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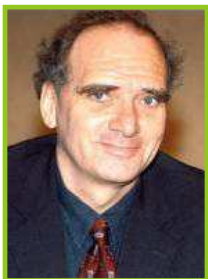
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CLIMATE-ALLIANCE IN THE YEARS 2010 / 2011



The Climate Alliance member municipalities remain pioneers in local climate protection. The extent to which the local level can contribute to the attainment of national and international climate goals is becoming increasingly interesting, as recognition of this contribution also involves creation of the according financing opportunities. The new EU funding tools created in spring 2011 tailored specifically to smaller municipalities can be considered one of the numerous successes of our many years of work.

Around 300 Climate Alliance members (and a total of some 700 municipalities) make use of the ECORegion monitoring tool developed in cooperation with Climate Alliance to calculate and document the CO₂ emission reductions they have achieved. New in 2010/2011 are national versions of the ECORegion tool for Italy, Luxemburg and the Ukraine, and the recognition of ECORegion as a particularly useful tool within the scope of the Covenant of Mayors also constitutes a major milestone.

The scenarios for the energy landscape in 2050 currently under intense debate and the catastrophe in Japan make clear that there is no avoiding extensive progress in energy conservation and energy efficiency, decentralised generation of energy, and intelligent management of this "energy diversity". At Climate Alliance, we have been on the right track for over 21 years now, and can be proud of our achievements to date! Climate Alliance's various activities and projects continue to also support you in implementation of your local climate protection strategies.



In 2010, Amazonia was hit by one of the worst ever droughts. In many areas, public and economic life was virtually crippled as a consequence. The droughts also led the fires set each year to prepare the agricultural areas before the monsoon season to take on a vast dimension in places. Satellite pictures of the region show entire states under a cloud of smoke. The issue of establishment of the REDD instrumentarium (a tool to curb deforestation) consequently remains at the top of COICA's agenda. Indigenous communities continue to receive generous offers from major companies and/or leading environmental organisations to secure the carbon in their areas. The long-term impact of this on their rights remains unclear. Within the scope of the international processes, we were able to achieve important successes in recognition of our concerns at the two key UN conferences in 2010 on climate change and biodiversity.

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INTERNATIONAL POLICY PROCESSES ON CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY

In 2010 the international processes were marked by the disappointment about the failure of the climate conference in Copenhagen.

16th UN Climate Change Conference in Cancún

The disappointment after the 2009 conference in Copenhagen cannot only be attributed to the lack of results; fundamental doubts in the climate process itself were also raised: can such a complex challenge even be tackled on an international level? Climate Alliance's Executive Board and the national coordinators therefore made a conscious decision not to travel to the 2010 climate conference in Cancún – to also emphasise that municipalities contribute to climate protection without waiting for results on the international level. Instead COICA was supported so they could participate in the conference and present their concerns with greater emphasis.

Although – again – no agreements on a reduction in greenhouse gases were reached in Cancún, preliminary results could be achieved:

- ◆ In the concluding document, the resolution of the United Nations Human Rights Council acknowledging that climate change has both direct and indirect consequences for human rights was explicitly endorsed. Specifically, the indigenous peoples were identified as victims.
- ◆ In the section describing the long-term shared vision for community activities, the 2°C goal is confirmed – as it was already in the Copenhagen Accord. It is furthermore noted that as many actors as possible are to be involved, including the sub-national level, municipalities and indigenous peoples.
- ◆ Introduction of a tool to reduce the CO₂ emissions from deforestation and degradation (REDD) is one of the few topics to have gained a great deal of dynamism in international talks since the 2007 conference in Bali, not least because of the tremendous expectations associated with this. On the one hand, a drastic reduction in the CO₂ emissions on a global scale is promised; on the other, many actors hope for vast sums of money from this new market mechanism that is to complement the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) market.



Meeting of the “Red de Autoridades para la Gestión Ambiental en Ciudades de América Latina y El Caribe – REDAALC”

About a week before the World Summit in Mexico, more than one hundred cities agreed to a voluntary pact to reduce greenhouse gases. They signed a ten-point plan, which was subsequently presented at the World Climate Summit in Cancún. Afterwards, representatives from around 40 major Latin American cities in the **REDAALC** network met to learn more about the concrete implementation of measures. Interest in Climate Alliance's practical experience with its tools such as ECORegion and the Climate Cities Benchmarking in addition to examples of the implementation of measures in the member cities was particularly high.





Life in harmony, into the future

10th Convention on Biological Diversity in Nagoya

The 10th UN Conference of the Parties to the Convention of Biological Diversity (COP 10 CBD) was overshadowed by the “ghost of Copenhagen”. After it was established in the third report on the state of global biological diversity that not a single country met the target of significantly reducing the loss in biological diversity, the fear was raised that this significant international process could also break down. However, important agreements could ultimately be reached by the conference’s conclusion. Thus the “Nagoya Protocol” was agreed in which access to genetic resources in addition to the equitable sharing of benefits (countries share in the profits) is regulated. Recognition of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) in the agreement document was also considered a success.

