

# EU4Energy: Sustainable Municipal Flagship Development Initiative

PROJECT DURATION: 2015-2020

## Brief Description

The Flagship was created in early 2015 to strengthen the role of local authorities in the six Eastern Partner countries, to encourage their cooperation with civil society organisations to enhance accountability, exchange best practice and strengthen municipalities' capacities to foster local development.

Countries covered: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine.

## Objectives

The Sustainable Municipal Development flagship initiative has three main objectives:

1. Strengthen capacities and technical skills of local authorities to design and implement local policies and strategies;
2. Promote good governance and good administrative practices in policy implementation and reform;
3. Increase the financial accountability of local authorities.

## Actions in brief

- Support to the Covenant of Mayors East (2016/2020, €4.5 million in technical assistance);
- Implementation of Covenant of Mayors Demonstration projects through grant financing (2014/2017, €12 million and 2016/2020, €10 million);
- Financing of a technical support team to the EU Financed demonstration projects under the Sustainable Urban Development project (2014/2017, €4 million in technical assistance);
- Technical and scientific support for the development and assessment of the Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP) through the Joint Research Centre (2016/2020, €0.5 million);
- Improving access to financing through a Municipal Project Support Facility led by the European Investment Bank (2015/2019, €12.3 million in technical assistance) and through the E5P (2011/2019, €78 million of EU support under the Multi-donor Trust Fund managed by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development);
- Mayors for Economic Growth (2016/2020, €5 million in technical assistance);
- COMUS (2015/2017, contribution agreement of €0.4 million with the Council of Europe).

## Websites

<http://www.covenantofmayors.eu/>

<http://pjp-eu.coe.int/en/web/comus>

<http://e5p.eu/>

[http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/neighbourhood/pdf/riga/20150518\\_flagship\\_smd.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/neighbourhood/pdf/riga/20150518_flagship_smd.pdf)

