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AHRWEILER



Engaging Citizens for Sustainable Development:

The Ahrweiler County Approach

Processes and methods for stakeholder involvement

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1. Introduction

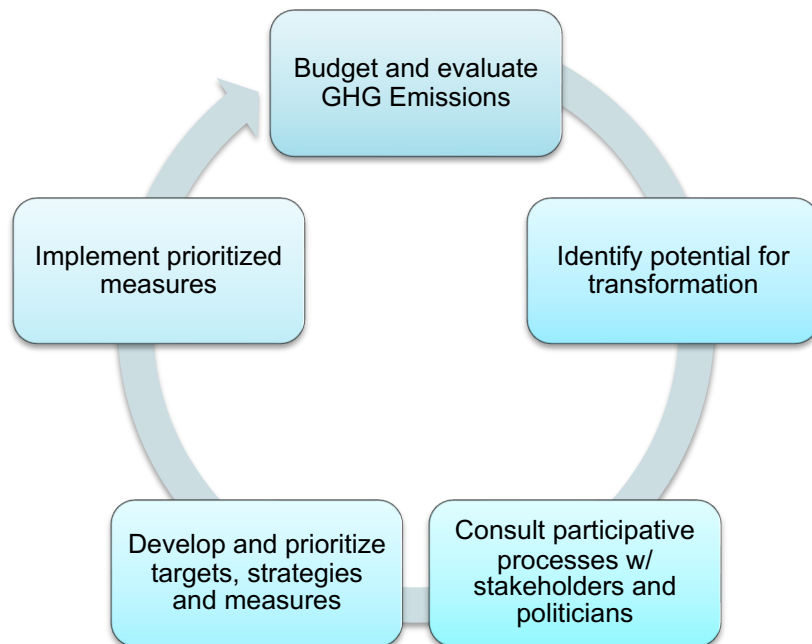
Ahrweiler County:

- 70 communities, 134,000 residents, 787 km²
- Rural East, urbanized west: Remagen, Sinzig, Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler.
- Land Use: 84.7% vegetation, 7% settlements, 6.8% transportation, 1.6% water.
- Demographics: Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler largest city (27,700), VG Altenahr smallest commune, 33% of citizens >60 years of age (highly vulnerable groups)
- Geographic Features: Proximity to Rhine w/ strong rail and Autobahn infrastructure, diverse land use.



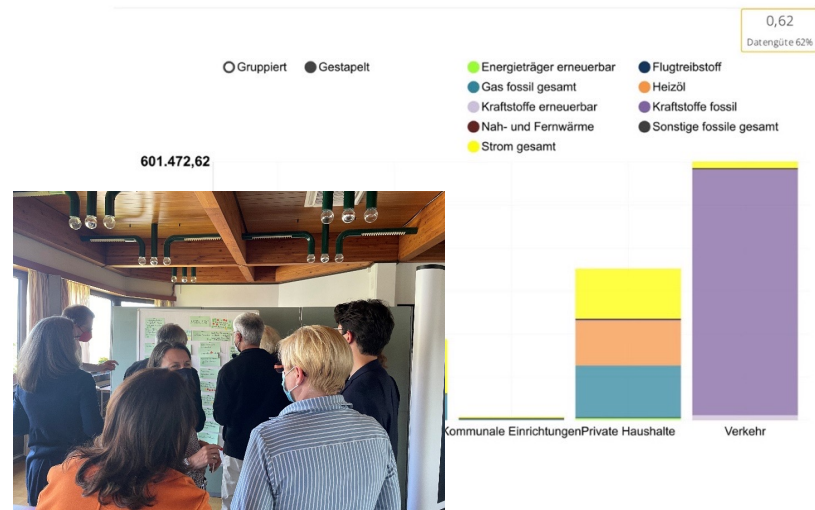
1. Introduction (cont.)

What is sustainability management?



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Treibhausgasemissionen in t CO₂-Äquivalente für 2019



Climate protection goals (Ahrweiler):

- 100% net-renewable electricity by 2030
- Net carbon neutrality by 2040

2. Context: Ahr Valley Flood 2021



- 60 bridges destroyed



- 4.500 cars, trucks and buses



- 740 miles of road damaged, 3 miles destroyed



- 10 weeks of disruption in power supply



- 12 miles of rail infrastructure destroyed



- 6 weeks of disrupted cell service



- 50 miles of canals and gas infrastructure destroyed



- 5 cemeteries affected



- 5 hospitals, 36 medical centers and 10 pharmacies affected



- 134 casualties during the flood

3. Shaping a common vision for the future

Conference(s) on the future of the Ahr Valley:

- 150 Stakeholders
- > 5.000 online participants
- > 500 ideas and recommendations from citizens
- // Reconstruction
// *Modellregion*
// Build back better



4. Collaborative Planning



5. Methods for citizen Engagement

Offline and online

- Different participatory fora for community engagement have been established, are alive and active in Ahrweiler.
- The Conferences on the future of the Ahr valley generated 400 ideas online as well as 180 project proposals



