

Covenant of Mayors: the Province supports its Municipalities

The initiative of the EU Commission against the global warming

A Province serving the Municipalities. It happens in Bergamo where the Province, led by its president Ettore Pirovano (Lega Nord Padania), constitutes itself as supporting structure – for free – for the Town Councils of its territory, in order to help with the procedural path related to the Covenant of Mayors.

The latter is an ambitious initiative of the EU Commission, providing with funds to the local authorities in order to act against the Global Warming.

The Town Councils adhering to the Covenant have to involve in a process of Greenhouse effect gas reduction equal to 20% within year 2020 in their territories. Such a target will be reached by planning and implementing measures and actions denominated “SEAP” (Sustainable Energy Action Plan), which are a way to access the national and European funding sources.

In this scenario the Province of Bergamo is the main partner of the mayors by playing the role of Supporting Structure of the European Commission for its territory and will support for free the Municipalities in need of drafting the Seap.

As a matter of fact the detached offices, effective from last March, will be a free of charge instrument of cooperation and assistance to the territory.

The collaboration of the Province with the Municipalities has already been witnessed by the Convention of the 12th March, conceived as a training class for the Municipalities and promoted by the Councils of Environment and Technological Innovation of the Province in partnership with Confindustria (Union of the Industrial Sector), University of Bergamo, the Craftmen Association of Bergamo, with the patronage of the Parc of Hills (i.e. Parco dei Colli) and the sponsorship of Ress Solar, Dedalo Esco and Blue Meta.

On the 22nd April in Brussels the formalization of the agreement will take place, whilst on the 4th May the official signature of the Covenant will be affixed with the presence of the President of the Province of Bergamo Ettore Pirovano.

The Covenant at a glance

The Covenant of Mayors is the first and ambitious initiative of the European Commission devoted to local authorities and citizens in order to act against the Global Warming.

Each signatory entity of the Covenant of Mayors is unilaterally and voluntarily involved in going beyond the targets fixed by the EU in terms of reduction of CO₂, more than 20% within 2020 through actions of efficient and renewable energy. From its side the EU Commission sustains the authorities involved by giving them public visibility.

The Commission in a hand created the Office of the Covenant of Mayors (Como) which assists the signatory entities for every questions by means of the Helpdesk and promote their local actions through the Media Desk. The Como coordinates also the work with third parties and negotiates the sustain of the stakeholders.

In the other hand the Commission commissioned the creation of Financial Aids and a political support at the EU level.