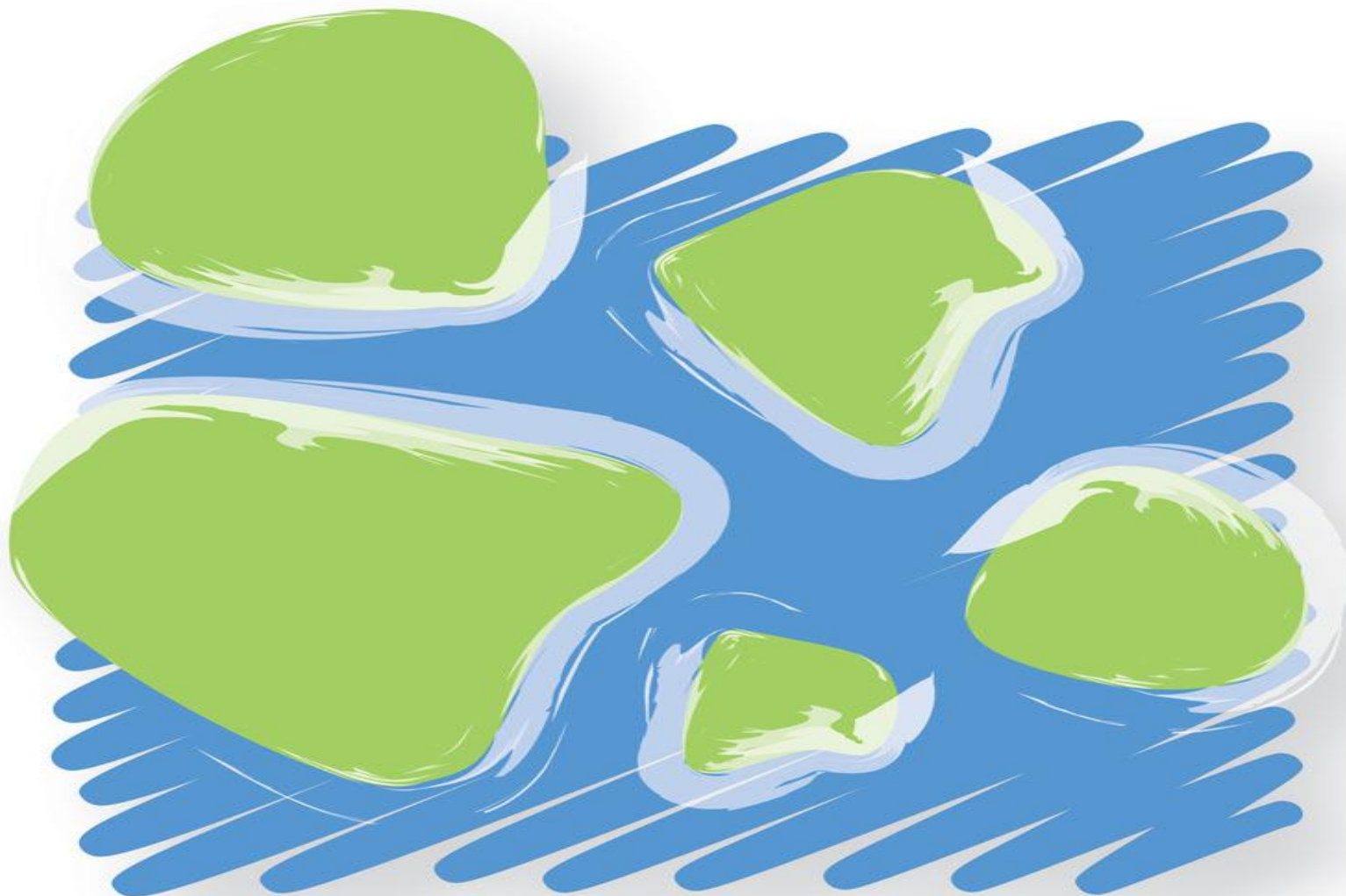


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SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ACTIONS FOR ISLANDS



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THE ISLE-PACT Project – Achievements and Future Challenges



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Pact of Islands

- An initiative parallel to the Covenant of Mayors
- A political engagement
- Commitment to exceed the 20-20-20 targets of the EU climate change package recognising specificities of islands
 - Fragile ecosystems
 - Structural handicaps – loss of population
 - High tourism – fluctuation in energy demand – scarcity of water
- Open for signatures at the end of June 2010

Islands Sustainable Energy Action Plans

- **To improve knowledge about the energy supply and demand.**
- **To establish the regional and local sustainable energy policies.**
 - Where they are today
 - Where they have to be in 2020 to achieve targets
 - How do they get there
- **To develop ISEAPs needed to achieve targets & policy objectives.**
- **ISEAPs a tool to promote territorial cohesion**

Where are we today

65 Island authorities have signed the Pact of Islands

- The regions of Western Isles, Gotland, Hiiumaa, Saaremaa, Öland and Crete
- The autonomous governments (regions) of Sardinia, Sicily, Azores and Madeira
- 19 Greek island municipalities in the Aegean
- 13 Cyprus communities
- 5 Malta local councils
- All 7 cabildos of the Canary Islands
- Samsø from Denmark

More islands are in the process of joining

53 Island SEAPS have been submitted to the European Commission

77 projects have been identified & analysed

Over 50 bankable projects have been retained and are ready for financing and implementation

Impact of the project

- Over 50 Bankable projects identified and ready for financing
- If these projects are implemented by 2020
 - Over 18 million tons of CO2 emissions reductions per year

Comparison of CO2 emissions reductions to the emissions of three comparable size member states.

	CO2 emissions in 2010 [ton/year] (source EEA)	Reduction of CO2 of ISEAPs in 2020 compared with some member states in 2010
Belgium	132,459,000	15%
Denmark	61,065,000	31%
Portugal	70,599,000	27%

Where do we go from here

- The planning & investment horizon goes to 2020
- On 19 January 2012 a Written Declaration has been adopted by the European Parliament **recognising the Pact of Islands as an EU official EU initiative** and asking the European Commission for continued support.
- DG ENER has already stated that **there will be no additional support for the continuation of the Pact of Islands process.** The DG has proposed merging our initiative with the Covenant of Mayors.
- On this basis **President Cappellacci sent a letter to President Barroso** on 25 September indicating the strong will of island authorities to continue the Pact of Islands process and effectively rejecting the proposal of DG ENER to merge the Pol with the CoM. On 12 November President Barroso replied and discussions are ongoing...

The main concerns

- The ISLE-PACT project ends on 30 November 2012
- There is no funding available to support the Pol process for 2012 and beyond
- The possibility of merging the Pol with the CoM is still there
- There are more than 50 identified bankable projects that are waiting for the next step in the process: financing.
- There is a great need for capacity building
- There is a need to monitor emissions and report to the Commission every 2 years (Pol obligation)

In conclusion

- **The Pact of Islands is not a project, it is a process**

It shows that islands can be at the forefront of the fight against climate change, and at the same time create growth, employment and prosperity during difficult economic times.

- **There are no barriers in the fight against climate change, there are only opportunities that can benefit our islands and foster sustainable growth, create jobs and enhance territorial and social cohesion**

- **We need your support to continue working together as a cluster of European islands. This is the way forward**

THANK YOU

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