



**Network of Regional Governments  
for Sustainable Development**



## **An Introduction to nrg4SD**

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# What and who is nrg4SD?



- International organisation representing at global level:
  - ‘subnational/regional governments’ and
  - ‘associations of subnational/ regional’ governments
- Founded in 2002 alongside the Johannesburg Summit
- Around 50 regions from 30 countries and 7 associations

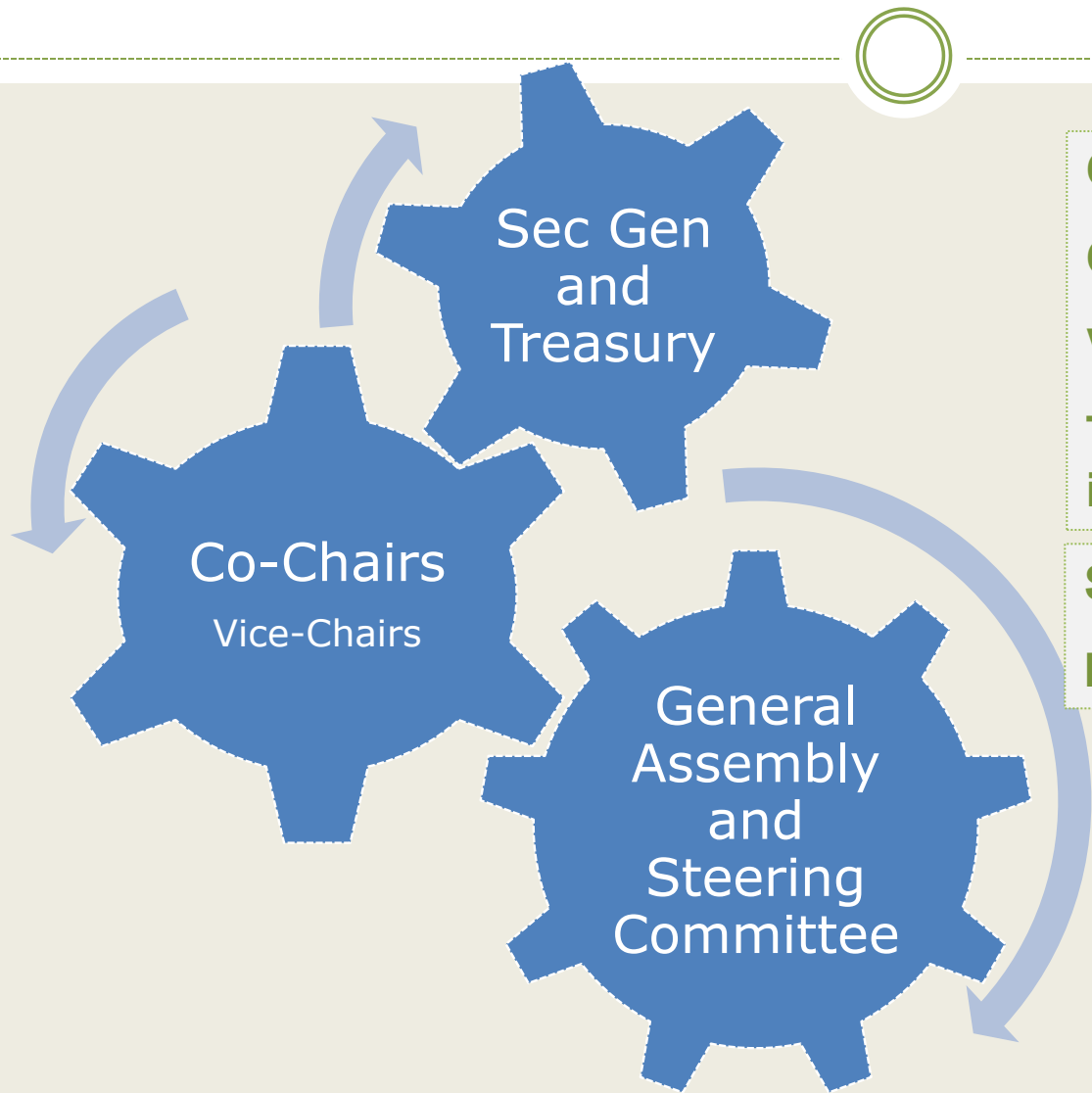


# nrg4SD's mission



- Promote SD at regional level across the Globe
- Act as the voice and representative of subnational governments at global level in SD
- Seek a wider recognition at international level of the crucial role of subnational gvts. towards sustainable development
- Encourage North-South understanding, partnerships, projects and exchange among members, and also between them and other major international stakeholders
- Current work programme: climate change, biodiversity, water resources & sanitation, and sustainable development

# Governance



**Co-chair North: Catalonia**

**Co-Chair South: São Paulo**

**Vice-Chair for Europe: Brittany**

**Treasury: outgoing CPMR –  
incoming Wallonia**

**Secretary General:**

**Ms. Maruxa Cardama**

# How does nrg4SD work?



- Direct work and accreditation to UN entities early since its creation – UN CSD, UNEP, UNFCCC, UN CBD
- Direct work with different EU institutions thanks to the presence of its permanent Secretariat in Brussels
- Partnerships with national and local governments, NGOs, the business sector and academia (in 2011 with ICLEI, Stakeholder Forum, CDC Climat, The Climate Group and Sherbrooke Univ.)



