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Aalborg Charter & Aalborg Commitments

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Agenda

- Aalborg Charter
 - ESCT Campaign and LA21
- Aalborg Commitments
 - Framework, Themes & Added value
- Aalborg Commitments in practise
 - Results & Experiences

The Aalborg Charter:

- Part I Consensus declaration
 - Part II European Sustainable Cities & Towns Campaign
 - Part III Local Agenda 21 strategies
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- 2500 local governments from 45 countries has signed
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- European Sustainable Cities & Towns Campaign



The Aalborg Commitments

- Adopted at the Aalborg+10 Conference, June 2004
- Complementary document to the Aalborg Charter, “From strategies to action”
- Backed by the European Sustainable Cities & Towns Campaign and its 9 city networks



Aalborg Commitments objectives:

- Strengthen and revitalise local sustainability.
- Raise awareness and highlight the need for action.
- Practical and flexible framework for local action.
- European benchmarking and source of inspiration

Aalborg Commitments themes:

1. Governance
2. Local management on Sust. Dev.
3. Natural Common Goods
4. Responsible consumption / lifestyle
5. Planning and design
6. Better mobility, less traffic
7. Local action for health
8. Sustainable local economy
9. Social equity and justice
10. Local to global

Commitments to:

- a local participatory target setting process within 24 months.
- a baseline review within 12 months.
- Reporting targets and achievements
- Stakeholder involvement

Added value

- Strengthening local political commitments
- Common Framework for local LA 21
- Environmental, Social and Economic Sustainability
- Targets fitting local challenges and opportunities
- Reporting / “Verification”
- Complementary to EU thematic strategy, Bristol Accords etc.
- Exchange of experiences and benchmark.



Signing status

- 295 signatories
- 30 requests for signature
- 7 Baseline reports

Future for the Aalborg Commitments

- Re-launch of “www.sustainable-cities.net”
- The 5th European Conference on Sustainable Cities & Towns in Seville (Spain) in March 2007
- Follow up projects(EU): Actor, Status, Urban Impact etc.
- Nordic AC network
- Establishment of other AC Networks

Aalborg Commitments implementering

- Baseline review ~ Status report
- Target-setting process



Baseline review – Methodology

- Mapping existing targets and results
- Assessment of targets fulfilment
- Linkages targets – results - indicators
- Gab analysis



General conclusion

- "Project" approach, weak strategic coordination/ prioritising
- Many targets, lack of measurements & indicators
- Many overall objectives/visions



Target-setting process

- Need of operational targets?
- Indicators - Measurement of achievements?
- Targets ambitions ?
- Relevant priority areas / themes ?
- Catalysing citizen involvement ?



Target-setting process 2006

- Political situation – new municipal structure
- "Service check" of existing objectives, indicators
- Start up of a stakeholder forum
- Waiting for extended political discussions from 2007



Aalborg Action areas 2006

- Green Purchasing
- Sustainable Construction
- Aalborg Indicators



Challenges

- Integration in existing processes & planning
- Social & Economic Sustainability
- Sector objectives and politics – Cross cutting performance



More information:

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City of Aalborg Baseline review

www.aalborgplus10.dk