



FORM BEST PRACTICES CONTEST

Municipality Vaals

Country Netherlands

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Name project

Energy saving measurements in Vaals

Category Certification Criteria: mark the category of your project

- Energy and environmental policies (politiche energetiche e ambientali);
- Infrastructure policies (politiche infrastrutturali);
- Quality of urban life policies (politiche per la qualita' urbana);
- Agricultural, touristic and artisan policies (politiche agricole, turistiche, artigianali);
- Policies for hospitality, awareness and training (politiche per l'ospitalita, la consapevolezza e la formazione);
- Social cohesion (coesione sociale).

Summary project



The city council has given the municipality of Vaals the assignment to shape our sustainable (energy) policies in a pragmatic and concrete way and with as little resources as possible. We adhere to this assignment in such a way that our contribution is multiplied by the results. One good recent example is the sun-app, with which every inhabitant can generate essential information about solar panels on their own roof, such as best position on the roof, yield, number of sun-hours, need of permit and suppliers. The app was launched in October 2014.

We have carried out energy-scans on all municipal buildings. As a result, all labelled energy saving measures were incorporated in the new perennial maintenance plan and they will be executed within the parameters of the available maintenance budget. On May 26, 2015, the city council decided to enhance the sustainability of the city hall and museum the Kopermolen. Since both buildings are protected monuments, preparations are very meticulous and thorough.

The Executive Committees College has decided to offer a collective energy contract to all (non-commercial) operators of municipal buildings. These operators, such as outside sports clubs, will benefit financially from this offer.

We have just replaced a municipal vehicle with an electrical version, within budget.

In 2014 preparations were made to offer government funded sustainability measurement loans to inhabitants of Vaals. Goal of this regulation is to give private home owners an effective financial incentive to invest in energy saving measurements.

Since 2014, Vaals takes part in a regional cooperation set up to improve the energetic redevelopment of houses that are on sale. This cooperation, which is supported by the VNG (Association of Dutch Municipalities), has come forth from the national energy-agreement. Agreements on project-level are being made within the region Maastricht-Heuvelland. Eventually the city council will decide which concrete projects Vaals will take part in.

Goal project

To enhance energy sustainability within the municipality of Vaals so that every inhabitant, home owner and organisations will benefit from these measures.

Result project

Apart from the vehicle that was purchased for the municipality of Vaals, all projects have just recently started. No results are definite as of yet.

Finance (costs and benefits)

All projects run within budgets that have been set by the city council anyway. No additional monies needed to be made available.



Staff (staff involved and use of time)

All projects are being run by our own staff within their normal working hours.

Additional information (if necessarily)

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