



On March 25, 2009 in hall “Varna”, municipality Varna at an official ceremony was signed an agreement between Union of Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities (UBBSLA), Black Sea Regional Agency for Energy Management (BSRAEM) and Directorate General Energy and Transport of European Commission for Bulgarian Supporting Structure of The Covenant of Mayors. A special guest of the ceremony was Mr Pedro Ballesteros Tores, representative of DG TREN

“The Covenant of Mayors is not a financial institution, but European commission conducts negotiations with international banks to provide preferential loans to municipalities included in the European network for energy efficiency. Signing the Covenant, we will assist you to obtain funds, but more importantly, your commitment (at the municipal level) to the problem of global warming.”. That said Pedro Balesteros in Varna on signing the agreement on supporting structure.

UBBSLA formed a supporting structure with BSRAEM and assume the following commitments:

- Promotion of the Covenant among the municipalities and providing support and coordination in the application;
- Provision of expert assistance in the elaboration of action plans for sustainable energy of the municipalities;
- Determining the scope and methodology for assessing, monitoring and inspection reports on the implementation of plans;
- Technical assistance for the organization of public events, Days of energy in order to raise public interest in the Covenant;

The mayors of Burgas, Varna, Dobrich, Lom and Turgovishte have signed The Covenant of Mayors in Brussels, 10.02.2009. Formation of the supporting structure is the next

logical step to encourage the mayors of other municipalities to join the ambitious project for the future development of European energy policy.

The mayor Kiril Yordanov proposed Varna to be a coordinator between the EC and the municipalities of the Black Sea Euroregion to involve more municipalities from the region join to the Covenant of Mayors in order to raise energy efficiency and environmental protection.