



**European Committee
of the Regions**



**Covenant of Mayors
for Climate & Energy**



22.02.2018 | 15:00 – 17:00

Atrium 6, JDE building, European Committee of the Regions

Session 1: Energy efficiency with Bertrand Piccard (Solar Impulse) & Speed dating with innovators

Building synergies

Launched in November 2016, the World Alliance for Efficient Solutions is the second phase of the Solar Impulse Foundation's action and brings together the main actors in the field of clean technologies in order to create synergies that will ultimately speed-up the implementation of clean and profitable solutions that have the potential to address the environmental challenges of today. The World Alliance has set the goal select 1,000 of these Efficient Solutions and bring them to decision makers to encourage them to adopt more ambitious environmental targets and energy policies.

Introduction

The Covenant of Mayors and the World Alliance for Efficient Solutions have engaged into a partnership to support the use of clean, smart, efficient and renewable energy technologies by cities and towns engaged in the Covenant of Mayors. Within the context of this partnership, the Covenant of Mayors Office and the Solar Impulse Foundation propose a dedicated session to bring together local decision-makers and innovators within the Covenant of Mayors Ceremony side-session.

Summary of side event

During this session, you will meet a maximum of 3 cleantech innovators – each for 15/20-minutes, amongst a group of 20 Members selected by the World Alliance that develop solutions in the following areas of interest: *urban and inter-urban mobility; resource and energy efficiency into building, shelters and communities' infrastructures; clean energy production (incl. renewable fuels, distribution and storage).*

Objectives of the side event

This session aims at creating synergies between public authorities and private innovators, offering local leaders and municipal experts the opportunity to discover new technologies and discuss with entities developing the solutions that could boost the energy transition of their territories.

15.00 Opening speech

Bertrand PICCARD, Chairman, Solar Impulse Foundation

15.10 One-to-one meeting sessions

Meet 3 out of the 20 Members selected by the World Alliance that develop solutions in the following areas of interest:

- urban and inter-urban mobility
- resource and energy efficiency into building, shelters and communities' infrastructures
- clean energy production (incl. renewable fuels, distribution and storage).

Moderators: Lorena EDEJER, Outreach Manager and **Alexandra BARRAQUAND**, Technology and Policy Advisor, Solar Impulse Foundation.

17.00 End of meetings