

**PRESS RELEASE**

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## Energy and Climate 2030 objectives:

### Mayors "demonstrate" their contribution and call for continued EU support

While committed European mayors are discussing ways to [accelerate the energy transition in Växjö \(Sweden\)](#), an informal Energy Council Meeting is taking place. The [2030 framework for climate and energy policies](#) is likely to be an important topic of this meeting and rightfully so.

However, as important these EU orientations may be, they will not bear any fruit without the crucial involvement of local authorities which are completely ignored in the [related European Commission's Green Paper](#).

Energy Cities mayors and elected representatives have shown their voluntary commitments to EU objectives through their involvement in the [Covenant of Mayors](#) and via the numerous initiatives they are implementing on the ground, to boost energy self-sufficiency, economic competitiveness and sustainable development. Far from being isolated, these actions are articulated around five strategic pillars outlined in Energy Cities' [30 proposals for the Energy Transition of Cities and Towns](#).

As both the EU, and local levels are meeting today to advance the energy and climate agenda, Energy Cities' members call on the EU to recognize and support their efforts and invite all other stakeholders to join them in this endeavor.

- Read their [Call for Action](#)
- Read Energy Cities' [Open Letter on the 2030 objectives](#)

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