



**world famous projects
and
local governments**



Introduction

- Politicians need passion!
- Starting question: what can we as local governments do to solve a global problem?
- Sustainable renewable energy: a matter of ambition with a need for cooperation
- Without subsidies no City of the Sun!



Renewable energy

- Doesn't need to be expensive and impossible to realise
- Renewable energy comes from energy resources that are continuously replenished through the cycles of nature. Unlike fossil fuels, their supply will never become exhausted. The main sources of renewable energy are the sun (solar energy), the wind, moving water (hydropower, wave and tidal energy), heat below the surface of the earth (geothermal energy) and biomass (wood, waste, energy crops).



What did we as local government learn from this project?

- Both physical and social durability of extreme importance in our policy development
- Comprehensive policies are needed, not only horizontal (local level), but also vertical (between different layers of government)
- We can only work with partners who share our longterm approach (development cyclus \pm 10 year)



Importance of the EU in local innovative projects

- European Union is very reliable, especially concerning innovation
- It takes a lot of paperwork
- Need for accountability
- Assistance at hand
- Even a town our size can do it with the right approach



Conclusions concerning other cooperators

- Province is a reliable partner to work with
- Electricity company also, but it's playing field is changing, including the rules of the game
- A national government with a short term approach (“laser gun-politics”) creates problems also in our relationship with the EU



Remaining question

- Should we invest in techniques which depend for more than 75% on government subsidies to be realised?
- Such as PV?
- Too dependant on other governments?





Overall conclusion: we need:

- **Ambition as politicians**
- **Cooperation and a shared view between governments**
- **National and international cooperation**
- **And above all: PEOPLE such as**



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