Promoting Green Employment: a Major and Indispensable Driver behind a Successfull Transition towards a Competitive Low carbon and Green Economy

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Context information

Marshall Plan 1 (2005):

 The Plan wallon Air-Climat (2007): 105 measures to address climate change – 4 measures concerning VET

Marshall Plan '2. Vert' (12/2009): 3 priorities:

- 1. Creating activities and jobs
- 2. Training and education
- 3. Meeting the energy challenge
- The *Alliances Emploi-Environnement* (1st alliance : sustainable building)
- The GreenWin centre for competitiveness (environmental technologies, green chemistry, sustainable building, reusing of waste)



Context information

Network of certified centres de compétence

25 centres covering the whole regional territory (<u>cf. map</u>), high technology tools dedicated to knowledge, know how and innovation

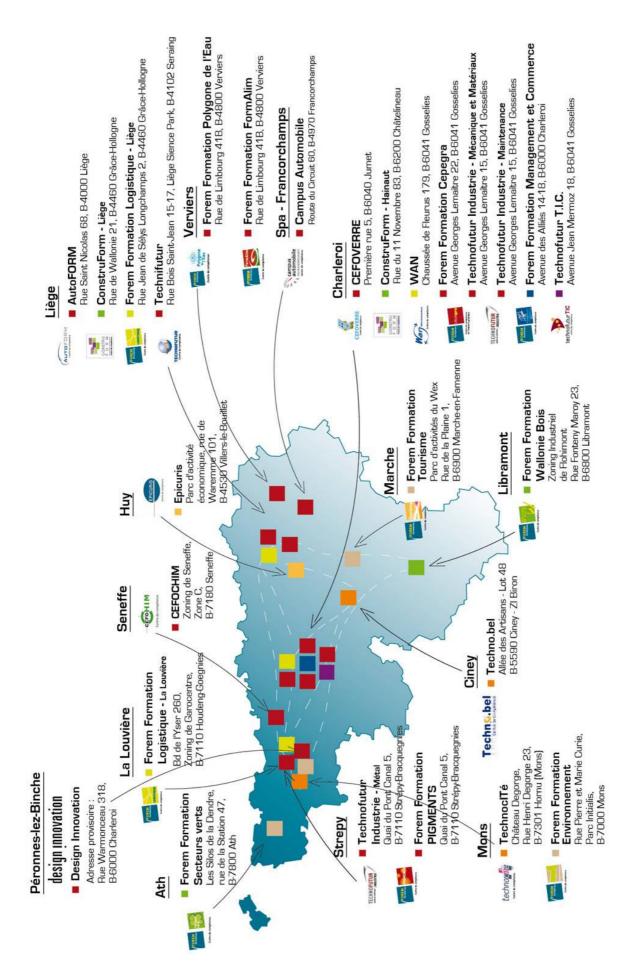
Characteristics:

- Facilitating access and partnership Supporting the economical development of the Region
- Broadening the scope of vocational training
- Benefiting to all

Missions:

- Production
- **Partnerships**
- Development (Labour market monitoring)





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1. Some dates:



- Project endorsed by the Walloon Government fall 2002
- Training activities within the project framework from 2002 on
- Official opening december 2005

... some figures:

- 425 job seekers, 699 workers, 146 teachers et 217 students trained in en 2009, total of training hours 70107 (not including decentralized training sessions)
- ESF eligible target group: 3123 job seekers from 2002 to 2009



2. European Structural Funds support:

- ESF 2000 2006 programme: measure 5.2.2 (Objective 1), measure 1.3 (Objective 3): life-long training
- ESF 2007 2013 programme: Qualiformide project, measure
 2.2 (Convergence et Competitiveness): vocational education;
 Confluence Construction Project, measure 1.1 (Convergence): training and coaching upon request by companies and sectors
- ERDF: building and didactic equiments



3. Areas of activity

- Environmental management : EMS, audit...
- Waste management: house waste, construction waste, industrial waste, garage waste, hospital waste; soil sanitation, dredging spoil treatment, analysis and treatment of industrial gases and fumes...
- Energy management: Energy efficiency / RUE (heating and cooling techniques, energy management...), alternative and renewable energy (photovoltaics, wind energy, heat pumps, combined heat and power / CHP, biomass energy...), management of electromagnetic pollution...
- Quality management, QSE



4. Partnerships (1)

Structural partnerships: the steering comittee

- Building sector (CCW, FFC), Technology industry (IFMHN / Agoria), Chemical industry (Essenscia)
- Eco-construction (green building) cluster
- Union Wallonne des Entreprises (walloon companies)
- Social partners
- Universities : ULg, FPMs
- DG Agriculture, Ressources naturelles et Environnement (DGO3)
- DG Aménagement du Territoire, Logement, Patrimoine et Energie (DGO4)



4. Partnerships (2)

Operational partnerships (examples):

Qualiformide project (ESF) : centres de compétence + CERES (Liège University)

Confluence Construction project (ESF): Forem Formation, IFAPME, building sector (CCW, CSTC, CIFFUL, Cluster Éco-Construction)

Distance Zéro project (Interreg) : Greta, Lycée François Bazin (France), Haute Ecole de Louvain en Hainaut

Sustainable energy management (ULB, FPMs) Biomass energy project (ValBiom asbl) Clusters: TWEED, CAP 2020

Research centres (ESF) : CTP, CSTC, ValBiom etc. Pôles de compétitivité / Centres for competitiveness

Eco-Kids project: Ose la Science (Plan wallon Air-Climat)



5. Product and service positioning

Environmental management is transversal

- → advanced, specialized training
- → end of traditional vocational training paths

Mostly short training units

Ready-to-wear & made to measure (companies, schools / colleges)

Skills vs jobs (cf. Skills for Green Jobs, European Synthesis Report, Cedefop, 2010)

Labour market monitoring – development / vocational engineering - diffusion



Labour market monitoring and needs analysis

1. Systematized monitoring at the level of the network of the *centres* de compétence

Objectives:

- Analysing and anticipating needs in skills and manpower induced by technological, regulatory, economic evolutions and changes
- Adapting training offer and products
- 2. Study of 'ecossytems' conducted by the Forem in various activity sectors

Objective:

 better understanding of market actors, training needs, dynamics in activity sectors in Wallonia → prospective view (through qualitative interviews and quantitative surveys)



Labour market monitoring and needs analysis

3. 'Job Focus' is the name of an integrated plan to fight shortfalls in manpower

Objectives:

- Identify difficulties in recruiting staff for specific jobs (one trade per month)
- Set up specific action plans in order to concretely meet the identified needs
- Better connect job seekers with those jobs



Other tools to promote green jobs

- The « essais-métiers » plan to give young job seekers the opportunity to try out different trades and focussing a.o. on green jobs
- The « éco-climat » training vouchers
- Information about and promotion of green jobs at the Carrefours
 Emploi Formation (CEFo)
- The ReCAF (Reconnaissance des Compétences Acquises en Formation – skills assessment), e.g. energy adviser – in connection with EQF)



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The QSE unit (2009)

Objectives:

- Introduce the environmental (and sustainable development) dimension in all training programmes
- Promote improvements in its building stock management (energy and waste management)

Support provided by the *Centre de compétence Environnement*: training of trainers on environmental management, expertise in energy management



Thank you for your attention





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