



# **EU Energy Initiative (EUEI) 13 March 2017**

**The Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa (CoM SSA)**

**Update on progress and next steps**



# Setting the scene

## crucial role of local actors

- fighting climate change
- tackling the challenges of sustainable development

## local authorities commit to

- set ambitious targets for climate change mitigation, adaptation and energy access
- translate commitments into Sustainable Energy Access Climate Action Plans (SEACAPs)
- monitor and report on implementation of SEACAPs and results

## new Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy

- more than 7,100 cities
- six continents and 119 countries
- representing more than 600 million residents

# Developments 2016 and 2017

## the Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa

- set-up CoM SSA Office project and local help desk in Accra (GHA)
- first meeting of the Advisory Board in February 2017
- first cities to formally sign (second half 2017)
- inclusion of 50+ cities of the Compact of Mayors (2017 onwards)

## grant projects in (pilot) cities

- Kampala (UGA) Lubumbashi (DRC), Dakar (SEN), Bouaké (CIV), Zou (BEN), Nouakchott (MRT), Tsevié (TGO)
- ongoing negotiation with three additional cities (2017)
- extension of support to selected cities in crisis situation (2017)

## EU Joint Research Council (JRC)

- technical and methodological support

# The way forward

After successfully focussing on

- a) setting up the CoM SSA network, governance & methodology, mobilizing cities, creating local ownership
- b) forming a core group of pilot cities and early movers in order to generate critical mass

Identification of possible next phase of CoM SSA

- a) scaling-up: additional technical and financial support
- b) bridge the gap to finance and pave the way to infrastructure investments
- c) link activities to other programmes (Member States, donors, financing institutions, private sector)