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to the Commission**

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Subject: Smart cities and energy

The 'Smart cities and communities' and the 'Covenant of mayors' initiatives, implemented primarily by mayors, civil society organisations, investors, financial institutions and service providers, are important examples of cooperation to achieve progress in the field of energy efficiency.

In its recent communication on the Energy Union, the European Commission reaffirmed its support for these initiatives. Can the Commission now define more precisely the actions it intends to take to encourage local authorities and civil society to become more involved in pursuing the fundamental objectives of the Energy Union?