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First meeting, 5 and 6 April 2017

SAMSØ, DENMARK

Bringing the EU closer to the citizens

At first glance the people living at Samsø might look very different from one another. Some are tall, some are short, some are slim and some are broad. However. Each one of them has one thing in common. Each islander generates 13 ton of CO₂ less, than the average Dane. Why this difference? Because Samsø is an innovative island.

That's why the island is a perfect fit for the Islands of Innovation, an Interreg project in the EU. Not only does the democratic, co-owned green transition serve as a great example for other islands, but also the little island in the middle of Denmark has proved that it's plenty capable of adapting to new ideas. Therefore, the knowledge sharing generated by the eight case studies from Islands of Innovation is perfectly fitting for Samsø and its inhabitants. Islands of Innovation does not only generate new ideas for the island, but the different project meetings held on the island bring guests for the restaurants and hotels on the island.

The project aims to create more local jobs, through innovation, and there by attract new settlers.

The partners in the project are from the Friesland province (NL), Madeira (PT), Saaremaa island (EE), Azores (PT), Guadeloupe (FR) and the islands of the North Aegean Region (GR). These partners should learn and exchange good actions and experiences through workshops and study trips.

The reason why Samsø participates in such a project is to be able to reach our goal, to be free of fossil fuels by 2030.



Mayor of Samsø Marcel Meijer and project manager Michael Kristensen in front of Samsø Energy Academy's main entrance with the Islands poster in the middle.

Minister of Portugal visits Leeuwarden, 11 July 2017

Leeuwarden staat wereldwijd bekend als 'hoofdstad van watertechnologie' en dat levert regelmatig hoog bezoek op. Zo kwam dinsdag de Portugese minister van onderwijs Manuel Heitor een kijkje nemen op de Watercampus. Hij was op werkbezoek in Nederland om een beeld te krijgen van het onderwijs dat wij hier geven en was met name erg geïnteresseerd in het hbo en toegepast onderzoek.

Leeuwarden is well known as 'the capital of watertechnology' and is also Leeuwarden/Fryslân is the Cultural Capital of 2018. These 2 activities attract a number of high visitors. On Tuesday 11 July 2017 the Portugese Minister of Education Manuel Heitor visited the Watercampus and the Town Hall of Leeuwarden to see how Leeuwarden handels education, reseach and sustainability.

Source: www.hvhl.nl

Photo: Municipality Leeuwarden



Welcome to the Village

DORP is the innovation platform of Welcome to The Village. It is the place where entrepreneurs, scientists, students and others come together and draw, build and test their challenges – all in ten days. Together we create solutions for our future and realize our goal; a fully circular festival in 2022.



Stakeholder meeting

This dorp of innovation was an excellent surrounding for the first Frisian stakeholder meeting on 11 July 2017.

De Bron/Source, van Bouke Groen. Watercompany Vitens sponsored this piece of art annex watertap to raise awareness for water use.



