The Dutch support towards the Covenant of Mayors

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NL Agency

- An Executive Agency of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation, independent, no conflicting competition with commercial Participants.

- Our core competence is to turn government policy into reality.

- With 2500 Employees and 175 energy related programmes, we provide access to a broad Dutch network of provinces, municipalities, knowledge institutes, research centres, trade associations, companies and government.

- Program Local Climate Policies has been supporting Municipalities, Regions and Provinces for over 25 years. The 175 energy related programs are our input for the development of Local climate Policies and SEAP’s
Key Figures of the Netherlands

- Area: 41,528 km²
- Population: 17 million
- 441 municipalities
- 12 Provinces
- 240 municipalities developed & implemented climate policy/SEAP 2004-2008
- 320 municipalities developed & implemented climate policy/SEAP 2008-2012
- More than 10,000 climate projects developed and implemented by the municipalities/regions and provinces
- 16 municipalities joined the covenant of mayors
Climate Covenant

- Voluntary agreement between central and local governments, 2004 till 2012.
- Aim is to intensify local climate policy:
  - end result: local implementation plan/SEAP concluded by the local council & mayor
- Climate Covenant Subsidy
- Support from NL Agency
Covenant Parties

• Dutch Association of Municipalities
• Dutch Association of Provinces
• Ministeries of
  – Economical Affairs
  – Spatial Planning, Housing and the Environment
  – Agriculture
  – Traffic & Water
Subsidy Climate Covenant

Money for:

- Support in the development of Local climate policies, SEAP

- Personal costs, communication, research.

- Not the investments on hardware!!
The way we support municipalities and provinces

- **15 Advisors Network of municipalities, regions and provinces**
  - Advice through personal contact with deputy mayors and civil servants
  - Activating and supporting Regions and provinces to develop their own SEAP and to act as supporting structure towards the municipalities

- **Stimulating municipal and provincial climate policies**
  - Climate Scan → Define Opportunities
  - Workshops → Choose best Opportunities
  - Assisting in the development and definition of creating a project!
  - One on one contact, help the internal organization of municipalities and helping with connecting towards external actors
Municipal Menu for SEAP Climate Policy

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www.climatemenu.com !!! Other Ministries and Regions and Provinces acting as supporting structure embedded their targets in the menu and connected available fundings.
Municipal Menu for SEAP & Climate Policy

Targets from basic to innovative:

– Start 1, 2 or 4 projects on rehabilitation of city warming

– 4%, 8% or 12% energy efficiency improvement on the total amount of energy used by all municipal buildings and installations

– Development of financial incentives together with banks on municipal level

All target levels are exceeding legislative obligations
Result = About 16 projects for every single municipality/region/province defined in a Project Plan containing:

- Project Target
- Project Definition & Results
- Project Planning (first 10 actions)
- Project Costs
- Project Participants (several internal departments/external actors)
Results...

- 320 Climate scans (mapping reference situation)
- 250 Implementation plans / SEAP’s (collection of projects)
- 250 Subsidy requests of municipalities granted
- 12 Subsidy requests of provinces granted
- … through many single projects CO2 effect in 2010 around 450 kton.
Connecting to Covenant of Mayors

- No more subsidy or covenant after 2012
- Municipalities/Regions and provinces now know how to develop SEAP and continue this process
- Tendency to voluntarily continue towards Climate Neutrality (75 municipalities), regions and provinces take natural role as supporting structure
- Development of Monitoring system using existing and available Data (from energy companies, other programs (EPBD), installed level of windpower, number of biogas installations, number of houses with label, number of gas stations that offer alternative fuel, etc.. http://www.klimaatmonitor.databank.nl/
- Persuading to connect towards the covenant of Mayors, 16 municipalities now, main focus on 36 largest cities.
Successful Approach for Local Climate Policy & SEAP

Integrated approach, embedded plans:

- Many departments involved, broad internal and external support base
- Concentrate on Realising Projects, not only developing SEAP and monitoring
- A national Supporting structure is essential, it helps to assist Regional Supporting Structures
- The process is the success!! Don’t forget a model is just a model!!
Thank you

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