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**Subject: Personal invitation to attend the Energy Cities' Annual Rendezvous
Riga (Latvia) - 23-25th April 2014**

Dear colleague,

We, the Mayors of Riga and of Heidelberg, would be very pleased and honoured to spend two fruitful days with you in the Latvian capital city of Riga this Spring. That is why we have the great pleasure to invite you to the Energy Cities' Annual Rendezvous from 23-25 April 2014. Riga, the European capital of culture 2014 at the crossroads of the European Union and its Eastern neighbours, is an emblematic place for us, Mayors, to deliver a strong message.

The aim of this year's event is to gather **"Local leaders for sustainable energy: bridging people, ideas and regions"**. Because the energy transition is being written locally, cities have to do more and do it better in an increasingly constrained economic environment with increasing social pressure! The ambition of local authorities such as yours, however, remains high and your creativity is an unlimited resource.

The Rendezvous is an important meeting point for the key actors of the energy transition to debate political issues and extract powerful practical solutions. Meet and exchange with expected eminent speakers such as Dr Benjamin R. Barber, US political leaders' advisor, author of the book "If Mayors ruled the World".

The participation of high-level representatives from the European Commission (e.g. Johannes Hahn, EU Commissioner for Regional and Urban Policy) is also expected.

The various **high-level political events throughout the two days** will provide you with the opportunity to voice your ideas as a leader amongst peers, sharing your expert views on how to make the much-needed energy transition happen.

Come and connect, listen and talk to decision-makers. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you in Riga next April!

Yours faithfully,

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Member of the Board of Energy Cities



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