

nrg4SD Financing Climate Action Working Group

**Launch Meeting
23rd March 2011**



Welcome to the Participating Regions!

- **Europe: Aquitaine, Basque Country, Brittany, Catalonia, Flanders, PACA, Rhône-Alpes, Wales, Wallonie**
- **Africa: Mbale**
- **North America: Québec**
- **South America: Buenos Aires**
- **Critical mass: >10, <5,**

Group working on behalf of nrg4SD



Objectives

- **Provide a common culture on Climate Change Financing**
- **Master information on UNFCCC & EU ETS tools (JI, CDM...)**
- **Enable Regions to set their own tools on**
 - Domestic projects (JI)
 - Cooperation tools (CDM)
 - ...
- **Prepare lobbying campaigns & Policy Papers expressing Regions demands on access to Carbon Finance**
- **Prepare various events with partners, existing and new ones, and increase scope of actions for our network**

Open a new scope of interest & action for the Regions in line with COP16 Cancun breakthrough

Carbon Finance: a tough & specialised subject!

- **COP16 has acknowledged the role of subnational levels**

BUT has not given answers to basic questions...

- **HOW can Subnationals integrate the process?**
- **WHO will pay?**
- **WHICH are the Financial Sources?**
- **WHAT tools can we, as Regions, operate?**

**The subject is pretty complex and we have an alternative...
Either we...**

-> Dedicate – for each Region - a team of 2-3 persons to set on the subject and specialise

OR

-> We find a technical assistance to upgrade our knowledge

Technical assistance: getting a robust and independent assistance

- We have been through various solutions...
 - TA must be **free from private interests**
 - TA must be **accustomed to «Regions»**
 - TA must be **plugged to international negotiations**
 - TA should **operate on Carbon Finance**
- Private banking: not good
- Academia: not operational
- Private Consultancy: not free... and even expensive

We think we have the good solution...

Proposal: CdC Climat

- **CdC Climat** is a subsidiary of Caisse des Dépôts & Consignation, the bank of Local Governments in FR.
- **CdC** is independent from the FR Government but responsible in front of the FR Parliament
- **CdC Climat** has 3 tasks
 - **Research** on CC agreement and their operational consequences
 - **Management of the FR CO2 Registry** (EU Registry)
 - **Creation of Carbon Funds** in Regions in FR (Aquitaine), in Europe (contacts with CAT) and with non BRIC (creation of CF in Marocco, interest in sub Sahel Africa)
- **CdC Climat** has an interest in CF creation on a local basis but does not work for any banking or industrial private group
- **CdC Climat** has been created 1 year ago and is seeking partnerships with other equivalent State managed institutions (ES, IT, DE) as well as with Local Governments

How can we operate with CdC Climat?

The tasks to help with nrg4SD's Carbon Finance Group :

- Technical assistance to create a common culture on
 - UNFCCC & EU ETS financial tools
 - Overview on Regional Carbon Fund Creation
- Benchmarking on other Carbon Funding tools
 - Germany and other EU countries
 - Providing Experts to strengthen our knowledge

The type of relationship between nrg4SD and CdC Climat

- Fellowship Agreement signed between CdC Climat & nrg4SD
- ST, MT & LT scope can be possible
- Fellowship Agreement must be seen as a first step, new contractors should be sought

This Fellowship agreement would give us an important asset to strengthen our intervention & extend our range of action

CdC Climat works in EN!



Back to our Working Programme...

- **17th May 2011** – 1st technical meeting
 - CdC Climat on Overview on Carbon Finance & Regional Carbon Funds
 - Aquitaine on Forestry Carbon Fund
 - Other...
- **2nd half of 2011** – 2nd Technical meeting (optional)
 - EIB on ELENA programme
 - Covenant of Mayors on Local Carbon Funding
 - Other...
- **June** – Bonn Pre-COP17
 - Québec's experience (?)
 - 1st formalisation & sum-up of the work done until now
- **Late June** – Meeting in London with T°Cg for Side Event preparation in Durban on Carbon Finance
- **Late August** – Preparing Durban's Side Event
- **October 21-22** – Warm-up run in Lyon during the Pre-Durban meeting of nrg4SD & T°Cg
- **December** – COP17 Side Event on Carbon Finance and work programme to Seoul – Korea COP18

Why should we closely partner with T°C G?

- nrg4SD & T°C G have been working together for a number of years & events
- Both networks are on the same basis on ethics
 - Independence towards private interests
 - Honesty in information, contacts & methods
 - Strong nucleus of common regions
- Both networks work in complementarity
 - nrg4SD *rather* on adaptation
 - T°C G *rather* on mitigation

T°C G brings the voice of Private Banking and can bring a different angle to cover all the scope of Carbon Finance



Getting the basic culture: homework to prepare the technical meetings!

To be effective participants will be fed with 20-30 pages to read before each meeting...

- **Avoid loss of time on basic questions**
- **Be able to connect directly to the subject**
- **Ask operational questions**
- **Report back to the head office and be effective**
- **Working sessions must also be seen as training and as Regional Capacity building**

Create a Regional work & proposal force to upgrade the network

Thanks for your attention!

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