

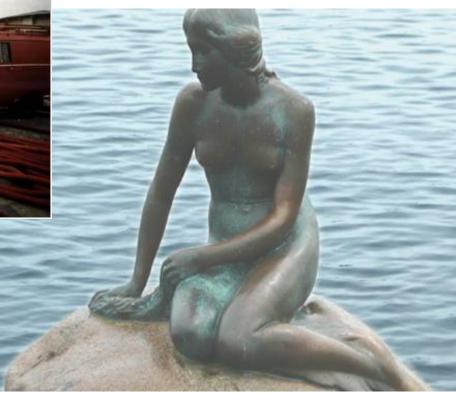
The benefits of Copenhagen

> The majority of the World`s major leaders were present at the summit.

> They agreed in principle with the current scientific consensus that global warming levels should be contained below 2 C.

> In the current year, the UN will intensify negotiations on climate protection measures with meetings scheduled in April and June in Bonn (Germany) and in December in Cancun (Mexico).





The failure of Copenhagen

> The Copenhagen Accord however contained no politically binding statements nor were any legally binding agreements reached.

> Moreover, no detailed targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions were set and there was no agreed timetable for future action.

> The situation is urgent. The longer decisive steps are postponed to effectively tackle climate change, the greater the resulting toll in human, ecological and economic terms.





UBC and mitigation: Copenhagen summit doesn`t slow down activities

Reaching a meaningful International agreement on climate change is complicated. As well as the obvious geographical variations, nations also have different economic priorities and perspectives.

> For the UBC however, the situation is clear: nobody is immune from the effects of global warming. In order to reduce greenhouses gas emissions and adapt to the effects of climate change we must act together immediately.



Cities: Acting at the local level is crucial in tackling climate change

> For over 15 years, Lübeck has been a member of the Climate Alliance along with other UBC member cities.

> The members of the Climate Alliance have led the way by committing themselves on a voluntary basis, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

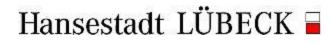




Cities: lokal governments should set a good example

> In Lübeck, making schools more climate friendly has been one of our targets and we have therefore installed heat insulation and new more efficient heating systems in many schools.

> We are also leading the way in using renewable energy. One of the biggest photovoltaik solar plants in the city is located on the roof of a school.



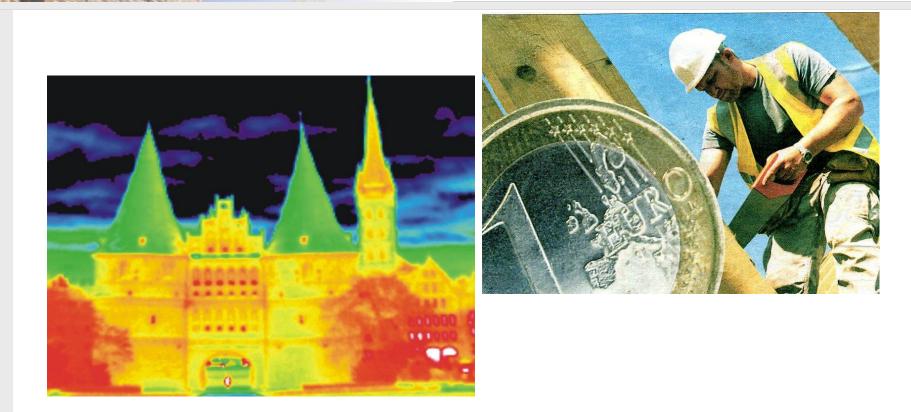




Cities: promoting energy saving as town planning

> In 2002, the decision was made by our local government, that future urban development should be coupled with solar orientated town planning.

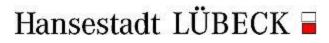
> Investing in climate friendly transport systems has been been a priority. Last year for instance a large investment was made in upgrading bicycle paths.



Cities: inform and motivate the inhabitants to use energy more efficiently

> Our staff contribute valuable information twice a month to the municipal newspaper.

In addition, the website www.luebeck.de contains various useful possibilities on how to save energy.





Cities: local energy production

> Our municipal energy provider plans to increase the amount of electricity available from local wind-energy sources.

> They also offer green electricity to the population.



Neue Energie: Bürgersolaranlagen

Informationen zum Strommodell

Zwei starke Partner für Lübeck



Cities: offer residential property of high ecological quality

Lübeck is co-partnering with several building societies with the aim of upgrading residential properties to higher ecological standards.As a result , over the last few years considerable investment has been made in improving thermal insulation.

> A central feature of urban renewal will be the emphasis on energy saving.

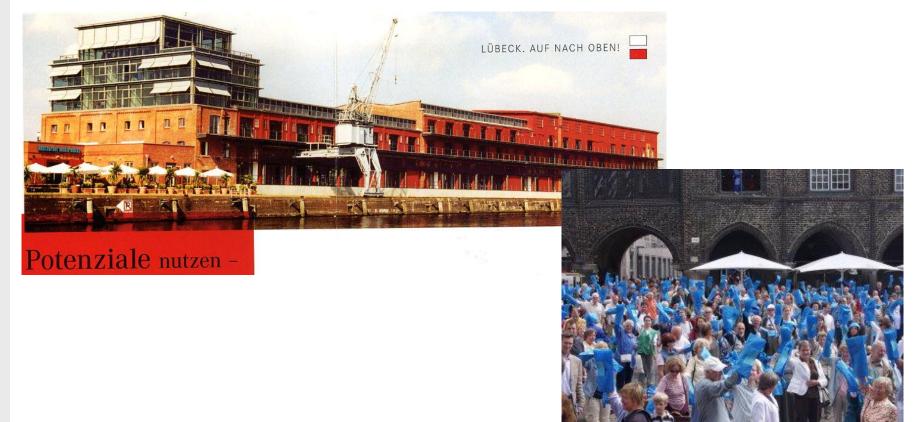




Cities: work in partnership with local organizations

> Lübeck has regularly taken part in campaigns such as: "Zoom - kids on the move" and the "European mobility-week".

> We are also actively communicating with housing associations, the consumer advice centre and energy consultant , and we published the "Lübecker Heizspiegel" which contains heating statistics.



UBC-Cities learn from each other.

> Each year, a large number of tourists visit the Baltic Sea Region. This region offers ideal opportunities to realize a variety of ecotourism projects.

> With the development of an onshore power supply for ships using our harbours, we aim to stop environmentally harmful emissions.



> Our contribution to the preservation of the global climate is important. Let us make further progress with workable practical measures.

> As a powerful Union, we are in a position to be able to exert a positive influence on the international community of nations in order to save our planet..