

# Climate action, renewable energy and value added – opportunities for regional development !

The part of districts and local communities using the example of the German "energy-local authority of the decade" in 2018



LECo Project Finland, 11th November, 2020, Mr. Bertram Fleck, Head of the District retired

### Introduction

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### **District of Rhein-Hunsrück**



- 103.000 inhabitants thereof 8.100 foreigners
- Area: 991 km<sup>2</sup>
   45% forest
   42% agriculture
- 137 settlements (75% with less than 500 inhabitants)



**Rhineland-Palatinate** 





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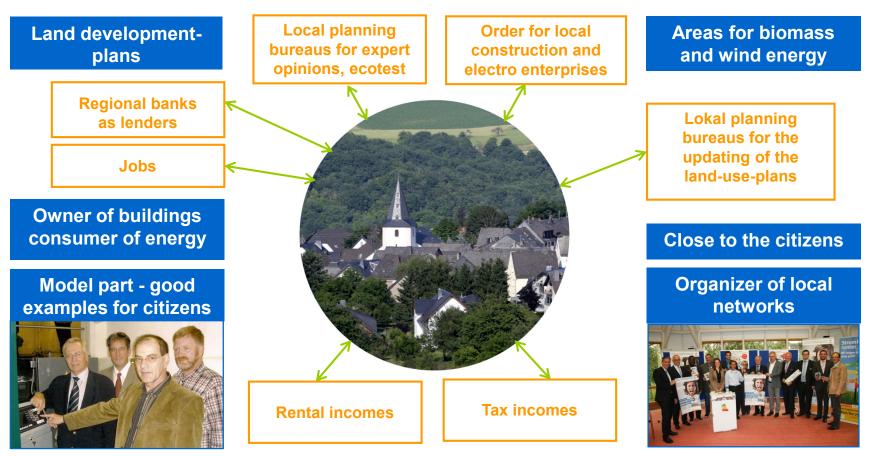
## **Part of districts and municipalities**

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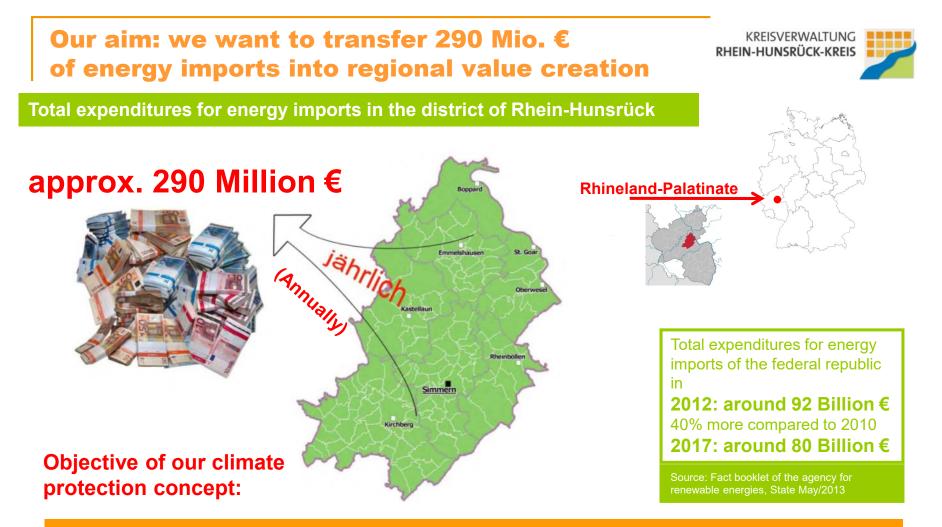


National governments can set goals, but to implement set goals you need municipalities