Japan’s willingness to make two billion dollars available for the preservation of biological diversity is exemplary and contributed to the negotiations’ success. The 500 million euros by 2012 and 500 million euros annually from 2013 pledged by Germany in 2008 also constitute a first positive step. The other industrialised nations must now follow suit. Further agreements reached related to enhanced cooperation between the various international processes (particularly on climate change), to agrofuels and to the setting of concrete targets for the loss of biodiversity by 2020.

Climate Alliance’s International Annual Conference and General Assembly in Perugia

Central to the event were the perspectives of the cities and municipalities in the aftermath of the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, ambitious climate protection targets, the Covenant of Mayors and climate justice in our One World. The general assembly agreed to the resolution “Leave the oil in the ground!” in support of Ecuador’s ITT-Yasuní initiative in addition to another resolution calling for funding for municipalities from the EU’s Economic Recovery Programme.

STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN CLIMATE CHANGE POLICIES

Activities in this field of work are dedicated to improving the framework conditions of local governments and strengthening their voice in relation to other levels of government when designing climate change policy.

Covenant of Mayors

The Covenant of Mayors Office (COMO) kicked off its second operation phase in January 2011! The European Commission congratulated the COMO on the achievements reached in only two years. After an initial period of unprecedented mobilisation and political commitments, the initiative has become a highly visible and broadly recognised movement of local authorities in Europe and worldwide, with 2400 signatories and 120 supporting structures (e.g. provinces, regions, networks).



Reinforcing the assistance provided and consolidating the results 'on the ground' are some key challenges of this second phase. In particular Climate Alliance will assist committed local authorities in their delivery and monitor the overall results achieved within the Covenant, in day-to-day cooperation with the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission.

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The key developments this year will concentrate on following the implementation of the Sustainable Energy Action Plans submitted. The objective is to put in place an efficient monitoring process and to highlight impacts and achievements so far. A "monitoring template" will be developed together with the group of experienced signatories. Higher visibility will be given to the performing signatories via the new Covenant revamped website, whereas local authorities failing to honour their commitments will continue to be suspended from the initiative.

Climate Alliance as a Supporting Structure to the Covenant of Mayors

Already in October 2009, Climate Alliance adhered as a Supporting Structure to the Covenant of Mayors and committed to promote the Covenant among its members and to offer dedicated support and exchange of experiences. In addition, Climate Alliance disseminates best practices from its members to other Covenant Signatories and provides tools and methods as well as campaigns for the involvement of citizens. One important milestone in this context is the official recognition of ECORegion as an efficient tool for monitoring progress in the context of the Covenant of Mayors by the European Commission in spring 2010. By means of an automatic function relevant data can be directly exported from the ECORegion tool to fill in the requirements for the Baseline Emission Inventory within the Covenant of Mayors initiative.

Climate Alliance and EU policy

Energy is very high on the political agenda today. Organisation of a European Council dedicated to energy and innovation in February 2011 demonstrates the importance given to the issue. Also the recent events in Japan and North Africa have made issues such as security of supply and developments of alternative and renewable energy resources more crucial. In the last months the European Commission has been working intensively on the issue and released a number of important strategies addressing the future EU energy policy and priorities - both in short and long term - and Climate Alliance has contributed to the ones that have been opened for consultations:

- ◆ **Energy 2020. A Strategy for competitive, sustainable and secure energy** (November 2010), which identified energy efficiency as a top priority in the EU. Climate Alliance contributed to the development of this strategy by

responding to the public consultation based on the stock taking document "Towards a new Energy Strategy for Europe 2011-2020". The response of Climate Alliance you will find here: www.climatealliance.org/577.html?&L=0

- ◆ **The Roadmap for moving to a competitive low carbon economy by 2050** (March 2011), which details the pathway for achieving greenhouse gas emission reductions of 80-95 % by 2050 and highlighting the need to keep on track in achieving the energy savings objectives. In its response Climate Alliance highlighted the need to involve local level and to develop a decentralised energy system based on renewable energy:
http://ec.europa.eu/clima/consultations/0005/index_en.htm
- ◆ **The Energy Efficiency Plan** (March 2011) proposes the new strategy to boost energy efficiency. The plan does not include binding energy saving targets for member states, but should propose new initiatives by the end of the year: New directive on energy efficiency and energy saving, revision of energy service directive and revision of combined heat and power directive. These might be separate legislative proposals or eventually could be merged together: http://ec.europa.eu/energy/efficiency/action_plan/action_plan_en.htm
- ◆ **Energy Roadmap 2050** (coming 3rd quarter of 2011) following up the Low Carbon Roadmap 2050 it will address the EU energy policy objectives of sustainability, energy security and competitiveness, and will focus on how these can be improved throughout the transition to low carbon economy. Climate Alliance responded to the consultation highlighting the need for a better involvement of the local level, and ambitious work both in energy efficiency and increasing the share of renewable energy. Climate Alliance's answer to the consultation you will find here:
www.climatealliance.org/577.html?&L=0#c3393

The strategic work on energy and climate will continue intensively with other initiatives in 2011, such as the Resource Efficiency Roadmap, review of the Energy Taxation Directive and a new Sustainable Consumption and Production Plan. Climate Alliance will continue following the key initiatives and raising whenever possible the profile of local and regional authorities.

