

A roadmap for local climate protection



Solely through activities involving no capital outlay whatsoever, such as programmes changing user behaviour, the city of Hamburg is saving 1.4 million Euros each year on energy costs in its schools.

CLIMATE COMPASS: A roadmap for local climate protection

Climate protection? Of course! But how? Where to start? What to bear in mind and who can help?

CLIMATE COMPASS is a methodology developed by the Climate Alliance local-authority network to help municipalities get a local climate change action programme up and running in the shortest time.



The outcomes are:

- First measures for immediate implementation building on local experience and strengths.
- Proposals for strategic resolutions ensuring that climate protection is on the agenda in all future planning processes
- Objectives and strategies for long-term local climate change policy

CLIMATE COMPASS helps you:

>>> FIVE STEPS

map out your journey to a climate-friendly municipality – from initiation to monitoring.

>>> AIDS AND TOOLS

A matrix of measures helps municipalities take stock and develop future activities. Detailed descriptions of measures, case studies from all over Europe and additional resources are at your fingertips.

>>> PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT

is provided by specially trained promoters. They act as consultants, motivators and facilitators for the development of your climate action programme.

All **CLIMATE COMPASS** modules can be deployed flexibly – according to your starting position and requirements.



More on the methodology, tools, resources and promoters is on:

www.climate-compass.net

Five steps towards success

1st STEP

INITIATION

- Informing relevant departments of the administration
- Clarifying needs and expectations
- Raising awareness of local climate change policies

2nd STEP

INVENTORY

- Analysing the setting
- Surveying previous priorities and activities
- Characterising the initial conditions

3rd STEP

INSTITUTIONALISATION

- Building organisational structures
- Assigning responsibilities and nominating persons in charge
- Forming a CLIMATE COMPASS working group

4th STEP

CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAMME

- Defining targets
- Selecting priority measures
- Formulating strategic resolutions (on criteria, standards, etc.)
- Agreeing the mid- and long-term climate strategy

5th STEP

MONITORING

- Developing indicators
- Collecting data for CO₂ monitoring
- Preparatory work for future reporting



Upgrading buildings creates regional value: Through its programme to promote energy efficiency in the building stock, the German city of Münster has triggered investment 8.5 times greater than the initial public support. This is money otherwise lost to fossil energy imports!



Climate protection is a challenge

Aside of tough and protracted international negotiations, many cities and municipalities are engaging in climate protection on a voluntary basis. They reduce greenhouse gas emissions by developing resource-conserving and efficient energy and transport policies.

Climate protection is an opportunity

Rising energy costs, burgeoning transportation problems, buildings in need of rehabilitation – all these are tasks facing local authorities daily.

Local climate protection not only contributes to the protection of the Earth's atmosphere, but also to:

- citizens' health and quality of life
- reducing local-authority expenditure on electricity, heat and fuels
- revitalising the local economy
- improving air quality and reducing noise
- making it possible to do all everyday journeys with sustainable means of transport
- an image as an attractive and innovative location for business and tourism
- a qualified and competitive crafts sector
- independence from energy imports

To learn more:

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