### **Benefits from renewable energies**

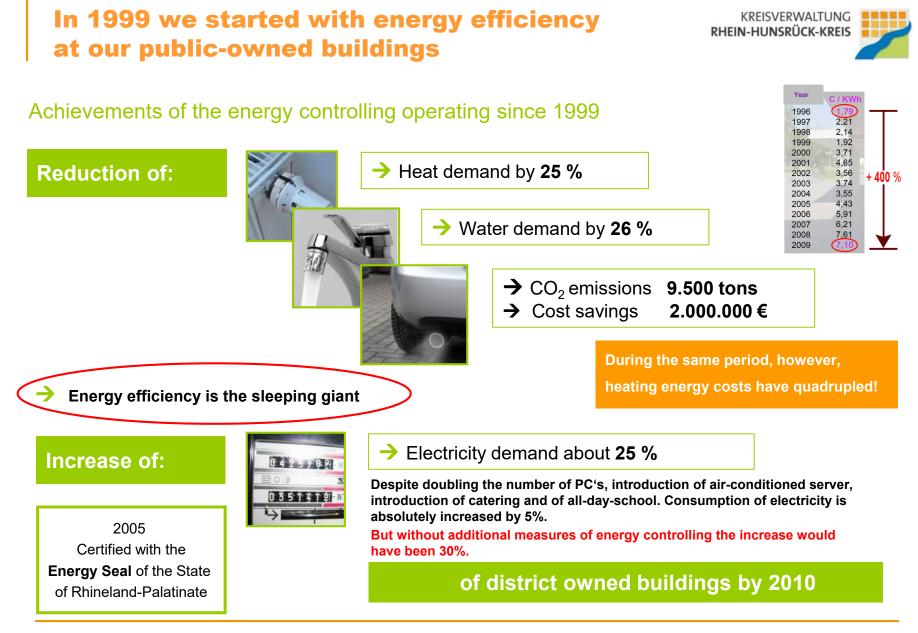


Local authorities are the born strategic partners of the district government !



We want to tie **250 Million €** of annual energy import costs into the region until 2050!

We convert energy import costs into regional jobs and value creation through energy efficiency and renewable energies!



#### **17 biomass local heat networks in operation Example: Material Flow Management**

Public building complexes are merged to district heating networks and heated with **tree and shrub cuttings** (120 collecting points, central treatment place)

#### The first step: Fuel preparation in the central processing place

Startscreen



High quality compost: approx. 40% of the total material

# Fuel: approx. 60% of the total material



#### The second step:

Thermal processing in the central heating station with burning capacity of 500 to 850 kW



**Central heating station** 

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Annual savings: 800.000 Liters Fuel oil equivalent

Total invest: 9 Million Euros netto In 20 years energy import costs of 15 Million Euros will remain in the region (with a price increase 20 Million Euros)

Three biomass heating networks in school centers:

22 school buildings, 8 sports halls, 1 town hall 2 indoor and 1 outdoor swimmingpools, 1 library, 2 old people´s home

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Corporate solar thermal supported heat network: Communities of Külz and Neuerkirch 2015

Mayor retired Aloys Schneider (deceased 18th March 2018) und Volker Wichter

picture: ibs Energie, Stromberg



#### Ca. 150 houses in 2 communities Rate of connection 80% (together 760 inhabitans)

Heat generators: 2 Wood-chips-heating boilers, 1.420 sqm Solar thermal field

start of construction Spring 2015, commissioning Summer 2016

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#### State 2019:

source: Rhein-Hunsrück-Zeitung, 20.09.2016

17 biomass local heath supply systems in operation In sum 2,7 Million liters of imported heating oil can be avoided That is an equivalent of about 2 Million Euros per year in 2018 and 40-60 Million Euros in 20 years

#### Roofs – Source of revenue District administration as a role model



#### Aim: 1000-roofs-photovoltaic-program – Outcome: 4.775 roof plants

District of Rhein-Hunsrück; Volksbank and Raiffeisen Bank Institutes in the District; Smart Geomatics; State agency for measuring



# At the end of 2019, 278 wind power stations have been operating in the district







In the early days of the 20th century, in the Hunsrueck many municipalities erected water wind mills