In 2010 Brussels office has been working on improving the English part of the Climate Alliance website: the structure has been developed and the European Policy section much reinforced, including a new section on European funding. Also a new internal newsletter has been launched: the Climate Alliance Europe e-picks are produced by the Brussels Office and are dedicated to the latest European issues on climate & energy policies as well as to activities and hot topics from the national co-ordination offices. The idea is on one hand to provide interesting information from Brussels to the board members of Climate Alliance and on the other to create discussions between the national coordination offices, Brussels office and the board members.

During 2011 the Brussels office will concentrate on following and influencing the European debate on financing climate and energy actions. The European Commission is in a process of developing new financing mechanisms directed to local level such as the **Smart Cities** initiative and the **European Energy Efficiency Facility (EEE-F)**. The EEE-F is a result of intensive lobbying of Climate Alliance and other local government networks to take use of the unspent funds of the European Economic Recovery Plan (see above: Perugia resolution). The EEE-F will dedicate some € 125 million for investment projects and some € 20 million for grants for technical assistance for preparing projects. The Smart Cities initiative is still under consultation. However, both schemes should be in place later this year.

FLEGT (Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade)

Together with other environmental organisations, Climate Alliance has for years supported a campaign for EU legislative measures against the import and trade of timber and timber products from illegal logging. With the call to “Reduce the EU’s ecological footprint – EU legislation can curb illegal logging”, Climate Alliance added its voice to the recommendations for an EU regulation on the “obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market”. In this, the EU Member States are called upon to endorse the vote of the EU’s environment committee and to adopt the final decree.

In 2010, the European parliament finally agreed to a ban prohibiting the sale of illegally logged timber, tracking measures and sanctions in the event of non-compliance. The parliament also enforced that the requirement to provide proof of the legitimate source of the timber no longer only applied for the importer, but for the entire processing chain. Only in this way can it be ensured that all loopholes are closed. The legislation was formally adopted in the EU parliament at the start of July 2010, but will unfortunately only come into force at the start of 2012.



International Year of Forests

The UN has declared 2011 the International Year of Forests. The aim is to boost awareness and knowledge of conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests for the benefit of the present and future generations. The particular significance of forests and of sustainable forest management should also be indicated within the scope of the fight against poverty. Climate Alliance is planning events relating to the forest and climate (in Umbria and Bonn, among other venues) and will also intensify its public relations work to draw attention to the importance of protecting the forests and biodiversity also in connection with the increased use of biomass.



SUPPORT_ERS

What can EU member states learn from each other in the promotion of renewable energies? How can they best provide support at a local level? The final project outcomes were presented during the European Sustainable Energy Week in March 2010: Instruments and policy recommendations in addition to trainings with options for political decision makers to support RES and it increases the awareness of the benefits of RES to regional stakeholders.

The project consortium comprised twelve partners. Within this, ministers and national energy agencies with direct access to the according policy processes constituted a core group.



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Electric mobility

Climate Alliance has been working to increase the proportion of electric vehicles in road transport since the middle of 2009. The vehicles considered range from bicycles featuring electric motor support with which the number of cyclists in hilly cities can be increased in particular, to everything from cars to delivery vehicles with emissions-free city logistics. To ensure that electric mobility develops the greatest possible climate protection effect, Climate Alliance is backing vehicle power from renewable energies. Climate Alliance has launched a project within the scope of the sustainability strategy of the federal state of Hesse to implement practical pilot schemes and supports development of the Rhine-Main electric mobility pilot region. Moreover, Climate Alliance was called upon to participate in the national electric mobility platform in May 2010 in which a development plan for electric mobility in Germany is to be developed in cooperation with other social actors. A German work group of Climate Alliance members and a work group comprising Climate Alliance municipalities in Hesse were established to bring municipalities and districts together on this issue.

METHODS, INSTRUMENTS, TOOLS

One of the most important tasks of Climate Alliance is the elaboration of methods and tools for the member cities and municipalities, which support the elaboration of climate action plans, the implementation of individual measures and the monitoring of achievements.

ECORegion

CO₂ Monitoring in Climate Alliance

Since its launch in August 2008, already 700 local and regional authorities in Germany are using the energy and CO₂ inventory tool ECORegion. This huge increase in users in only two and half years is also a consequence of the promotion of ECORegion by the German Federal States of North Rhine-Westphalia and Hesse, which decided to patronage and promote the use of ECORegion in their respective municipalities. The now for one year existing Italian version of ECORegion is already used by more than 30 municipalities; the provinces of Rome, Ancona and the Region of Emilia Romagna, and the version for Luxemburg and the Ukraine are being tested at the moment.

