

Dogme 2000 cooperation

Dogme 2000 is a binding environmental cooperation between the five Danish municipalities of Albertslund, Ballerup, Fredericia, Herning and Copenhagen. The cooperation rests on three dogmas:

Three dogmas set out the framework for how to approach in our environmental efforts:

Dogma 1: Impacts on nature from the municipality, the residential areas and the business community must be measured and reported in green accounts every year.

Dogma 2: Targets for resource use and environmental impacts must be set up, and plans of action - also called Agenda 21 plans - must be prepared for the improvement of the environment. The municipality is to stand up as a good example.

Dogma 3: Environmental work must be anchored in the local community, and residents and business people must contribute to the preparation of local Agenda 21 plans.

More information is available from:

www.Dogme2000.org/life

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Environmental management

- a Life project under Dogme 2000

at municipal level



Dogme 2000 - Environmental management at municipal level

Supported by funds from the EU Life programme the project is to sustain and further develop the Danish Dogme model for environmental management at municipal level. The five Danish municipalities of Albertslund, Ballerup, Fredericia, Herning and Copenhagen are cooperating in the project. In the three-year project period two foreign municipalities

are involved: Siauliai of Lithuania and Neumünster of Germany. The Life project will be completed with a manual with, among others, tested tools and methods serving as an inspiration for Danish and foreign municipalities with an interest in making an extra effort for the environment.

Read more about the project on www.Dogme2000.org/life

Focal points of the manual:

◆ Green accounts

The green accounts gauge the state of the environment in the municipality. The basis of the accounts is a set of indicators with calculation methods that depicts the municipality as an enterprise and a geographic unit. The accounts can be used for documenting the effect of the environmental work.

◆ Anchorage

Experiences gained throughout Europe with anchorage will be gathered in a catalogue of ideas, where it will be possible to find inspiration and concrete tools for making environmental work a natural part of everyday life of citizens, enterprises and institutions of the municipality. The project will also set up specific targets making anchorage progress visible in the municipality.

◆ Chemicals plan

The plan is a suggestion for how to reduce the use of chemicals in the municipality. It designates concrete activities directed at citizens, enterprises and institutions in the municipality. Indicators for the chemicals consumption will be drawn up, allowing for the effects of the efforts to be measured.

◆ New audit model

Experiences gained with previous Dogme audits have shown that it is a major challenge to measure different stages of progress. In the new audit model the criteria for areas to be audited will be drawn up in a way allowing for progress to be measured. In continuation of this, work will be carried out to develop the Dogme model towards an EMAS certification at City level.

The manual will also contain a description of the organisation of the cooperation. In addition to the tools and models developed under the Life project, the manual will also contain experiences from the existing working groups under the Dogme 2000 cooperation.