How to get your voice heard – strategies and tactics to lobby your government

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Being organized + institution – the HU green NGO network

- Yearly „Green parliament” – election of delegates into OP etc. Monitoring Committees. CB for these delegates – SK example. Regular feedback and info sharing.
- Coordination Committee
- Results of this representation system
- Cooperation with Bankwatch: ENEA – MA, ECCP

... and beyond: TASKFORCE work
- National climate-energy policy and EU Funds – NGO advocacy coordination: position papers, meetings
The energy efficiency reshuffling case
- 2017-2018, Environment and Energy OP – MC member, joint letter, meetings, Taskforce meeting with DG Regio + MEHI & MTVSZ arguments. False excuses exposed. Reshuffling was delayed + positive media response + learnings for current evaluation
- New MFF + Programming: how to avoid it from happening again
Energy use of households (4.4 M dwellings)

Odyssee-Mure

EE improvement %, base: year 2000
EU targets – HU very low ambition – influences programming
Taskforce and beyond MC: Budapest waste incinerator case

- More intensively from 2016, Energy and Environment OP
- Joint work with HUMUSZ, consulting waste experts, small comms campaign, joint letters
- Advocacy towards DG Regio (also last lobby week)
- We built on the Commissions disapproval (Commission report on the poor implementation of the EU’s waste directive in central and eastern Europe, where waste treatment and incineration take precedence over waste prevention, reuse and recycling).
- Economic arguments: not viable without EU Funds, lock-in, pollution, planning-spending problems, public resistance
Oct 2018: modification of the Annual Development Framework of EEOP: the project was proposed to be deleted and its funding shifted for smaller, regional water treatment projects.

Modification was approved by authorities. Dec 2018 govt. Declaration: energy minister has to arrange the termination of the project contract

„Not in current, not in next budget” – follow-up

Modernisation Fund? DG Clima (Doubrava) shifting the power plant from biomass&lignite to biomass&waste incineration. Also, developing/modernising a waste incineration plant might be also eligible
Evaluation – learnings for programming

- Structure of evaluation for EEOP – Evaluation Plan, progress report (indicators, transparency, etc.)
- Progress but only few MC members are involved, how to avoid tick-the-box exercise
- Bankwatch - Enfants terrible publication
Networking – joint advocacy, representation/delegation

Knowing the process and milestones to influence

Good contacts with MA, DG Regio, ....

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