A big milestone was the official recognition by the European Commission of ECORegion as adequate tool for the elaboration of Sustainable Energy Actions Plans in the framework of the Covenant of Mayors. The Swiss company Ecospeed and Climate Alliance, who developed ECORegion together, are planning to offer the tool in other European countries as well.

Climate Cities Benchmark

The "Climate Cities Benchmark" has been available to all municipalities in Germany as a new tool for the evaluation of progress since November 2009. With the help of activity profiles, indicators and CO₂ monitoring data, cities and municipalities can present and evaluate their results in comparison with the national mean values and averages for all municipalities in the respective size category. The outcome is a strengths and weaknesses analysis for the individual municipality including a list with priority areas of action and tools for intensification or implementation of further climate protection activities. The benchmarking system is currently being used by around 200 German municipalities; further development for use by districts and expansion into other EU countries has been proposed.

Capacity Building: Local Climate Protection Ukraine

A secure energy supply and energy efficiency are the greatest challenges for the Ukraine. However, the municipalities are aware that in most cases, they lack the necessary specialist expertise and financial means. Activities already undertaken within the scope of the project include adaptation and translation of several Climate Alliance tools for use in the Ukraine in addition to training sessions and internships for Ukrainian energy managers within German local authorities. In 2010, a climate protection conference took place in Lviv, and various workshops were held on the Ukrainian version of ECORegion and to develop ten local energy action plans. The project is funded by the German Federal Environment Ministry's international climate protection initiative.



pro-EE – Public Procurement boosts Energy Efficiency

pro-EE was a Climate Alliance project funded within the scope of the Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE) programme, which aimed to contribute to joint procurement for the enhanced market penetration of energy-efficient products. In 2010, training was held for municipalities in all countries participating in the pro-EE project (Spain, Italy, Austria, Germany, Greece, Portugal) in addition to in Hungary and Slovakia. Five pilot communities developed an integrated energy efficiency plan within this project – taking local interest groups into consideration and performing public relations work for citizens. In autumn 2010, the concluding conference was held in Linz. It was well-attended (by around 200 procurement experts) and attracted a great deal of media attention. All project documents are available in six languages on the project homepage.



REMINING-LOWEX

The motto of the project funded within the scope of the EU's CONCERTO programme is "Old mines – New energy". It explored the supply of residential areas in former coal mining areas with geothermal energy from decommissioned mines to cover the heating and cooling requirements in four municipalities: Heerlen (NL), Zagorj (SL), Czeladz (PL) and Bourgas / Chernomorec (BG). The system is based on low-energy standards and is supported by integrated building designs and energy concepts. Climate Alliance is responsible for public relations work on the European level and for supplying the general public in the pilot municipalities with information. It is working on a brochure for political decision-makers, which is due to be published in 2011.



SustainableNOW

Within this project, Climate Alliance leads on capacity building in sustainable energy, supported by ICLEI Europe and other technical partners. Guidance is provided to local governments - from pioneers to beginners, from decision-makers to municipal staff. It includes providing support in developing CO₂ emissions inventories and Local Energy Action Plans (LEAPs), as well as organising peer-to-peer exchanges and learning opportunities such as study tours, staff trainee exercises and specialised workshops. Through these activities, we are also exploring some of the main challenges cities and towns are facing - gaining further understanding on local sustainable energy planning, implementation and monitoring issues.



On 22-23 April 2010, a study tour was organised in Munich (DE), one of the most advanced community within the SUSTAINABLE NOW consortium. Model projects were visited, such as the Bauzentrum, a geothermal power plant and the exemplary solar district heating at Ackermannbogen.



Two training workshops on CO₂ emissions reduction planning and monitoring were also delivered – one in the context of the Munich study visit, and the other one in Freiburg in February 2011. Experts from Climate Alliance and ICLEI Europe provided practical recommendations on how to collect and monitor energy data, and presented tools & methodologies for compiling a reliable CO₂/energy database (e.g. the ECORegion tool). In addition, Climate Alliance is facilitating the organisation of "Staff Trainee Programmes" in which the learning communities have the opportunity to gain direct experience from their advanced 'twin' city partner.



RES Champions League

The RES Champions League is a network of national leagues, which organises friendly renewable energy competitions between cities and municipalities in Europe. The municipalities in the participating countries compete in the fields of solar (photovoltaic and thermal) and wood energy. National leagues have already been



www.res-league.eu

established in Germany, France, Italy, Poland, Romania, the Czech Republic and Hungary. Institutions are warmly invited to organise competitions in other countries too!

