

International cooperation and development between local governances

Zoersel - Bohicon

Western Europe, Belgium



West Africa, Benin



Flemish impulse policy international development – local governance

- Flemish government → Local governance - communes
- Strengthening local governance by capacity building thru civil servants knowledge sharing.
- ICT, Library, Birth certificate registration
- **Between local governances**, strengthening local governances by capacity building!

Other projects

- 6 social projects by families in Zoersel (alphabetization, handicapped, schools, organic waste treatment)
- Zoersel population direct support to population in Bohicon (EUR 1500/year)
- Subvention of agriculture expertise center
- Networking for Bohicon, incorporating Bohicon into our network.

Signing covenant of Mayors

- In May 2016, Zoersel Community council subscribed the engagement declaration for implementing SDG's in local governance and long term action plans.
- Zoersel, Covenant of Mayors 2030 – Bohicon, Covenant of Mayors sub-Saharan Africa.
- Making climate action plan together. Colleagues working together.
- Same process to reach result with different actions.
- Zou province, where Bohicon is part of, is selected as pilot region for the covenant of Mayors by CEMR.

Example

- Zoersel and Bohicon pioneers, working together, offering grants, sharing expertise.
- Agriculture expertise center:
 - Educating young farmers
 - Developing circular economy
 - waste management
 - biogas, solar panels (install, maintenance)
- Waste management project, marketplace
- ‘Bassin du Zou’: Water management Zou river

Problems Covenant of Mayors for sub-Saharan cities

- Experiencing problems
 - Know how
 - Support (expertise, correct numbers – how to measure emissions)
 - Cultural difference (waste = luxury)
 - Follow up