



Adaptation in the EU: what is new?

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The Road from Paris

March 2016: Commission Communication on implication of Paris Agreement

- Global goal on adaptation
- Adaptation as solidarity
- Support to most vulnerable countries

May 2016-Bonn negotiations:

Adaptation on the agenda

Adaptation mainstreamed in stocktake/transparency →
links to our EU work



ADAPTATION FUTURES 2016

- 10-12 May in Rotterdam
- Over 1700 scholars, practitioners, policymakers and business people
- 110 different nationalities.
- More than 160 high level plenaries, roundtables, science and practice sessions
- 7 themes and three cross-cutting issues

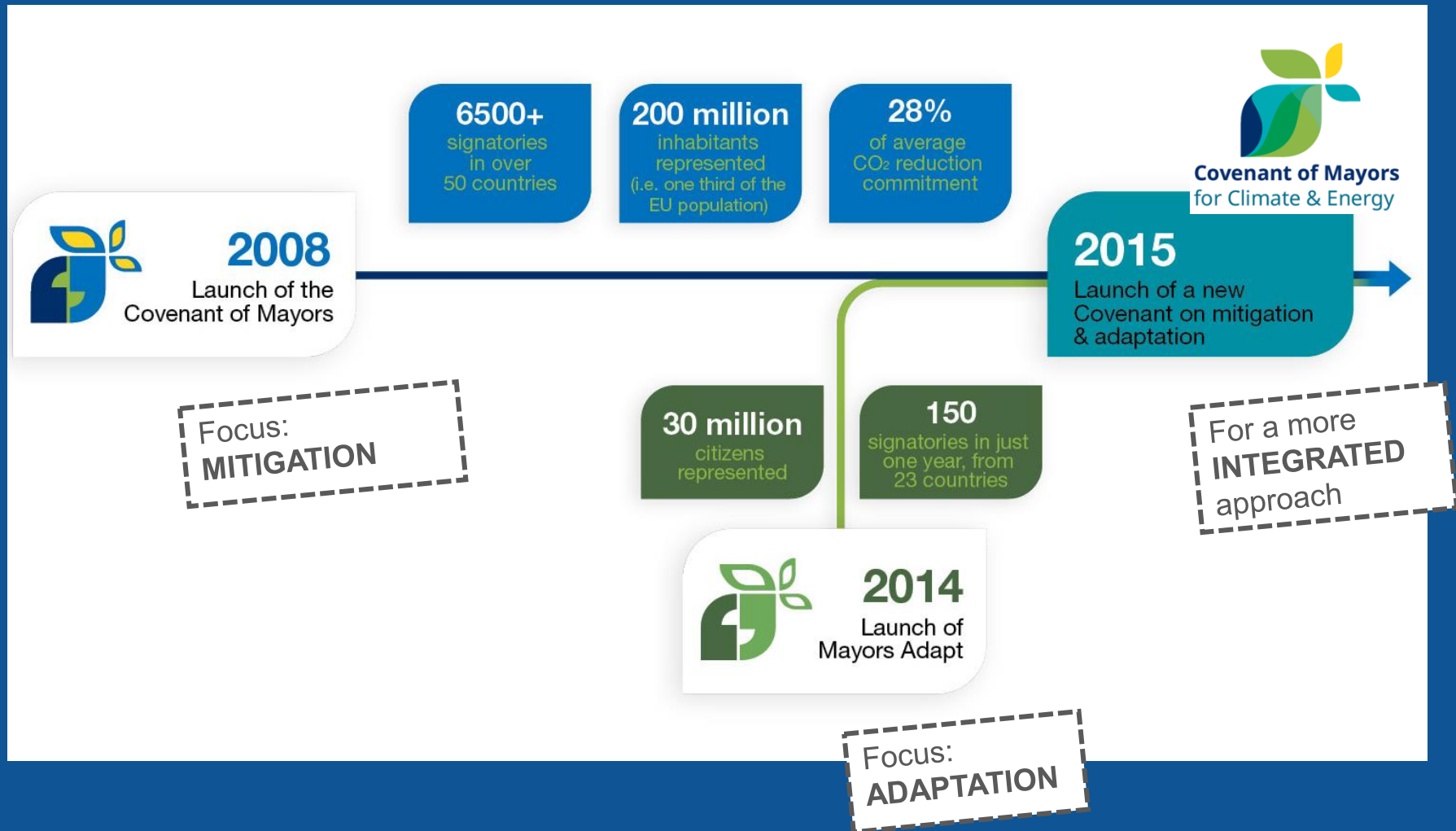
Conclusions:

- Governance framework
- From planning to implementation
- Adaptation in financial decision making.

