Local government action and post-Kyoto commitments

A COP 11 side event by the Climate Alliance of European Cities

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The Climate Alliance

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A Partnership between European local authorities and indigenous rainforest peoples

- to reduce GHG emissions
- and to protect tropical forests

Based on an ambitious commitment of the members

1300 members cities and towns in 14 countries

Many regions and NGOs collaborate



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Climate Alliance activities

- Exchange of experience
- Showcase best practice, advice members
- Systematic approach to local climate protection
- Campaigns and common actions
- Facilitate cooperation of European cities with indigenous peoples in the South
- Represent the interests of local governments committed to climate protection at EU and international levels



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Climate Alliance methodology

- 10 Steps to integrate climate protection into municipal policy
- Climate Alliance Climate Compass comprising numerous recommended measures
- Climate Alliance monitoring system: Greenhouse gas inventory of entire city, monitoring of individual measures, application of progress indicators



The Climate Compass Methodology

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Climate Compass: Field of Action

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TRANSPORT					
Step:	1: getting started	2: moving forward	3; forging ahead	4: taking the lead	
Develop an integrated transport strategy	Define a vision, set targets and extract priority areas for action	Adopt rules for implementation and planning principles	Set up a detailed action plan	Develop strategies to overcome barriers, identify new focal areas for activities and innovative measures	
Get your own staff on the right track	Inform your employees about the impact of their travel to and from work and about the alternatives		Value the mobility behaviour of your staff and promote it towards the public	Offer new models for work and work-time to minimise transport load	
Mobilise stakeholders for sustainable mobility	Involve relevant companies, institutions and organisations in the development of the transport strategy	Train some local authority staff to help companies customise specific mobility plans	Offer accompanying services and set restrictions to support the individual mobility plans	Establish performance agreements with companies and organisations	
Increase the share of zero carbon modes	Set targets in terms of the market share of cycling and walking	Work continuously on the extention and improvement of your cycling and pedestrian network	Consider cyclists and pedestrians as main actors when reorganising the distribution of roadways	Become a cycling city!	
Provide a convenient public transport	Increase insights in the possibilities of existing public transport	Improve public transport facilities and services		Achieve a best practice public transport system	
Restrict traffic flows by managing parking space	Increase compliance with existing parking regulations	Start in the city centre to use parking and access restrictions to tempt users back to sustainable modes of transport	Set up and implement step-by-step an integrated parking programme	Introduce regulations to limit parking space in new developments	

Individual policies and measures

The ambition levels



Climate Compass: Individual Measures

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Policy chart: Description of policy, steps for implemenatation, good practice examples





Awareness raising on climate change



Message: Every citizen is part of the problem and part of the solution

- Climate Alliance Relay Race in 2004 several thousand kilometers through 200 cities and towns
- CLARITY: Make your own climate change exhibition from a CD ROM
- "wild climate" experience climate change and your contribution



Partnership with indigenous peoples

- Contribute to preserving tropical forests
- Awareness raising on oil extraction in the Amazon basin:
 - "Black Gold from Green Forests" campaign
 - "Oil art" in schools
 - "Ch@t of the worlds" dialogue
- Small scale renewable energy for indigenous peoples: solar lighting, biofuels





Replicate successful mechanisms CLIMATE ALLIANCE KLIMA-BÜNDNIS ALIANZA DEL CLIMA e.V





- "Fifty-fifty" model provide incentives to schools for energy saving
- Revolving fund to ensure energy efficiency investments in public buildings
- If legal instruments not available, use contracts and certificates to ensure better standards



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Action for sustainable mobility

ZOOM - children collect "green miles" chosing low-carbon transport modes

 Car Free Day and Mobility Week

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- Clever mobil mobility management
- "Sustainable mobility initiatives for local environment"
 - Data base on best practice
 - Recommendations for action
 - Study tours to 14 model cities



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Our energy programmes

"PRIME" - promote investments from citizens and local stakeholders in

- sustainable energy measures
 - Citizen-financed energetic refurbishment of schools
 - Cities offer roofs of public buildings for private investment in PV
- "Cogen Challenge" promote small-scale CHP plants
 - "Soltherm" promotion of solar water heaters







Gender equality and climate change policy

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Climate for Change



gender equality and climate policy Geschlechtergerechtigkeit und Klimapolitik Jämställdhet och klimatpolicy Sukupuolten tasa-arvoisuus ja ilmastopolitiikka uguaglianza dei generi e politica del clima Analysis of obstacles and opportunities related to gender equality in 10 partner cities

Toolkit: Guidebook, best practice, data - facts - arguments, gender check, sensitisation materials

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Adaptation in Europe

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- Cities are already suffering from climate change
- Some experience available with reducing vulnerability and risks
 - "AMICA" project
 - To analyse and structure approaches to adaptation
 - Seek for overlaps and synergies with Mitigation
 - Develop combined strategy



Award excellence in local climate policy ALIAN



- Climate Alliance's Climate Star Award for local climate protection issued in 2002 and 2004
- Criteria: Comprehensive action programme Excellent project or activity
- In the future: more ambitious criteria, quality standard for local climate protection

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