In May 2010, the European award was conferred for the first time within the scope of the European Sustainable Cities and Towns conference held in Dunkirk. In the overall ranking of all size categories, the Italian market town of Prad am Stilfser Joch / Prato allo Stelvio emerged the winner at the end of the season: not only regenerative electricity but also thermal energy is exported here!

POLIS

The IEE project "POLIS – Identification and mobilisation of Solar POtentials via Local strategies" serves to support strategic solar-oriented urban development. Climate Alliance is responsible for the establishment of so-called national competence groups – in Germany, workshops were held in Hamburg and Hannover for this purpose – as well as for the development of both country condition sheets (featuring political, legal, economic and technical conditions) and guidelines for local planning processes, among other aspects. Mobilisation of the solar urban potential of European cities is to be promoted through cooperation between several cities engaged in solar urban planning (Lisbon/PT, Lyon and Paris/FR, Malmö/SE, Munich/DE, and Vitoria-Gasteiz/ES).

"Climate Protection in Municipalities" guidelines

Within the scope of this project, the content and structure of the 1997 guidelines drawn up by the Deutsches Institut für Urbanistik, the Ifeu-Institut Heidelberg and Climate Alliance on behalf of the German Federal Environment Ministry were entirely reworked. Climate Alliance was primarily responsible for the "guidelines for action" section in which the municipalities are provided with concrete suggestions for action on the subject of climate protection in the form of transferable activity sheets. The guidelines were published in a print version as well as for use online.

Coaching local climate protection

The "Coaching local climate protection" project supports municipalities started out with structured climate protection work. The project target group is primarily small and medium-sized municipalities with tight personnel and budget capacities wishing to benefit from the knowledge and experience of "pioneer municipalities".

A website is being developed, which structures access to the various consulting offers and aims to help newcomers get to grips with the wealth of information. Moreover, various modules to support the municipalities are being developed, such as a starter pack with practical tips to implement rapidly-effective and visible climate protection measures. Further internet modules shall prepare "Arguments for sceptics" and show how a "Climate protection and monitoring quick concept" can be developed for the municipality. A whole range of other project examples are presented in an ideas pool (to complement the immediate measures), which have been prepared by practitioners from experienced municipalities with concrete implementation guidelines.

In addition to the website, an individual consulting programme (coaching) is being designed for municipalities by experienced municipal climate protectors. This programme will first be developed and tested in five pilot municipalities, then made available to other interested municipalities.



www.polis-solar.eu



NORTH-SOUTH-LIAISON / COOPERATION WITH THE INDIGENOUS PARTNERS

Apart from implementing ambitious local climate change policies, the support of the indigenous peoples in the Amazon region is one of the main goals of Climate Alliance. This cooperation is being substantiated with the umbrella organisation COICA as well as with regional partnerships like the one between Climate Alliance Austria with the Rio Negro region in Brazil.

COICA conference in Bolivia

At the end of August, COICA invited Climate Alliance to its conference on REDD. The primary aim of the event was to establish a position on the subject. Various international institutions and NGOs – mainly from North America – were invited. There are already reports of both companies and NGOs offering indigenous communities vast sums of money to secure the carbon in the remaining areas of forest in the future. As a consequence, pressure on the indigenous communities is continually growing: the generous offers of money are extremely tempting and could also be put to good use in the areas of health and education, which are neglected by governments. It is also for this reason that no united position exists among the indigenous organisations on REDD. It primarily depends how the individual governments position themselves on the national level.

The World Bank (Forest Carbon Partnership Facility) and the UN (UN REDD) have already set up a fund with which so-called REDD-readiness should be established. So states should be prepared for the implementation of REDD. National control mechanisms and structures are necessary for this. All organisations are attempting to boost acceptance among the indigenous communities by involving their representatives in the corresponding advisory committees. These committees also decide on pilot projects. It remains questionable whether this will help enhance the tool. REDD is sure to continue preoccupying the indigenous organisations in the coming years.



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Projects with Indigenous Organisations supported by Local Authorities

Support for COICA's area coordination

Numerous COICA activities in the field of the environment and natural resources could be supported as a consequence of the executive board's decision to dedicate 3% of member contributions to COICA's work. In addition to participation in international processes such as biodiversity and climate change, Diego Escobar was primarily able to boost networking with other partner organisations. One of the most important issues for COICA in 2010 was the debate on REDD (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation).

Solar lamp project in Peru

Through the cooperation with the FORMABIAP training programme for the introduction of solar lamps, we are in contact with another organisation in the region wishing to develop the project, namely Provita Andina. The delivery of 300 lamps and establishment of a further workshop are planned for 2011.



Plant oil project in Ecuador



Within the scope of the AMAZONICA pilot project developed in cooperation with INDIO-HILFE e.V. and indigenous communities of the Amazon region in Ecuador, oil presses are to be introduced for the production of plant oil, be it for use as a foodstuff or as a fuel. The model is being developed in “model communities” with several different indigenous peoples to subsequently also make the results available to other indigenous communities in the Amazon region.

