by the city's action plans but highly recommended in the context of the Covenant (see annexed table)
- preparation of a baseline CO₂ emission inventory (BEI) or eventual adaptation of the existing inventory to meet the Covenant's recommendations
- submission of the updated SEAP (in national language) and BEI via the Covenant of Mayor's website www.eumayors.eu, as well as filling the on-line template (in English) within the year following the signing of the Covenant
- submission of a qualitative report every second year and a quantitative report including full CO₂ monitoring inventory every fourth year

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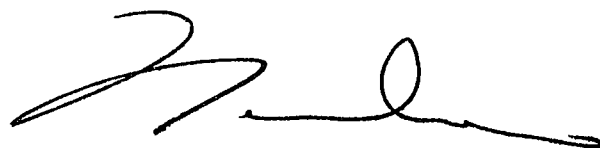
The monitoring/reporting requirements in the context of the Covenant are under development. We will endeavour to minimise extra monitoring/reporting work for European Energy Award® communities compared to current European Energy Award® practices. In this respect, the following actions will be considered:

- The Commission may consider the specific features of the European Energy Award® assessment tool when devising these requirements
- The Commission may devise a table of correspondences between the European Energy Award® assessment tool and the future SEAP monitoring template in order to facilitate any conversion work
- The Commission may give indications of possible adjustments to the European Energy Award® assessment tool that may simplify future work of European Energy Award®/Covenant cities.

The European Commission strongly encourages the European Forum European Energy Award e.V. and its European, national and regional offices to inform about the Covenant of Mayors and to support European Energy Award® communities in the formal adhesion process. Similarly, the Covenant of Mayors Office will inform about the outstanding position of the European Energy Award®.

The European Commission welcomes this new partnership and hopes that a large number of European Energy Award® municipalities will join the Covenant of Mayors initiative.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fabrizio Barbaso', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Fabrizio Barbaso