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A Local Energy and Climate Pact between the Flemish Government and the Flemish Cities and Municipalities

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The Flemish government and the Flemish cities and municipalities are joining forces in the Local Energy and Climate Pact (LEKP) to together achieve the necessary energy and climate transitions.

Flemish Vice-Minister-President Bart Somers launched the LEKP in 2021, setting concrete objectives in four areas: greening, participatory energy, sustainable mobility and rainwater. With 293 Flemish cities and municipalities already having signed the Pact, it is a real success. Throughout the rest of Europe, it is a source of inspiration for other regional governments and local authorities.

The Flanders Climate and Energy Pact provides the basis for structural cooperation and secures strong local climate and energy policy through mutual commitments on both sides:



The Flemish Government commits to...

- ... providing **professional support** to local authorities through the Climate Network and project-based support to local administrators;
- ... actively cooperating with local authorities in eliminating the potential obstacles;
- ... liaising with the research institutions to **monitor progress**;
- ... actively promoting to local authorities the policy measures funded by the Flemish, Federal and European budgets;
- ... providing an **additional budget of EUR 10 000 000** and resources from the Flemish Climate Fund.

The Cities and Municipalities commit to...

... average annual primary energy savings of at least **2.09%** in their own buildings, including technical infrastructure;

... reducing **CO₂-emissions by 40%** by 2030 compared to 2015, principally by establishing a real estate strategy in their own buildings and in their technical infrastructure;

... installing publicly accessible **LED lighting** for all the 1.2 million public lighting points by 2030;

... increasing the acceptance of renewable energy and drawing up local heat and demolition policy plans;

... encouraging citizens, businesses and associations to achieve concrete and visible targets in four fields.

Targets by 2030...

... 1 additional tree per Flemish person, resulting in 6,6 million additional trees

... half a metre of additional hedge, resulting in an additional 3 300 km

... 1 additional natural shrub per 1 000 inhabitants, resulting in 6 600 10 m² copses



Field 1:
Let's plant a tree

Targets by 2030...

... 50 collectively organised energy-saving renovations per 1 000 residential units

... 1 cooperative renewable energy project per 500 inhabitants, resulting in a total installed capacity of 216 MW and 12 000 projects by 2030



Field 2:
Enrich your neighbourhood

Field 4:

Water – The new gold



Targets by 2030...

... 1m² water softener per inhabitant, resulting in 6.6 million m² softening

... 1m³ additional rainwater collection for reuse, buffering and infiltration per capita, resulting in 6.6 million m³ additional rainwater collected for reuse or infiltration

Field 3:

Each neighbourhood shares and is sustainably accessible



Targets by 2030...

... 1 access point for a carbon-free shared system per 1 000 inhabitants, resulting in 6 600 access points

... 1 charging point per 100 inhabitants, resulting in 66 000 charging points

... 1m new or structurally upgraded cycle path