

The three Dogmes

Dogme 1: the municipality's, the neighbourhoods and the industries environmental impacts must be measured and annually reported in the green accounts. This includes three sub-goals:

- A. Green accounts are made every year. The borders of the municipality are regarded as borders of a local community, which in total is committed to the goals. Green accounts as a minimum includes the municipality's own buildings, all residential areas and industries.
- B. Green accounts states the developments in reuse of waste and as a minimum includes use of district heating, electricity, gas, oil, traffic, groundwater and pesticides.
- C. Based on the consumption rates, the Green accounts must inform the areas total contribution to pollution (for instance NO_x) and climate change (for instance CO₂)

Dogme 2: Goals for resource-consumption and environmental impacts have to be made, and included in a local Agenda 21 plan. The municipality must be leading in the environmental efforts. This includes three sub-goals:

- A. Agenda 21 includes the total local community, as well as the green accounts
- B. Agenda 21 must include goals for resource-consumption and environmental impacts, based on the principle of environmental space
- C. In acknowledging that the public sector must take the leading role in the transformation to sustainable development, the following demands should be respected:
 - At least 75 % of the public food consumption has to be organic
 - herbicides must not be used
 - the municipality should respect environmental sustainable guidelines with the construction sector
 - all planning has sustainability as the overall goal
 - an environmentally sustainable purchase policy must be formulated

Dogme 3: The environmental work has to be embedded in residential areas, in industries, and in the municipality. This includes three sub-goals:

- A. The residential areas must be involved in the formation of local Agenda 21's.
- B. The industry must be involved in a formalised way in developing a better environment. For instance, agricultural land must be aimed at organic farming.
- C. The municipality's own departments and institutions must over time become environmentally certificated, and the environmental work included in the business-plans, staff policy etc.