



Sustainable
Energy
Communities



Tool No: 6.2.4.7 Good Practice

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Overview	
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Description

The BONUS project is trying to overcome this obstacle by sharing the saved energy costs between the school and the public administration, which is responsible for the funding of schools. With this instrument schools can acquire additional money for different purposes and improve energy efficiency at the same time. Another quite important aspect is education and awareness raising for pupils, teachers and technicians. The project developed information material, training concepts and a supporting network infrastructure.

During the first BONUS project in Upper Austria (managed by Oberoesterreichische Umweltakademie, 1998 - 1999), it turned out to be of advantage, if the project co-ordination and the supporting infrastructure would be clustered with similar activities, namely with the support of energy conscious communities. The Climate Alliance for Austrian Cities (Klimabündnis Österreich) offers a well-established network of more than 400 member communities and is now coordinating the national BONUS Programme (2002 - 2003).