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Lobby for joint action

KlimaDiskurs.NRW (climate discourse North Rhine-Westphalia, non-profit, founded 2012) is a member driven association uniting municipalities, industry, NGOs, business, science and many more to build an understanding, trustworthy and common ground for ways forward to do both: fight climate change and strengthen the local economy and industry.



Initial situation

- Fighting climate change while maintaining our economic basis in an inclusive manner is the key challenge of our time. Obviously, interests and positions are diverse and conflicting.
- The debate around it is conducted on a high ideological level, e.g. 'climate change' vs 'jobs'. Often conflict seems to be the real aim of the debate – and not finding solutions and making progress.
- The result is a conflict with entrenched positions that make it impossible to find common solutions to common problems.
- Therefore, progress on climate change is slow and at the same time centrifugal forces in society grow.

Objectives

- The core aim of KlimaDiskurs.NRW is to reconnect the scattered discourse landscape and to overcome entrenched disputes between stakeholders.
- We want to deideologize debates to promote factual exchanges fostering understanding and trust.
- People are supposed to gather for this exchange to prepare the ground for the way forward, i.e. to support the implementation of climate change legislation and measures.
- Together we drive the fight against climate change and at the same time strengthen our local industry and economy.

Implementation

- KlimaDiskurs.NRW unites a large variety of actors, e.g. cities, industry, business, environmental and consumer NGOs, science, churches, unions.
- As platform we provide a protected room for discourse - in public, internally or confidentially, in NRW but also in Berlin and Brussels. Partisan and conflicting interests are welcome and discussed jointly to find common ground.
- We cover a broad range of topics, e.g. energy, industry, buildings and mobility, and many horizontal issues (e.g. CO₂-tax).
- In the new funding period 2019-2022 KlimaDiskurs.NRW is supported by the German Federal Environmental Foundation (Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt), the Mercator Foundation (Stiftung Mercator) and the Environment and Development Foundation North Rhine-Westphalia (Stiftung Umwelt und Entwicklung NRW).

Achievements

- KlimaDiskurs.NRW has grown to 80+ institutional members representing the whole societal spectrum and actors of all sizes.
- The approach helped solving, omitting or smoothing conflicts between members (and external actors) – while policy makers could be provided with broad and trustworthy input.
- The interest in the approach has kept growing not just in NRW but in Berlin, Brussels and other states while also requests from local actors increase.
- The broad engagement, the success and the increasing interest show that a well-organised discourse is the key tool to move forward on tackling climate change.

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