



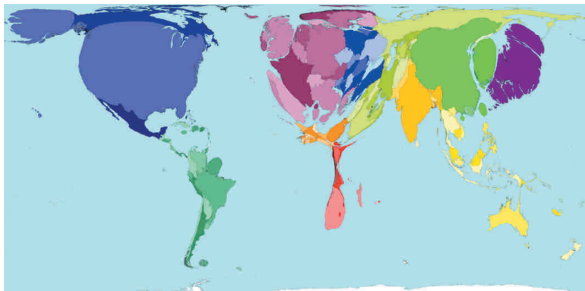
Countries in the North produce about 60 % of global CO₂ emissions.
The annual per capita emissions of Europeans are 30 times higher than those of the Southern countries!

Poverty
Access to sustainable energy contributes to poverty reduction in developing countries!

Energy
The industrialized countries' consumption habits and energy dependency are paid for by the people of the South.

Climate
People from Southern countries are especially affected by climate change!

Sustainable Energy for Poverty Reduction



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Sustainable energy for poverty reduction



Energy – a source of injustice between industrialised countries and the developing countries ...

... **unequal consumption**

- About 20 % of the world's population consumes nearly 80 % energy sources. Countries like China and India are following the industrialised countries example and catching up.

... **responsibility for climate change**

- Northern countries produce about 60 % of global CO₂ emissions. Europeans' emissions are 40 times higher than those of people in the less developed countries.
- Climate change is already devastating those countries which are far less responsible for causing it.
- Many of Europe's climate policies create more poverty in the South.

... **unequal access**

- Access to energy is one of the conditions for development.
- Worldwide, 1.6 billion people have no access to electricity.
- 2.4 billion people depend on wood, charcoal or dung for cooking and heating.

... **unequal benefits**

- Energy imports underpin the basis of prosperity of the people and the economies in the North. The per capita gross national product in Europe is 65 times higher than in the less developed countries in the South. People living in those countries where fossil fuel resources are concentrated don't necessarily benefit from the revenue they generate. On the contrary, many continue to live in poverty, and suffer in the international conflicts over access to these resources. The extraction of crude oil and natural gas destroys the rainforest and hence the livelihood of the Indigenous Peoples.

EnergyBridges – a campaign for energy justice

EnergyBridges builds public awareness about the energy injustice between North and South. The partners in the Climate Alliance – European cities and municipalities and Indigenous Peoples in the Amazon rainforests – are lobbying for a fair use of energy through public education campaigns, lobbying and concrete project support.

Our Goals

- EnergyBridges is widening access to eco-friendly and renewable energies to reduce poverty.
- EnergyBridges is contributing to the sustainable use of the environment in the Amazon region.
- EnergyBridges is working towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals.
- EnergyBridges is helping initiate responsible energy production and use in industrialized countries.

Activities

- Information-Pool: research and documentation, audio-visual materials.
- Publicity: homepage with news blog, database and e-mail service, publication of articles and press releases.
- Education: school materials and tools on energy issues and poverty reduction, exhibitions, student art activities.
- Creating impetus: workshop for decision makers, NGOs, teachers / educators, delegation tour to the Amazon region, lobbying.
- Networking EU25: roundtable discussions with key organisations and people in the New Member States.
- Practical: project support in the South.

The **Climate Alliance** is a partnership for the protection of world's climate, bringing together almost 1,400 European cities and municipalities and the Indigenous Peoples of the Amazon rainforests.

The members – cities, municipalities, districts and states – have committed themselves to reducing their greenhouse gas emissions and to actively supporting the alliance partners with rainforest preservation in the Amazon region. Climate Alliance not only works for the environment but also for social justice, through the fair distribution of resources and opportunities..

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