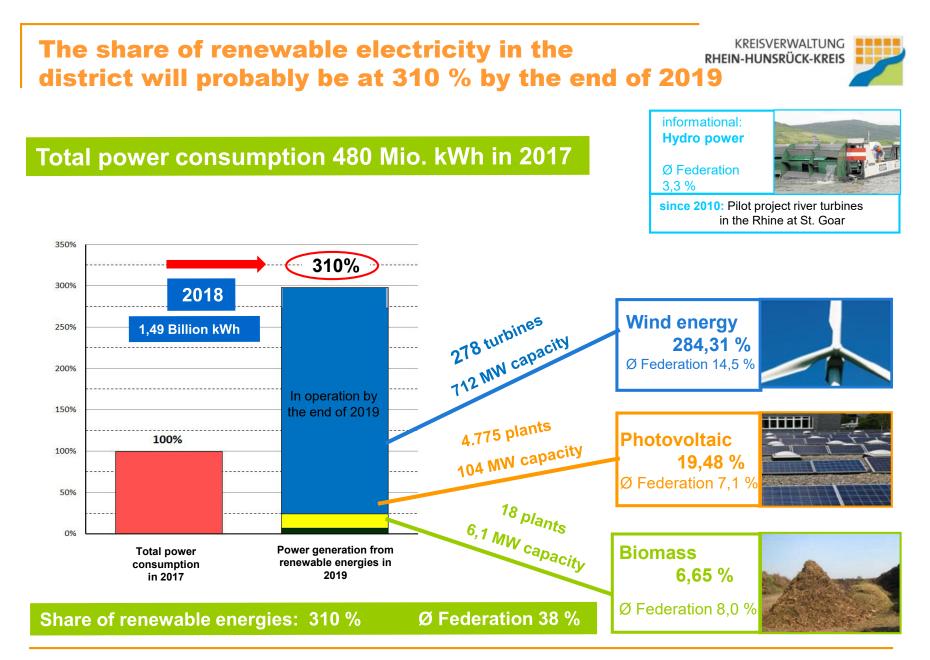
**1995** the first modern wind turbine (600 kW annual, yield 800,000 kWh)

**2010** first repowering-project. The yield increased **sixfold** to 5 million kWh per wind turbine

**2017** newest generation of weak-wind turbine "Nordex N-131" with 11-12 million kWh of annual yield and 3,500 full load hours

End of 2019: 278 wind power stations with a power of 712 MW are producing more than 1,36 billion kWh of renewable power per year

7 Million € of annual leasing income for the municipalities
1,6 Million € servicing costs
2,2 Million € feed-in tarif (only regional)
in 20 years 216 Million € regional added value



### Measure of climate protection concept: Usage of electricity surplus from wind and sun



#### **Climate-neutral mobility**

2011 first public electric-filling-station in the district – goverment- building, experimental-car

since 2010 one Hybridcar

2014 two electric-Smarts

#### We drive with wind- und sunpower from the Hunsrück and from the Rhine



#### Our E-Car-Sharing model: On the way to the future!



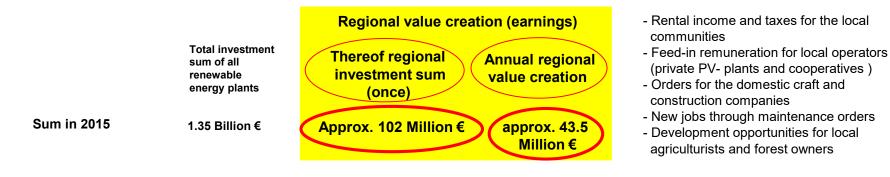
From 2019 to 2021 the district put seven E-Cars at the disposal of seven small communities, that the citizens can use the cars without costs (change in other communities after one year).

#### **Regional value creation and Public service Recognation of interfaces and use!**

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Step by step we convert energy import costs into regional jobs and value creation through energy efficiency and renewable energies!



Renewable energies/ energy efficiency

#### Demographic change/ Public service

# Public services via renewable energies at the example of the local congregation Mastershausen

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#### Private wind- and solar parks on communal-owned areas





14 Wind turbines (step by step since 2007) Rental incomes from wind energy for the local congregation: approx. 300.000 € per annum, contract period 20 years

Photovoltaic systems on terrain with 2 MW capacity (commissioning in December 2010) Rental incomes for the local congregation: 630.000 € uniquely payment in October 2010





990 inhabitans

The local congregation is using its rental income from the Wind and Solar park for:

- Expansion of local streets 570.000 €
- Vitalization program for old buildings in the village center 50.000 € per year
- Support for local clubs annual 15.000 € for 10 clubs in total
- Reconstruction of the old school into a retirement home with a meeting room 1.500.000 €
- DSL-connection, own contribution 101.000 €

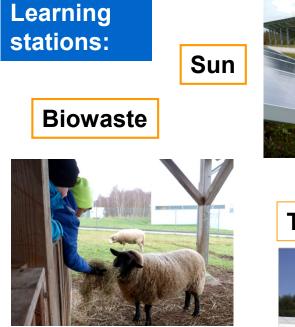
...and much more...

