



Knowledge transfer Through Twinning

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From the city strategy to the international cooperation and SEAP



TARGETS:

1. Well-being
2. Attractiveness
3. Strong economy
4. Personnel (HR), competence, management



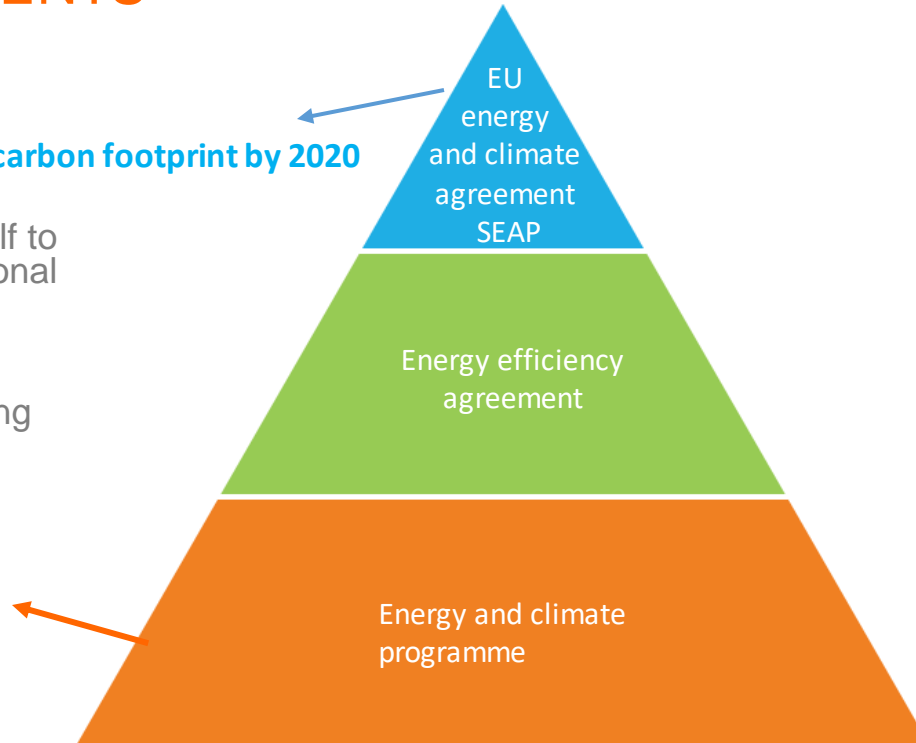
Energy and Climate

GOALS AND AGREEMENTS

Goal:
20% lower carbon footprint by 2020

Vaasa has committed itself to several international, national and regional projects and agreements aimed at reducing the strain on the environment and increasing energy efficiency.