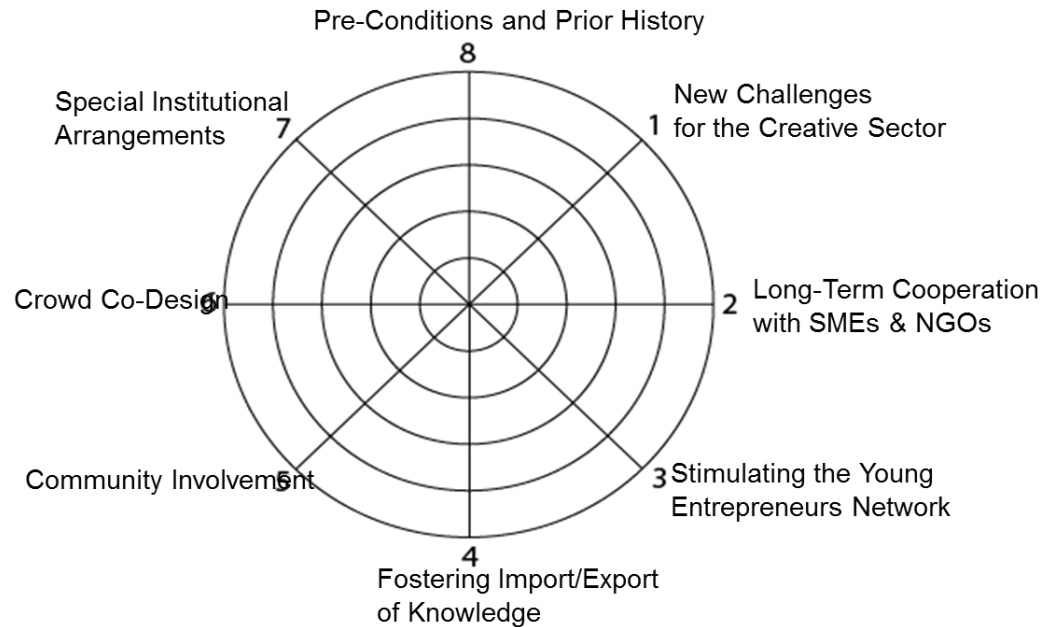
Welcome to the Village 2016

About Welcome to The Village (source website)

A small village with large ambitions. During the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit 2015 in New York, a list with 17 Sustainable Development Goals was drafted by 193 world leaders. These goals are the source of inspiration for Welcome to The Village.

With our festival we want to challenge you to investigate new initiatives by means of performance art, visual arts, social design and an innovation program. How? By being part of our mini-society. Welcome to The Village is a transient free state where there's room for trying out experiments, initiatives and products for a sustainable society. This is the place where you can enjoy excellent new music, but also partake in the various experiments being carried out by our knowledge partners. In short: a visit to our festival means you're music enthusiast, sponsor and guinea pig, all rolled into one festival-fancy package.

For us, Welcome to The Village goes on, even when the summer has ended. We are in operation all year long and work in partnership with dozens of communities, knowledge institutions, companies and over 600 volunteers in order to realize our objectives. We are absolutely positive about working with cultural entrepreneurs, scientists, newcomers, novices, seniors, Individual Pupil Funding Scheme students, thinkers and go-getters working on long-term solutions for our festival and the world around us. We are a platform for new sounds, visions, ideas and experiments. Pop is our bedrock, but Welcome to The Village also is a festival exploring the possibilities for a better world. This is a festival that aspires to be more than a 3-day event.



TIPPING WHEEL

THE INNOVATION PROJECTS' PERSPECTIVE FOR ISLANDS' NEW GOVERNANCE

TIPPING WHEEL 1.0

Advisory group: Belmane, Brezet and Ruiter

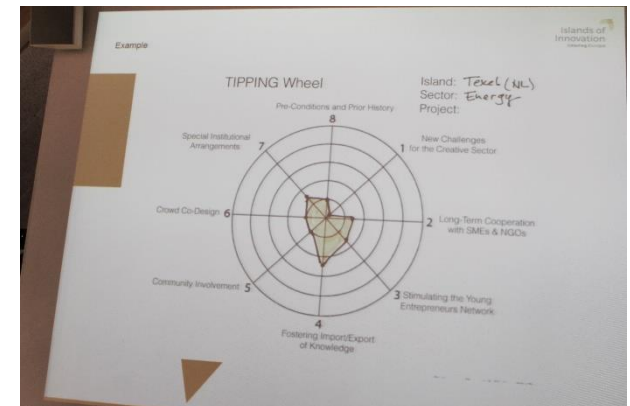
The Tipping wheel is a tool showing strategies for Creative Local & Regional Innovation Policies aimed at organizing “probing and learning” Projects for Islands’ Future Pathways. It is one of over 500 different instruments in innovation policy – it is easy, bottom up tool to assess strong and weak points in innovations in particular sector and use if for planning island’s innovation policy.

Application: use it in 3 ways: past, present and future for the Economy, Ecology and Social Aspects for particular sectors or projects.

The first practical application (test) of the Tipping Wheel:
Partners used in in 20 minutes assignment to work with the wheel and presented their first experience.

The advisory group will improve the wheel (like government back-up) and on Madeira they will present Tipping Wheel 2.0.

Action: Use this wheel or the improved version for your stakeholders, so we can compare. We expect 1-2 wheels completed per partner, with the descriptions of the strategies used, to be presented in the Madeira meeting.



Share your island moments



@islandsfinnov7

@INTERREGTweets



- RVO, December 2016 (Dutch)
- Leeuwarder Courant, April 2017 (Dutch) See article.
- Noorderbreedte, June 2017 (Dutch)
- Website article Metabolic, July 2017 (English)

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Next meeting



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- Madeira, Portugal
- Date: 8 and 9 November 2017
- Host: ARDITI
- Topic: Tipping wheel



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