

# A possible partnership between the Charter and the Covenant of Mayor

An initiative, launched by our Commission, which is receiving good acceptance by the local authorities.



### The Covenant of Mayors

- It is a commitment by signatory towns and cities to go beyond the objectives of EU energy policy in terms of reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through enhanced energy efficiency and cleaner energy production and use.
- It brings together European local leaders in a voluntary effort to contribute to the achievement of the ambitious EU targets. Approx 1500 cities expressed their willingness to join the Covenant of Mayors.
- Signatories to the Covenant commit to submitting their local Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs) within the year following adhesion. These cities are then expected to provide periodic public reports outlining the progress of their Action Plans. Signatories accept termination of their involvement in the Covenant in case of noncompliance.





### What is Milan doing

An efficient energy policy, structured in different chapters:

- Municipal infrastructure (district heating, public lighting, smart grids, etc);
- Land use and urban planning;
- Renewable energy sources;
- Public and private transport policies and urban mobility;
- Civil society participation;
- Intelligent energy behaviour by citizens, consumers and businesses.



## The current example: Zero Emission Mobility, a shared commitment.

Milan Municipality and ATM could share a first example of zero emission mobility through the pilot project of the hydrogen buses.

The initiative, which belong to a European project, aims to include in the ATM fleet some hydrogen buses and reduce the environmental impact.



# Why it is interesting for UITP to have a partnership with them

- > Mutual coordination and support
- > Sharing of scientific and technical advice
- More visibility given to actions of the signatories
- > Stronger commitment at local level
- > Common aims, easier to be reached
- > More coherent actions to tackle climate change



#### Added value

The aim is to encourage cities to join with charter signatories to highlight the energy saving aspects of public transport.



#### The possible launch

The partnership could be launched during an international event (October during the Committee of the Regions week?).

Milan might be interested to be the first joint –PT and City – couples with the project of hydrogen buses.

Someone else?