

Path-to-RES

2nd Consortium meeting, Arnheim, March 2009

The main focus of the meeting was to present and discuss the 2nd tentative road maps performed by each case study. The first day also included information from the coordinators, information on other EU activities and finally some information of the analysis work and the 7-step methodology.

The case study roadmaps

The second day included discussions of the work of the case study roadmaps and how they can be established in the case

study locations. The last part of the second day focussed on presentation of dissemination activities and upcoming deliverables.



Participants at the 2nd Consortium meeting in Arnheim



The Stoere Houtman Statements

- Communities for a Sustainable Europe

An optional opening event for the Path-To-RES meeting was held at Villa Sonsbeek in Arnheim arranged by the host of the meeting, Mr Jaap Huurman. Besides consortium members of Path-To-RES, some special guests were invited, for example the Vice-Mayor of Arnheim for Energy and Economics of the City of Arnheim, Mrs. Rita Weeda and the National Minister of Spatial Planning and Environment, Mrs. Jacqueline Cramer.

Besides speeches from Mrs. Weeda and Mrs. Cramer the main event of the evening was presentation of the initiatives of the home owner association "De Stoere Houtman" and handouts of the first copies of booklet 'The Stoere Houtman Statements - Communities for a Sustainable Europe' to the Minister and the other guests. In all, the afternoon illustrated the great interest and relevance of the topic of the Path-To-RES project.



A roadmap towards sustainability

Local energy systems (communities/municipalities) must be assigned with a roadmap towards sustainability which takes departure in a detailed description of the present system and includes definition of bridging systems and which is linked to EU and global goals on sustainable development. The hypothesis is that 7 steps must be analysed and assessed in order to formulate a roadmap for transforming local energy systems to sustainable systems with these steps accounting both for the local and the global conditions (i.e. in line with the concept of "think global, act local").

The seven steps

Main objective with the project:

"To develop a 7-step checklist, which can be used to evaluate and define pathways to renewable and efficient energy systems, based on real data from six local/regional energy systems within the European Union"

- analyse and formulate initial conditions
- establish a detailed description of the present system
- assess local, EU and global goals on sustainable development
- identify and assess key technologies which can bridge to a future sustainable system
- identify key actors in the region (to ensure correct decisions and competitive markets)
- formulate and analyse pathways towards a more sustainable energy system
- establish roadmap (with respect to technologies, markets, institutions)