Image source: Kreisverwaltung Ahrweiler

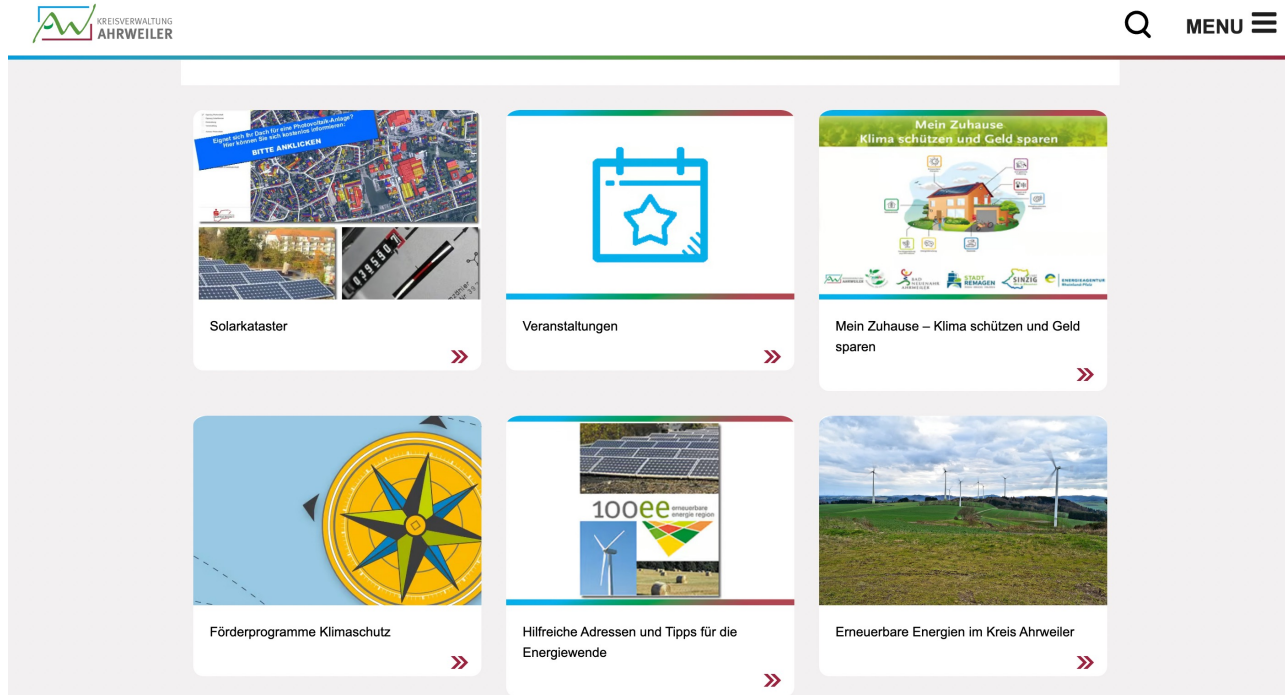
Unsere Heimat

Gestalten Sie den Aufbau im Ahrtal mit
- Ihre Ideen sind gefragt!

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6. Information dissemination



https://kreis-ahrweiler.de/land_natur_umwelt/klimaschutz-im-kreis-ahrweiler/

7. Harnessing momentum



8. Institutionalizing sustainable development

Open to the public



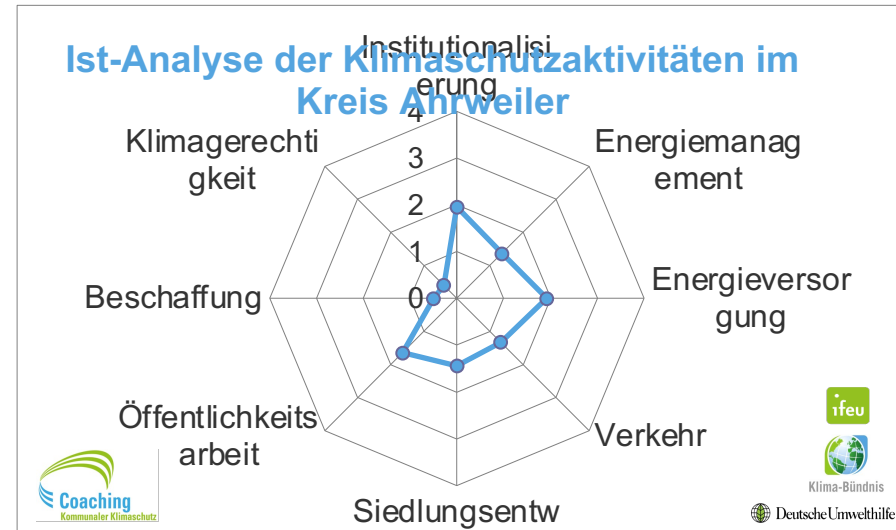
Klausurtagung / Klimagipfel Kreis Ahrweiler

- Überprüfung der Ziele, Überprüfung und Fortschreibung des Maßnahmenkatalogs, Vorberatung für Haushaltsplanungen, Beratung zum Investitionsvolumen und personellen Ressourcen
- Alle 4 Jahre

8. Institutionalizing sustainable development

- Digital access to information, data and reports
- Recurring updates
- CO₂ Benchmarking
- Strategy workshops and evaluation

GHG Reports Potential and Development (Overall and by measure)





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Open Q&A and Discussion

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