# Local strategies for sustainable development

## Experiences from Freiburg

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## Overview

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- Some information about Freiburg
- Historical background
- Implementation of local strategies
- Some Examples
- Conclusion

Freiburg





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#### Energiekosten belasten private Haushalte





Population: Covered Area: Employment: Unemployment: Electricity: CO2 Emissions: Tourists:

215.000, thereof 30.000 students 150 km<sup>2</sup>, thereof 40% forest 57% Services sector 6% 50% provided by cogeneration 1.9 Million t/a = 9.3 t per capita/a Private vehicles: 450 per 1000 inhabitants 1 Mio. overnight stays a year; 1/3 foreigners



## Historical background

1975 Anti-nuclear protest
1981 Foundation of solar energy research institute
1986 Freiburg energy supply concept
1992 Award "German Capital of the Environment"
1992 Low-energy construction standard on municipal land

1996 Climate protection concept

2000 SolarRegion Freiburg at world exhibition EXPO 20002003-2006 German champion in Solar-Bundeliga contest2007 New energy and climate strategy

 plenty of starting points for sustainable development – but: not a planned development from the beginning!





## Implementation of local strategies

- 1. Municipalities as stakeholders on local level
- 2. Implementation of "Energy subject" within administration
- 3. Action plan basic aspects
- 4. Main fields of action





Municipalities as "stakeholder" on local level
City Council as policy and decision maker
Municipality as consumer itself
Municipal as owner of companies
Municipality as city developer and planner
Municipality as role model

#### Administration in Freiburg





#### Action plan – basic aspects

- Analysis:
- Vision:
  First steps:
  Focus:
- ► Implementation:
- ► Networking:

Basic data evaluation Assets and recources - SWOT Where do you want to go? Starting points – Pilot projects? Main/Key actions? Create staff unit! Who could help? Partners?

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#### Action Plan - Implementation

- 1. General Strategy Realistic and achievable targets
- 2. Precise Action plan timeframe and responsibility
- 3. Regular Monitoring adjustment if necessary



### • Main fields of action = $E^3$

- 1. Energy saving
- 2. Renewable energies
- **3. Energy efficiency**
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## Some examples

- Energy saving
- Energy efficiency
- Renewable energies



### Energy saving: old buildings subsidy program

#### ► Germany:

93% of energy consumption for heating buildings is used in buildings older than 25 years!





Infrared thermography



Annex A - part 1

## Energy efficiency

District heating co-generation: using methan from urban landfill

Annex A - part 1



## Renewable energies





#### Renewable energies

- Regional energy company: Subsidies for renewable energies
- Municipality: Provide suitable areas for example wind turbines
- Municipality: Favourable property conditions for innovative businesses



## Main "energy consumers" – "CO<sub>2</sub> producers"



traffic city administration industry craftsmen, trade... households