# **Extracurricular learning center for environmental education**

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### Educational concept: Energy from regional sources



Methane is produced by bio-waste



Usage of PV

### Tree and shrub cuttings



Heat for school centers



**Extracurricular learning facilities** 

Wind



Wind turbine for the generation of electricity

### Climate protection concept: Zero Emission Rhein-Hunsrück District





#### Development of the Concept 2010-2011 by the Institute for applied Material Flow Management (IfaS)



Set up of an energy and pollutant opening balance sheet

Determination of renewable energy and energy efficiency potentials



Holding 9 workshops with different topics and more than 300 participants - Networking

Set up of an energy and pollutant closing balance sheet, scenarios 2020 and 2050

The District will on the balance sheet become a zero emission District in electricity, heat and transport sectors already in 2020.

Set up of a catalogue with 92 individual measures First activity: Measure modernization of heating systems and exchange of pumps

Appointment of a Climate Protection Manager 2012-2015 for the implementation of individual measures









By using all potentials, annual energy delivery costs up to 250 Million € can be saved in 2050.

### Measure of Climate protection concept: District of Rhein-Hunsrück saves electric power





Eine Aktion der Kreisverwaltung des Rhein-Hunsrück-Kreises und der Verbraucherzentrale Rheinland-Pfalz Die Aktion ist gültig bis 30.11.2014





Year in and year out Saving electricity costs

#### Start in September 2014



#### **Exchange of Pumps**

Who has the oldest heating pump? We give you the up-to-date heating pump !



#### **Exchange of Icebox**

Who has the oldest icebox? We give you the up-to-date icebox !





outcome: meanwhile 40 Communities create energy saving concepts for their citizens with public subsidies for privat invest

### Field of action energy saving: RHEIN-HUNSRÜCK-KREIS Communities create energy saving policies for their citiziens

Iocal congregation Schnorbach "Energy saving policy" Start at May 2015



More than 40 communities followed the example of Schnorbach and gives subsidies to their inhabitans

**Horn:** Photovoltaic and battery storage supply the LED-street lighting in whole community





Within three years more than 22 communities offered LED changing days for their inhabitans

"In Horn the sun is shining also at night"

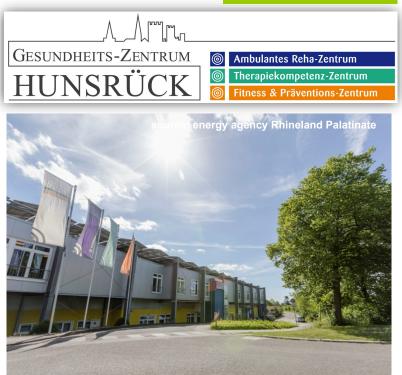
# Not only private households – also SME are able to halve their energy costs

(Health center)

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# Best-Practice: "Gesundheitszentrum-Hunsrück Holger Merg GmbH"



### Three companies in one location

- Construction of the building in 1997
- Increase in 2005 and 2008
- approx. 130 employees

#### The concept: Three steps of action

- Conversion to LED-lighting
- Photovoltaic plant for internal consumption
- Base-load cogeneration unit (primarily for the sauna area)



#### Energy costs were halved

"Our motto is: Make the energy revolution suitable for everyday life!" (Mr. Holger Merg)



# Outlook: a new fermentable plant for biomass of the district own waste management company

### Visualization of the plans – launch in the year 2021



- Use of the biomass of the kitchens 15,000 tons per year from private households
   Dreduction of 40,000 tons of dispetate fortiliser
- Production of 10,000 tons of digestate/fertiliser
- Flexibel production of about 4,5 Million kWh electricity power per year (3,4 Million kWh feed in the grid)

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#### A lot of energy is hidden in district of Rhein-Hunsrück - we are making use of it!



The money of the willage shall remain within the village!

Save with your local cooperative bank Friedrich Wilhelm Raiffeisen (1818–1888), founder of the worldwide-acting cooperative movement

Award by the National Acengy for Renewable Energy in 2018: "Energy-local authority of the decade"







# It always seems impossible until it's done !

Nelson Mandela

Thank you very much for your attention!