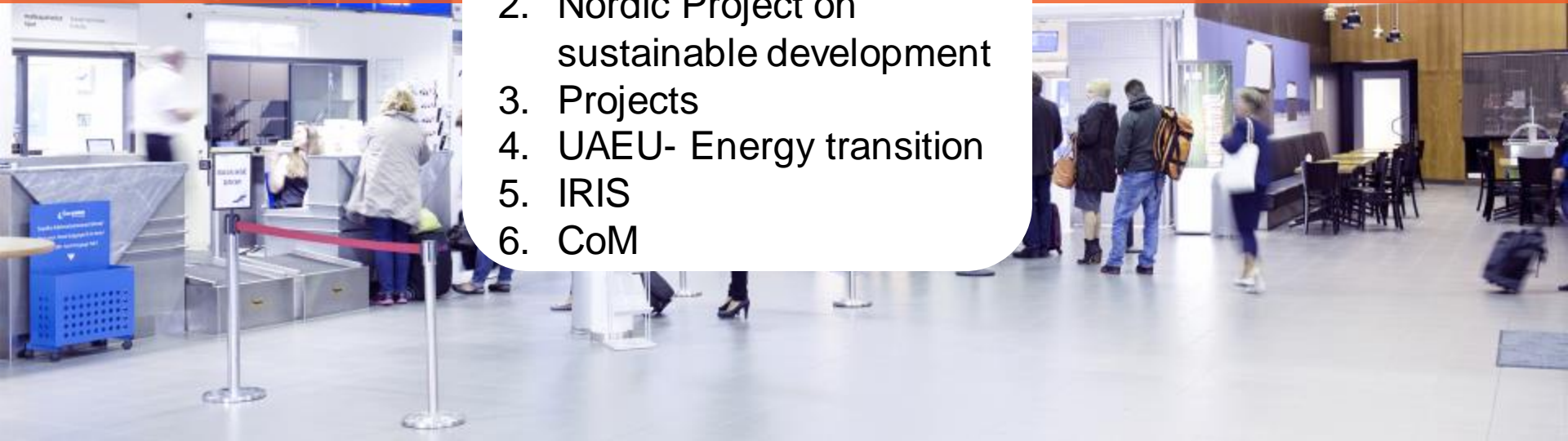
Goal:
a carbon neutral city 2035



Learning and knowledge transfer

- through International cooperation, networks, projects

1. Bothnia Atlantica
2. Nordic Project on sustainable development
3. Projects
4. UAEU- Energy transition
5. IRIS
6. CoM



2. Nordic project on sustainable urban development

- Nordic presidency program Attractive towns / Norway.
- Goal: *Prepare a joint Nordic strategy for how towns and their surrounding areas can become more attractive through the development of vibrant and inclusive urban environments that are economically, environmentally and socially sustainable.*
- Application: 29.5.2017, decision July, start September 2017
- 1,2M€ 2017-2019
- Participants
 - Denmark: Middelfart, Sønderborg and Viborg
 - Sverige: Växjö, Ystad, Lund
 - Finland: Vaasa, Salo, Pori
 - Island: Hornafjörður, Mosfellsbær/Fljotsdalshérað, Akranes
 - Norge: Narvik, Innherred, Hamar



3. Urban Agenda for EU Energy Transition Partnership

- The Urban Agenda for the EU was launched in May 2016 with the Pact of Amsterdam. It represents a new multi-level working method promoting cooperation between Member States, cities, the European Commission and other stakeholders in order to stimulate growth and innovation and to identify and successfully tackle social challenges.
- 14 Partnerships (2 new since 20.4.2018)
- The City of Vaasa accepted as member of the Energy Transition Partnership
- Orientation paper, Action plan





IRIS
smart cities

4. Integrated and Replicable Solutions for Co-Creation in Sustainable Cities



This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation program under grant agreement No 774199

3 Lighthouse Cities and 4 Followers Cities

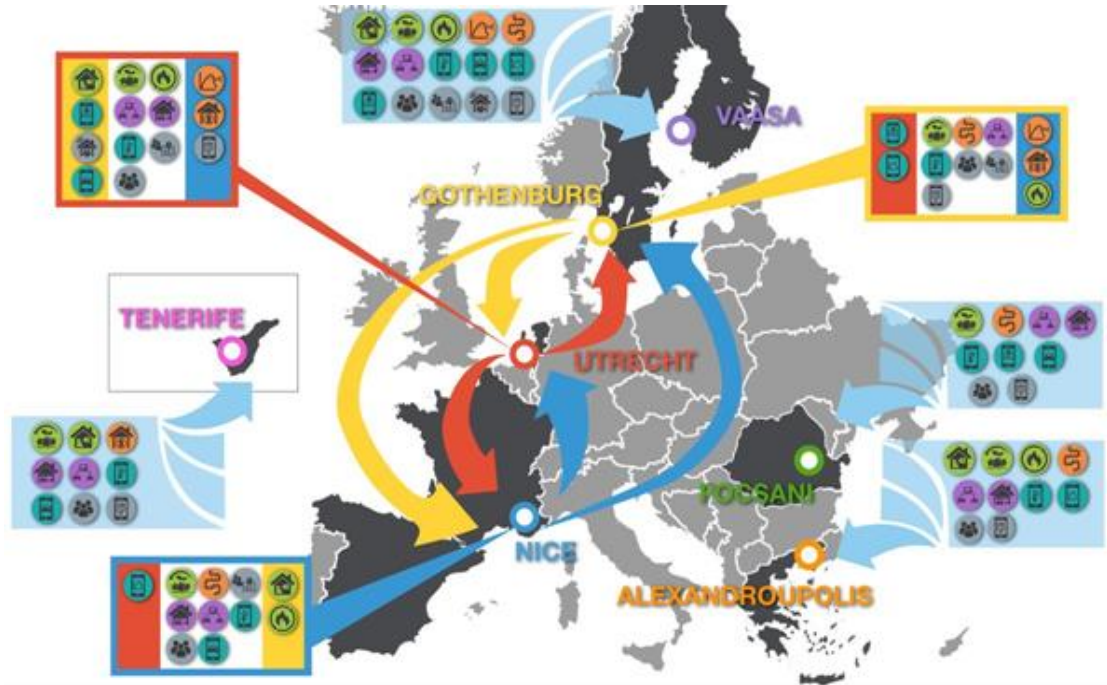
Lighthouse cities:

