

Policy Learning Platform Online Discussion: “Governance of multi-municipal energy, climate and transport strategies”

Peer recommendations for improved SECAP
coordination & implementation from the recent
peer review for the Ministry of the German-
speaking Communities, East Belgium

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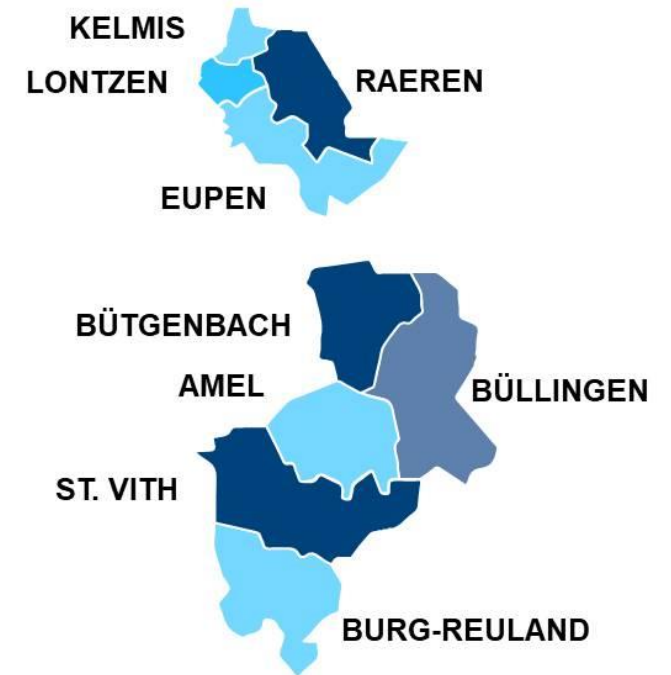


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A promising starting point:

- Comprehensive and cross-cutting SECAP offering flexibility for the partners
- Timely, active, transparent and inclusive stakeholder involvement
- Readiness to seek for advice and ideas from outside

1. Governance structures



- **Steering Group – who?**

- Political-administrative bodies (9 municipalities + 1 DG)

- Political representative (elderman) or other designated + civil servant responsible for the theme tackled by the meeting

- Stakeholders:

- Associations, chambers of commerce, cooperatives, knowledge providers, NGOs

1. Governance structures



- **Steering Group – role?**
 - Overall coordination and strategic decisions
 - Progress reporting and monitoring
 - Data collection and evaluation
 - Manage shared tools
 - Exchange of tools and provision to the municipalities
 - Joint actions towards the outside
 - Exchange with other regions and initiatives
 - Support and initiate applications for joint funding/ projects
 - Initiate working groups
 - Campaign identity + external communication
 - Information for citizens – easy to understand!
 - Brochure, info events, breakfasts for companies, et al.

1. Governance structures



- **Steering Group – setup and leadership?**
 - Chairmanship + CoM Coordinator = Ministry of the DG
 - Facilitate, prepare, invite, organise, set pace
 - Shared responsibilities and tasks
 - Distributed lead by topic among all SC members

- **Steering Group – meetings?**
 - First year – up to 4 meetings
 - Following years: 2 meetings/year
 - Study visits – showing good practices

1. Governance structures



▪ Working groups on specific topics – who?

- Political representative: optional
- Civil servant: yes
- Stakeholders(*): yes
- Consultants: optional

(*) not limited to those in the SC

▪ Working groups – role?

- Plan and implement specific actions
- Report to SC

1. Governance structures



- **Working groups – setup and leadership?**
 - Flexible, depending on the municipal targets + interests
 - Chair?
 - Rotating among WG members
 - DG: agenda + invitations + minutes (only main points/ follow-ups)
- **Working groups – meetings?**
 - As needed and decided by each WG
 - Approx. 3 meetings/ year

1. Governance structures



- **Municipal level – internal human resources:**
 - Appointment of „Mr. or Ms. SECAP“
 - Ensure that the SECAP does not end up as a sub-topic of environment
 - Raise awareness within the municipal administration
 - Give recognition and formal role to „Mr. or Ms. SECAP“
 - Role to train colleagues, et al.

1. Governance structures

- **Municipal level – in public buildings:**
 - SECAP-teams within municipal structures
 - Schools
 - Building managers
 - Cleaning staff
 - Kitchen staff
 - Mobility of public servants



2. Support expected by the municipalities from the coordinator

- Information & promotion of the joint strategy
 - Info sessions and awareness (e.g. social media, events, et al.)
- Contacts to the outside
 - Be the point of contact for the entire joint strategy group
 - Attend / organise meetings with external partners (e.g. from Germany) and study trips with active follow-up
 - Direct the Working Groups to relevant external contacts and knowledge
- Expertise
 - Provide technical and financial guidance to participating municipalities
 - Point to existing expertise, good practices elsewhere and work jointly
 - Joint projects (EU-funded, national-funded)
 - Joint Energy Agency for the entire region
 - „One-stop-shop“ for building EE renovation



2. Support expected by the municipalities from the coordinator

2 areas are particularly suited to be addressed at coordinator-level:

- Shared tools for monitoring (see next section!)
- Shared approach to financing
 - Monitor and try to access all levels of funding!
 - Crowd funding
 - Cooperatives
 - Regional and national levels
 - EU funds
 - Regional Operational Programme of Wallonia (or the DG?)
 - Interreg programmes
 - EIB
 - For financial instruments
 - For building EE renovation



3. Monitoring, data and reporting

- **PRAGMATIC approach to data collection and monitoring:**
 - Not too complicated – stay focused on actions and impact!
 - Examine usefulness of existing tools (experience of peer regions)
 - Transfer existing tools into the DG
- **Need:**
 - Understand the status quo, track progress and detect „anormalities“
 - Consolidate data
 - Communicate to the outside
 - Annual public reports



3. Monitoring, data and reporting (SECAP)

- **Three topics/ dimensions:**
 - Public buildings
 - CO2 emissions
 - Climate adaption

- **Three groups of indicators:**
 - Process-based
 - Vulnerability indicators
 - Impact indicators



3. Monitoring, data and reporting

- **Format:**
 - In line with Covenant of Mayors' requirements
- **Examine usefulness of existing tools:**
 - ClimPact (WMO)
 - „R“-tool (WMO)
 - VITO-tool (Flanders)
 - Klimaatportal (Flanders)
 - Klimaatrapport (Flanders)
 - Klimaschutzplan (Rheinland-Pfalz)
 - EMS for public buildings (Rheinland-Pfalz)
 - CO2 report (Finland)
 - (...)



We are looking forward to continue working with you!