We would like to thank all member municipalities and other donors for supporting Climate Alliance’s rainforest protection projects with the indigenous peoples of Amazonia.

AWARENESS RAISING AND CAMPAIGNS

One of the pillars in Climate Alliance's work is the development and organisation of campaigns ready to be implemented in the member cities in order to involve citizens or specific stakeholders in practical action against climate change.

EnergyBridges

The EU-financed EnergyBridges project was successfully concluded at the end of 2010 after a three-year period. At the final meeting with all project partners held in Luxemburg, a predominantly positive outcome was concluded. Particularly the partners from the Czech Republic and Hungary were able to entrench the subject of energy justice as a new focus in the cooperation with state institutions and other NGOs in their countries. The "Luxemburg Appeal" was passed during a concluding press conference, in which Camile Gira also participated as the representative of Climate Alliance's executive board. In this document, the EU states are called upon to do more for climate protection, to support the developing countries in their efforts to adapt to climate change, and to commit themselves further to the development of renewable energies. The project highlight was assuredly the delegation trip to Ecuador in 2009, which left a lasting impression on all participants and has since led to a great many follow-up events. The countless art initiatives held at schools with artist Michael Müller also added a whole new dimension of discussion to the topics of energy justice and rainforest protection.

Further information on the project, teaching materials and the project outcomes can be found online at www.energybridges.eu.

Project GREEN

In 2011, the project is supporting advanced health training for the Wajapi in Amapá, Brazil. The local project supporter in Brazil is the Institute for Research and Training in Indigenous Education (*Instituto de Pesquisa e Formação em Educação Indígena*, IEPÉ). It will provide the indigenous health advisors with training. In 2010, the project was supported by the town of Bad Orb and the Toskana Therme spa located there.

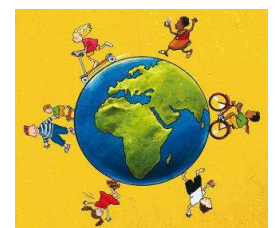
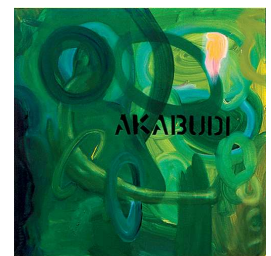
ZOOM – Kids on the Move for Climate Action

In 2010, 160,000 children from 10 countries participated in the 9th Green Footprints campaign. They collected 2.6 million Green Footprints and narrowly missed topping the record number collected in 2009. The footprints were subsequently handed over to the new Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, Christina Figueres, at the UN Climate Change Conference held in Mexico in December 2010. She was thrilled with the children's commitment and is looking forward to learning about the project successes in 2011 in South Africa.

2011 will in fact mark the tenth anniversary of the campaign! Collecting green footprints for the world climate – we find a reason to celebrate! From April until November, hundreds of "kids on the move" will once again actively contribute to climate protection! There are two innovations this year: we are officially extending participation for school children up to year 6, and are also offering all interested parties the extension pack developed by Klimabündnis Österreich for the collection of green footprints in up to four weeks. We hope to once again collect a record number of footprints to hand over at the UN Climate Change Conference in December 2011.



www.energybridges.eu



www.zoom-kidsforclimate.eu





European Mobility Week

Health and mobility were the overall topics of the 2010 European Mobility Week (EMW) for which the focal theme was "Travel Smarter, Live Better". 2,221 municipalities from a total of 42 countries participated in the event between 16 and 22 September. A new participant record was set for the fifth time in a row and 7,506 permanent measures such as improvements to the bicycle infrastructure and local public transport system were implemented. In 2011, the EMW celebrates its tenth anniversary and is dedicated to the overall topics of traffic and energy with the focal theme of "Alternative Mobility". Along with two other organisations, Climate Alliance manages the European coordination and is responsible for Europe-wide evaluation of the campaign and for preparation of the EMW Handbook, the guidelines on the annual theme and the Best Practices Guide.

"Cycling City Councillors" campaign



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Climate Alliance's "Cycling City Councillors" campaign, which is known as "Stadtradeln" in German, promotes cycling in Germany. The aims of this initiative launched in 2008 are to enhance the image of the "zero-emissions vehicle" and to encourage citizens to make use of this in their everyday lives. In addition, the topics of cycling promotion and planning should increasingly be included in municipal parliaments.

To this end, city councillors cycled with teams of citizens during the period between June and mid-October 2010 and "collected" as many bike miles as possible. Germany's most bike-active municipal parliament in addition to the city with the most bike miles were sought.

In 2010, around 13,000 cyclists from 60 cities and municipalities including 530 members of municipal parliaments participated in the city competition for climate protection. Together they covered a total of over 1.46 million miles (!) by bike. So symbolically, they circumnavigated the earth almost 60 times and saved around 340 tons of carbon dioxide by not using their cars. Winner Hanover was honoured at the 10th Municipal Climate Protection Conference and received bike-related prizes from the campaign's numerous supporters worth up to 10,000 Euros in total.

