



PentaHelix empowers small municipalities in the Province of Ávila to implement sustainable energy and climate action plans

Ávila County Council through its energy agency APEA and EREN, the regional energy agency of Castilla y León regional government in Spain, promotes climate and energy actions at the local level to secure a better future for citizens in rural areas. Since 2018 with PentaHelix project support, it is encouraging its municipalities to join the Covenant of Mayors, with the involvement of territory stakeholders.

Now, June 2020, two municipalities have already approved a Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP), the first in the province, and have submitted it to Covenant of Mayors: El Barco de Ávila and Las Navas del Marqués.

Other three municipalities, Hoyocasero, Papatrigo and El Barraco have signed the Covenant of Mayors, and they will approve their SECAPS before the end of the summer. These small municipalities have been trying to commit their citizens, companies, etc, by introducing their Plans in the city boards celebrated during the last months and taking into consideration different suggestions and proposals measures.

The municipalities of Solosancho and San Juan del Olmo (with 850 and 120 population) are now in the process to sign the Covenant of Mayors, and as they have already worked in the SECAPs, they will present some specific actions to their city boards, and they will approve officially the SECAP during this year for submitting it to the Covenant of Mayors initiative.

With these examples, other small municipalities in the province and in the region have signed to become PentaHelix project replicators, and they will be Covenant of Mayors signatories before the end of the year.