<http://www.adaptationfutures2016.org/>

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for Climate and Energy



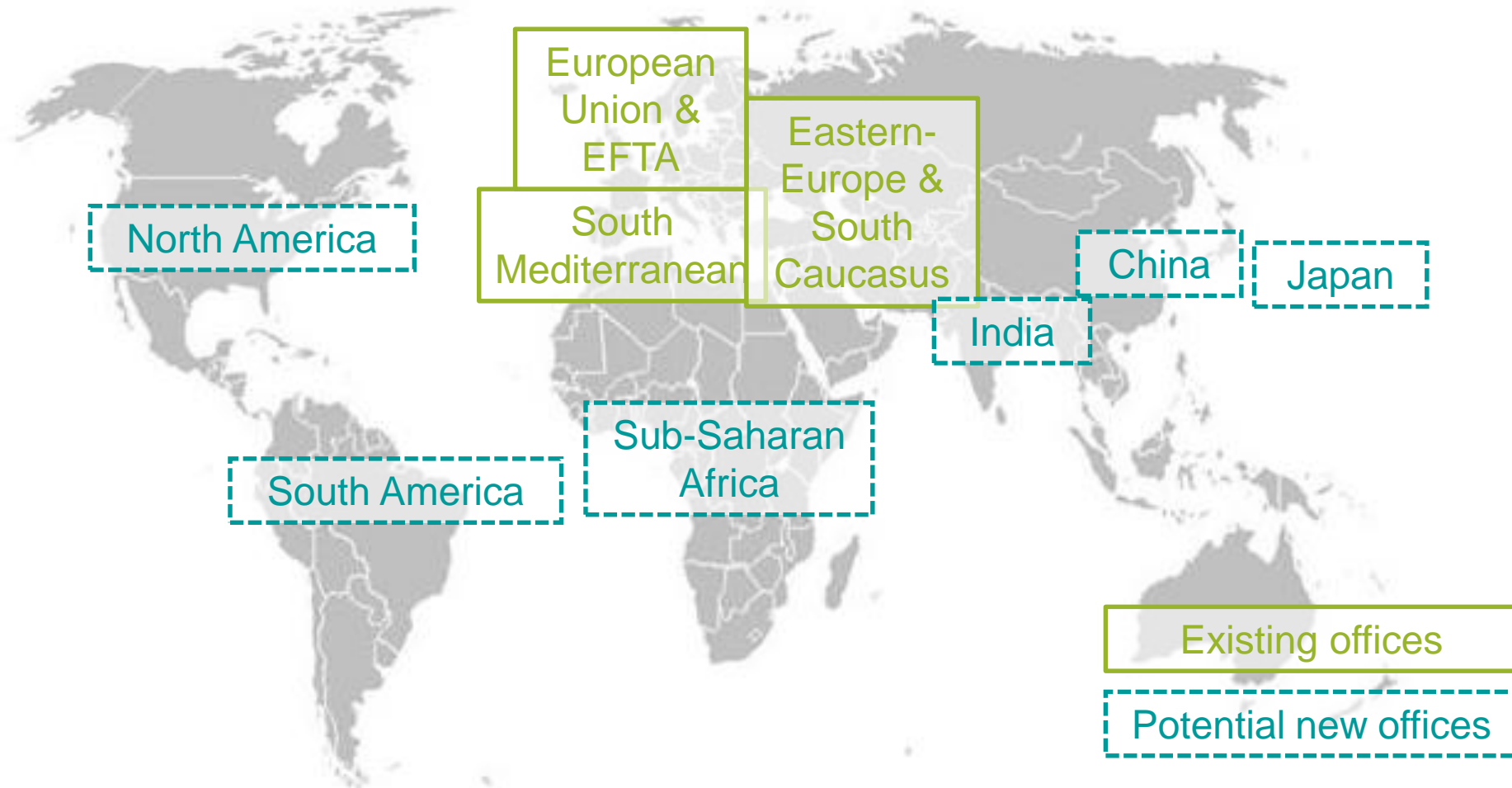
2015: New Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy commitments

Signatories now pledge to:

- Reduce CO₂ (and possibly other GHG) emissions by at least **40% by 2030**
- **Increase resilience** by adapting to the impacts of climate change
- Translate their political commitment into local results by developing local **action plans** and **reporting** on their implementation

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Resilient infrastructure

- Work with Standardisation Organizations since mid-2014 through:
 - Developing guidance to mainstream adaptation
 - Identify standardisation deliverables relevant to adaptation
 - Revise standards to promote resilient infrastructure
- Guide for 'Addressing climate change adaptation in standards' published in April 2016
<http://www.cencenelec.eu/standards/Guides/Pages/default.aspx>

Planning ahead

- EU to review progress in implementing the 2013 Adaptation Strategy in 2017 focusing on 8 action areas
- Developing in 2018 a reinforced strategy showing proactivity on adaptation from the EU
- In the UNFCCC context:
 - An enhanced transparency framework
 - Adaptation communication
 - Global stock-take (input, output and modalities)



What is our way ahead?

- Focus on sectors/approaches where we can bring value: DRR, Water and Cities
- Coherence with other international frameworks (Sendai, SDGs, Quito)
- Transparent and inclusive consultation process

Director-General Delbeke on climate change adaptation



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