# Climate Action



- Financing climate action WG – collaboration with French public bank CDC Climat
- Advocacy Taskforce on climate negotiations – participation in UNFCCC under ‘LGMA’
- ✓ *Recognition of local and subnational governments as governmental stakeholders*
- ✓ *European Conference of Regions Lyon*
- ✓ *Participation in UNFCCC Momentum for Change initiative at COP17*
- ✓ *Side events in COP17 with The Climate Group, Wallonia, Equiterre and Bombardier*



# Biodiversity Protection



- Biodiversity Working Group
- Direct work with UN CBD and member of Global Biodiversity Partnership
- ✓ *Plan of Action of Subnational Gvts., Cities and other Local Authorities-COP10 Nagoya October 2010*
- ✓ *nrg4SD recognised as key network for contributing to the set up of the Advisory Committee of Subnational Gvts.*
- ✓ *Launch of Advisory Committee 6-9 March 2012 in Parana State (nrg4SD member)*

# Water Resources & Sanitation



- Water Resources and Sanitation WG
- ✓ *nrg4SD MoU for Latin America and the Caribbean establishing a framework for collaboration on water issues – Technical Seminar in Buenos Aires in Nov. 2010, Online Course early 2011*
- ✓ *Tasked by the World Water Council to organise the States & Regions Session at the 6<sup>th</sup> WWF Marseille jointly with ORU-FOGAR*
- ✓ *Currently working in the subnational dimension of the Istanbul Water Consensus*



# Sustainable Development – Rio +20



- Full engagement in the Rio +20 process – nrg4SD Task Force
- *Direct work with UN DESA, UN GSP, UN NGLS and UNEP*
- ✓ *Participation in negotiation sessions*
- ✓ *Contributions to compilation document for the Zero Draft, to the initial discussions on the Zero Draft and to GSP report*
- ✓ ***World Summit of States and Regions – Green Economy Coalition of States & Regions for the SD of Territories***

*19 June 2012 in the Government Palace of Rio de Janeiro State – open to all committed States and Regions – like-minded organisations welcomed as supporting partners*



# Forest Policy



- Aquitaine interested in setting up a nrg4SD Working Group
- Possible areas for collaboration:
  - UNFCCC - REDD +
  - UN Rio +20 – World Summit - specific engagements and concrete projects
  - UN Forest Forum – territorial dimension



Aquitaine *spirit*

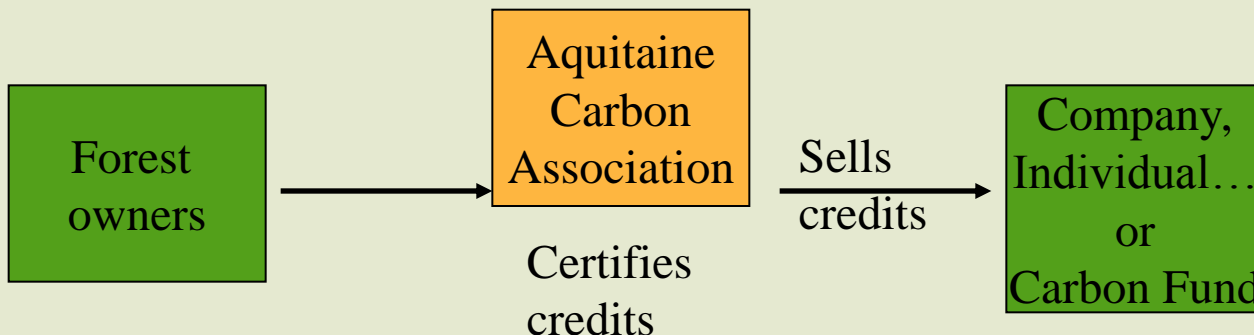
## Innovative tools for forests in the Aquitaine region

2009: The Klaus storm damaged  
some 200,000 hectares of trees

→ Destruction of an economic asset for  
the region and a carbon sink

= A need for reforestation

A focus on carbon issues:



### Aquitaine forests:

-largest cultivated  
forest in Europe

-largest wooded  
area in France

-Around 90%  
privately owned

-44 % of the land  
mass of the  
region

-PEFC  
certification



# North and South Subnational Governments Committed to Sustainable Development



## ✦ **A legitimate Network**

nrg4SD represents directly a critical mass of subnational governments from across the World

## ✦ **A representative Network**

This worldwide constituency of common interests and goals makes of nrg4SD a powerful political platform

## ✦ **A relevant Network**

Expertise, products and contacts that are well suited to the design and delivery of sustainable development strategies at subnational level