Utrecht (NL)
Gothenburg (SE)
Nice (FR)

Follower / Fellow cities:

Vaasa (FI)
Focsani (RO)
Alexandroupolis (GR)
Santa Cruz de Tenerife (ES)

43 Partners



5. Covenant of Mayors (CoM)



- Covenant of Mayors (CoM) was launched by the European Commission to support local governmental implementation of sustainable energy politic.
- The initiative now gathers about 7,000 local and regional authorities across 57 countries.
- Twelve cities from Finland has signed the initiative, of which Vaasa is one (2014).
- The city thereby committed to higher energy efficiency and the higher use of renewables. The minimum target of the pledge is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20% by 2020, with the help of a Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP).

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Twinning program

- offering municipalities and provinces or regions across Europe the opportunity to take part in twinning exchanges *that aim to increase local authorities' capacity and knowledge to mitigate and adapt to climate change.*
- To foster the creation of long-term partnerships between European local authorities, each exchange will include two twinning visits.
- 89 applications - Twelve cities and two provinces were selected in the 2017 edition and matched by pairs, making a total of 7 duos.
- Vaasa was selected. Twinning partner Ghent (Belgium).

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Twinning program

- A Guidebook with a roadmap for participants
- Twinning visits involve one or two representatives from the visiting authority spending a period of two days with one or more representatives from the host authority in order to benefit from their experience in the field of adaptation to climate change. The aim is to facilitate an exchange of expertise by observing how things are done elsewhere, thus providing inspiration a
- A facilitator appointed by CoM.

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Twinning program



Covenant of Mayors
for Climate & Energy



- Step 1 - December-January 2018: Agreement on visit dates
- Step 2 – January-February 2018: Definition of learning objectives
- Step 3 – Spring 2018: Finalization of the visit's agenda
- Step 4 – March-June 2018: First twinning visit
- ▪ Step 5 – One month after the visit: Finalization of twinning roadmap
- Step 6 – November-December 2018: Mid-term conference call
- Step 7 - December-March 2019: Preparation for return visit
- Step 8 – Spring 2019: Return visit
- Step 9 – two months after the visit: Final twinning report

3. First visit: Vaasa 18-29.4.2018

4+1+1

Program in Vaasa :

- Presentations of Finland and Vaasa
- Presentation of the energy and climate program of Vaasa + discussion
- Open seminar + discussion
CoM presentation
Ghent presentation
- Discussion
- Study visits
- Summery and transferability analysis

NEED OF MANAGING FUN & COMPLEXITY?



3. Next steps



- Skype-meeting May
- transferability analysis
- twinning roadmap
- Skype-meetings on specific topics
- Planning of next years visit
- Visit to Ghent Spring 2019



City strategy -

- international actions - competence - development



Transition management



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