The increase in the number of participating municipalities from 52% after the first year to 71% after the second, in addition to the rise in the number of participating cyclists by 225% after the first year and 119% after the second testify to this concept's success. The provision of additional funding for the campaign from the transport ministry is therefore being aimed at for 2011 and 2012.

The campaign also received recognition from the EU: Cycling City Councillors was conferred the 2011 Sustainable Energy Europe Award!

Smart-e Buildings



The IEE project launched in 2010 aims to fund energy-efficient housing and the energy refurbishment of buildings in a total of 14 European countries (Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Spain, the Czech Republic and the United Kingdom) as well as to introduce implementation of renewable energies in buildings and measures to that effect by municipalities. The campaign targets buildings owners, among other target groups, and seeks to inform them of relevant options interactively (Web 2.0) with the ultimate aim of making investments in the fields of energy efficiency and/or renewables in the building sector. Other target groups include local authorities on the national, regional and local levels as well as EU parliamentarians. Social media play a role in promoting Smart-e Buildings, as does interaction with interested parties.

AdaptationWiki

To prepare municipalities for adaptation to the consequences of climate change, Climate Alliance is to begin developing guidelines in the second half of 2011 in the form of a web-based guide for municipalities and an emergency support kit to deal with extreme occurrences. The aim of the guidelines is to help cities and municipalities in the development of an adaptation strategy and in the initiation and implementation of local adaptation activities. The information contained in the guidelines will be made available as a Wiki within an internet-based tool. The aim is for volunteer authors to develop the guidelines. Particularly specialists from the over 450 German Climate Alliance municipalities are invited to actively participate.

NET-CoM

The Covenant of Mayors (CoM) initiative is much more successful than anticipated 2-3 years ago. The number of signatories is high, now they have to make sure to implement successfully their commitments. They need to cooperate more efficiently and learn from each other. The networking and exchange of experiences among local authorities (LAs) can significantly boost the CoM implementation. Therefore the continuous capacity building of the European and national/regional networks will be crucial for the coming years.

The NET-COM project is carried out by a consortium of partners made of European / national / regional networks of local and regional authorities. They will tackle:

- At national/regional level: a lack of networking activities, inter-institutional cooperation and multilevel governance linked to the Covenant of Mayors (CoM) initiative.
- At European level: a strong need to benchmark, innovate and boost networking and communication activities of European and national/regional networks of LAs.
- At local level: a need of LAs to improve their capacities to play a role of a "network": promote the CoM locally, communicate transparently with local stakeholders and citizens, organise events to encourage exchange of opinions and experiences and discuss involvement of different local actors in the CoM.

NAVIKI

The Naviki project will implement and optimise a European internet platform for navigation, communication and planning in the field of cycling. Cyclists, tourists and hitherto motorists will get the ability to discover best cycle paths all over Europe by means of easy routing requests for arbitrary connections.

Through the Naviki project a novel view on the bicycle infrastructure will be created. Cyclists are no longer just a subject of planning – they contribute to the advancement of the cycling infrastructure themselves.

Planners will learn systematically from the actual user behaviour that will come to the fore. Through novel insights into citizens attitudes and needs a new quality of infrastructure planning including user-oriented prioritising will be realisable. Not least municipalities, tourism organisations and NGOs will obtain a tool for appealing information as regards cycling in their respective area.

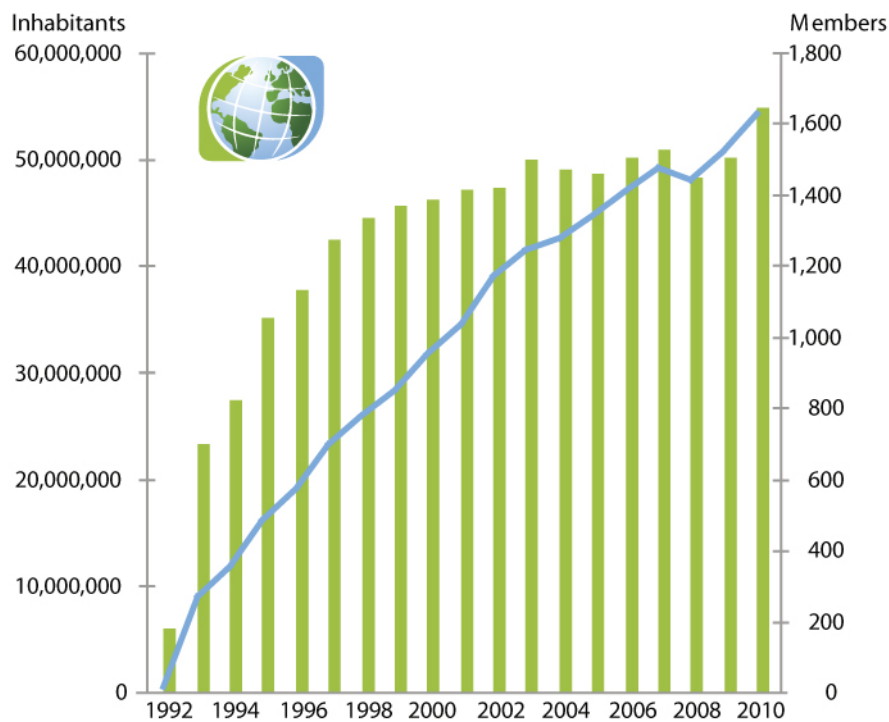
Overall the consortium aims to enhance attractiveness of and awareness for cycling, so that many citizens and tourists will prefer the bicycle instead of car-usage. Thus the project will have significant and verifiable impacts on fuel saving and CO₂ reduction.

