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Governors’ Climate and Forests Task Force in Barcelona
The Government of Catalonia, one of the first Under2 MOU signatories, hosts the Governors’ Climate and Forests Task Force annual meeting in Barcelona. Further states and regions announce their support for the MOU at the conference.

July 2015
COP21 in Paris
More governments sign the Under2 MOU at COP21 in Paris. By the end of 2015, the Coalition has more than 100 states and regions as members.

June 2016
Panel discussion in Brussels
The Government of Baden-Württemberg hosts a panel discussion on the Under2 MOU in cooperation with the Four Motors for Europe at the Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the European Union in Brussels.

September 2016
Climate Week NYC
Under2 Coalition governments meet and exchange knowledge at Climate Week NYC, with a focus on the strategic direction of the Coalition.

October 2015
EXPO Milano 2015
Another signing ceremony takes place at the EXPO Milano, including the addition of the Government of Lombardy to the Under2 Coalition.

December 2015
The Climate Group
With experience coordinating the States and Regions Alliance, Climate Group takes over as Secretariat of the Under2 Coalition.

May 2015
The first signatories
Minister President Winfried Kretschmann, former Governor Jerry Brown and ten other government leaders sign the Under2 Memorandum of Understanding, building the basis for the Under2 Coalition.

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World Summit Climate and Territories
The Rhône-Alpes Region hosts the World Summit Climate and Territories in Lyon, encouraging more states and regions to sign the Under2 MOU.

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Then Governor of California, Jerry Brown, is appointed as a special advisor for states and regions for the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP23) in Bonn.

June 2017

Meeting in Brussels

A European members’ meeting of the Under2 Coalition takes place in Brussels to set priorities relating to the EU’s climate and energy policy.

December 2017

COP23 in Bonn

The Under2 Coalition General Assembly is held in the margins of COP23. A Steering Group for the Coalition is also established to help guide the strategic direction of the network. 16 new members join the Coalition, so membership now totals more than 200 governments.

September 2018

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July 2021

What’s At State launches

With 100 days to COP26, Gavin Newsom, Governor of California launches the What’s At State campaign. In partnership with Regions4, the campaign called on states and regions to share images, videos and stories about the unique challenges they face on the journey to net zero.

October 2021

A net zero coalition

The Under2 Coalition pivots to become a net zero coalition. The Under2 MOU is updated to commit signatories to reach net zero emissions by 2050, at the latest.

November 2021

COP26 in Glasgow

The Under2 Coalition General Assembly is held in the margins of COP26. 68 states and regions join the Further, Faster, Together campaign, committing to a range of ambitious 2030 actions.

And the work doesn’t stop there.

Visit our website to learn about what we’re doing, where we’re going and how you can support.