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Cities and towns set example in the fight against energy poverty

Climate Alliance members adopt resolution to mitigate energy poverty

Frankfurt am Main, 30 September 2022. More commitment in the fight against energy poverty at all levels – Climate Alliance demands nothing less in its latest resolution, adopted yesterday at its annual general assembly. With this resolution, a network comprising almost 2,000 municipalities across Europe is directly reacting to the current energy crisis and the increasing prevalence of energy poverty.

“The protection of vulnerable low and middle-income households must be a priority if we want to ensure a just energy transition,” stresses Andreas Wolter, Climate Alliance President and Mayor of the City of Cologne. “We need to create the right national and European legal frameworks to combat energy poverty. The mandate of cities and towns to fight energy poverty must be strengthened!”

With the resolution, Climate Alliance members are demonstrating strong leadership in the current crisis and pursuing ambitious goals such as the eradication of energy poverty by 2050 and the consistent integration of social aspects in local energy and climate policy. Energy renovation of the building stock is cited as central to the fight against energy poverty as is the fostering of a political and financing framework that promotes such renovations. With this resolution, member municipalities thus also appeal to the European and national levels to support cities and towns in related endeavours.

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For over 30 years, Climate Alliance member municipalities have been acting in partnership with indigenous rainforest peoples for the benefit of the global climate. With nearly 2,000 members spread across more than 25 European countries, Climate Alliance is Europe's largest city network dedicated to comprehensive and equitable climate action. Each member city, town and district has committed itself to continually cut greenhouse gas emissions, aiming for a 95% reduction by 2050 (as compared to 1990 levels) in line with IPCC recommendations. Recognising the impact our lifestyles can have on the world's most vulnerable people and places, Climate Alliance pairs local action with global responsibility. climatealliance.org

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