THE ASSOCIATION CLIMATE-ALLIANCE

Members of Climate Alliance

In 2010, 123 new cities, municipalities, district authorities adhered to Climate Alliance, while 15 left, most for financial reasons. Therefore, Climate Alliance counted a total of 1,633 members at the end of 2010: 1,567 cities and municipalities from 18 countries as well as 23 federal states and provinces and 43 associations and organisations as associated members.

Membership development (incl. number of inhabitants) of Climate-Alliance



Austria, Germany and Italy are still the countries with the highest number of members. An important adhesion by the end of 2010 was the one of the Province of Barcelona.

In Austria, Italy, Luxembourg and Switzerland, national and regional Climate Alliance coordination offices are in place, which carry out a variety of own projects and activities. In other countries, Climate Alliance cooperates with adequate national organisations. Further contacts in Central and Eastern Europe have been established or are being developed.

Membership as of 31 December 2010

Country	Members (local authorities)	Associated Municipa- lities	Associated Members	Inhabitants in member cities and municipalities
A	698	191	9	5.379.485
B	6			371.500
BG			1	
CH	17		2	1.166.475
CZ	1	1		600
D	455	1	19	38.244.597
DK	2			48.200
E			1	5.507.818
F	4			759.400
H	7		12	59.377
I	111	27	21	2.389.418
L	36		1	300.093
NL	1			488.370
P	1			33.300
PL	2			14.500
S	1			60.000
SK	4			18.798
SLO	1			2.700
Total:	1.347	220	66	54.844.626

The European Secretariat of Climate Alliance

The European Secretariat currently employs seventeen people who share approximately 12 full-time posts. Nine experts work in the areas of local climate change mitigation and forests/timber, and two in the field of cooperation with Indigenous Peoples. In addition to the two directors and the accountant, three members of staff are responsible for membership service and administration, secretarial tasks and internet services. The Secretariat is supported by a number of people working on a temporary, voluntary or internship basis. Climate Alliance's Brussels Office is currently equipped with two experts.

Since March 2011, our former trainee in the Brussels office, **Jenny-Claire Kersting**, has become our new colleague in the European Secretariat to work on the implementation of European projects.

Still in the first half of 2011, we aim at employing one more colleague to work for the Covenant of Mayors Office.



Public Relations

Internet

In 2010 Climate Alliance's relaunched website www.climatealliance.org went online. There are completely new websites like www.coaching-klimaschutz.de or renewed ones like www.indigene.de.

For almost every project and campaign, Climate Alliance runs an own website. Our service includes a total of 19 different websites:

www.pro-ee.eu
www.climate-compass.net
www.klimabuendnis.org
www.climatealliance.org
www.energybridges.eu
www.energiekommunal.de
www.climate-toolbox.net
www.stadtradeln.de
www.erdoelinamazonien.org
www.amica-climate.net
www.fiftyfiftyplus.de
www.coaching-klimaschutz.de
www.indigene.de
www.prime-ecopower.net
www.localclimateprotection.eu
www.klimabuendnis.de
www.regenwaldmenschen.de
www.climate-cities-benchmark.net

Media Relations

The European Secretariat issued twenty press releases in 2010, most of which were in both German and English. The main topics were the Yasuní initiative, the Zoom – Kids on the move campaign as well as – in Germany – the Cycling City Councillors campaign. Furthermore, our members and the Climate Alliance coordination offices have mentioned the Climate Alliance in press releases, interviews and at events. As a result of the media work, Climate Alliance was mentioned in at least 1,220 press articles published in 2010. The main topics covered in the press releases were the European Mobility Week, which had more than 220 articles, the Cycling City Councillors with 300 articles, followed by the Annual Conference in Perugia, the Zoom campaign and the RES-Championsleague.

Newsletter eClimail

In 2010, the electronic newsletter eClimail was published in six editions. It was sent out to 2,200 individuals in member municipalities and to an additional 2,200 other contacts in ministries, public agencies, European institutions, energy agencies and other organisations, interested municipalities and NGOs.

At your request we shall be happy to add your e-mail address or addresses of other contacts to our mailing list.

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