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AMENDMENTS

DRAFT OPINION

The future of the Covenant of Mayors

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AMENDMENT 2

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Point 6

Amend as follows:

Csaba Borboly
Ovidiu Brăiloiu
Raymund Kovács
László Majthényi
József Ribányi
Róbert Szabó
Adrian Țuțuianu

<i>Draft opinion</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
approves of and supports extending and updating the Covenant of Mayors' objectives in line with the EU 2030 climate and energy framework programme, namely a reduction of over 40% in greenhouse gas emissions compared with 1990;	approves of and supports extending and updating the Covenant of Mayors' objectives in line with the EU 2030 climate and energy framework programme, namely a reduction of over 40% in greenhouse gas emissions compared with 1990; <i>also calls for the sustainable use of resources to feature among the goals, in addition to energy efficiency;</i>

Reason
In addition to the efficient use of energy, it is also important to focus on the sustainable use of resources.

AMENDMENT 9

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Point 16

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Raymund Kovács
László Majthényi
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considers that simplifying the elaboration and implementation of the SEAP and the reporting process may be instrumental in attracting new signatories. In this respect, it would be also very helpful to improve the SEAP evaluation procedures and shorten the maximum time for evaluating the SEAPs;	considers that simplifying the elaboration and implementation of the SEAP and the reporting process may be instrumental in attracting new signatories. In this respect, it would be also very helpful to improve the SEAP evaluation procedures and shorten the maximum time for evaluating the SEAPs; <i>it should be borne in mind that, at the moment, small towns and rural areas do not have access to the resources and funding needed to implement a sustainable energy action plan;</i>

Reason
Given the difficulties in accessing resources, a simplified procedure should be introduced.

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Amend as follows:

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notes that the regions can support or replace cities as candidates for membership of the Covenant of Mayors, as well as when it comes to developing sustainable energy action plans, implementing and exchanging ideas about good practice, with the aim of making sure that the same task is not performed twice, as well as enabling many small and medium-sized towns to participate in this initiative;	notes that the regions <i>or micro-regions (NUTS 4 level)</i> can support or replace cities as candidates for membership of the Covenant of Mayors, as well as when it comes to developing sustainable energy action plans, implementing and exchanging ideas about good practice, with the aim of making sure that the same task is not performed twice, as well as enabling many small and medium-sized towns to participate in this initiative;

Reason
There must also be opportunities at local and micro-regional levels to engage in SEAP-related activities.