

Engineering for Sustainable Development: Case Texel

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NB: my focus is on energy (and climate)

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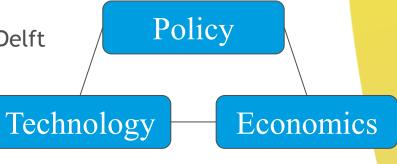
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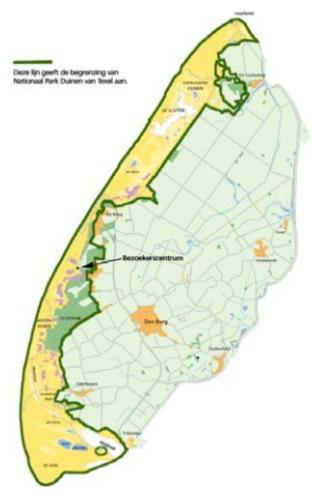
Our studies for sustainable regions

With focus on energy and climate, amongst other:

- Vision and roadmap Amsterdam
- Vision and roadmap Texel (energy neutral)
- Does the energy transition starts in the region? (for Rathenau)
- Roadmap for Metropole Region Amsterdam (energy neutral)
- Roadmap for City Region Rotterdam (climate neutral)
- Backcastingstudy municipality The Hague (climate neutral)
- Backcastingstudy City Region The Hague (climate neutral)
- etc.



Texel, some facts



Texel is an island Area 16,100 ha (land)

- 33% National park
- 55% Agriculture
- 12% Other
- 7 villages
- 13,400 inhabitants, ca. 6,000 houses

900,000 tourist visits per year

- 4,500,000 'tourist nights'
- 1 of every two sleepers on Texel is a tourist (!)



Texel, some facts (2)

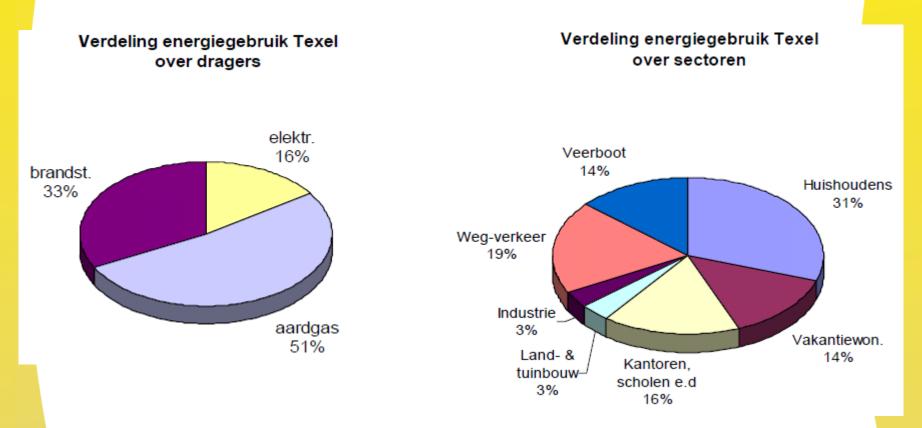
- Texel has strong cultural island roots
- Autarky as desired way of living
- Explains success of local energy cooperation Texel Energie
- Interesting as garden for innovations (Urgenda, Alliander etc)



TexelEnergie

Energy consumption on Texel (final energy)

Ambition: 100% own renewable energy, in 2020 (NL: 14% in 2020; EU: 20%)



Business as usual 2020: +13% energy use (electricity (buildings) and transport fuel)

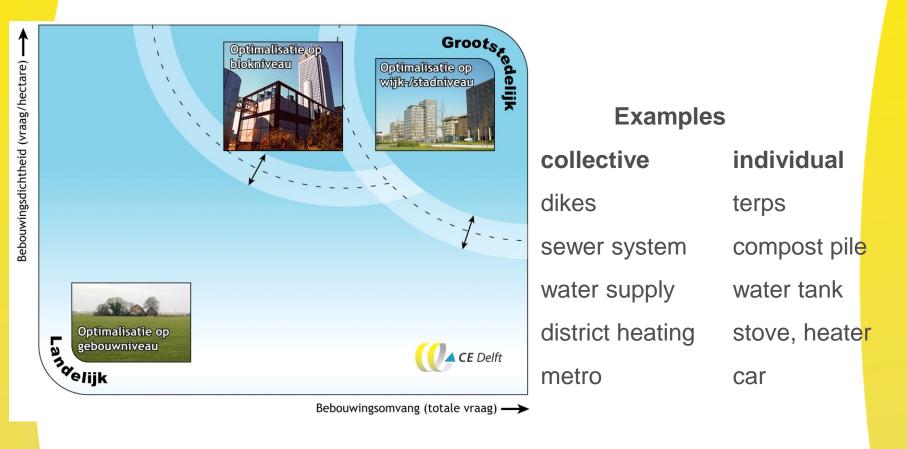


Intermezzo: our lessons learned on climate neutral

- 1. Challenge is mainly about economy and society ('technically feasible')
- 2. On the critical path towards energy neutral or climate neutral:
 - Heat demand of *existing* buildings
 - Transport
 - And industry and greenhouses (depends on specific municipality)
- 3. About 50% of ambition climate neutrality by regulations EU & National
 - Regulation of energy performance of new buildings
 - Regulation of CO₂-emission of electricity production (EU-ETS)
 - Regulation of CO₂-emission of new cars
- All stakeholders needed, especially for energy transition of heat demand built environment -> role for municipality
 - Transition of demand and of proposition needed
 - Renewable **electricity** is easier issue than renewable heat



Built environment: difference cities and country side



In case of large volumes and densities of buildings, a collective approach most of the time more effective and more efficient. But needs government initiative in most cases.



For Texel

Options:

- Energy saving (building isolation, LED lighting, ...)
- Wind turbines most obvious choice. But veto by tourist sector
- Solar PV on roofs, and ground based
- Small wind turbines on roofs (innovation needed)
- Biomass digestion (green gas)
- District heating (geothermal): technical possible, but economically???
- Heat and cold storage in underground
- Solar water heaters
- Innovation: tidal energy (using water flows of high and low tide)
- Switch to electricity (buildings and transport)



Input for discussion (food for thought)

100% renewable energy in 2020?

- To be seen as ambition
- Provides direction and sense of urgency
- Also attracks innovations, Texel is proud on it's front runner ship
- For fast track, 'target regulations' are necessary

'Engineering for sustainable development' on energy:

- Provide transparant facts on current energy use and BaU-scenario
- Provide information on technical options ('what question')
- Show the critical pathways for the transformation process
- Provide information on which stakeholder should take what actions ('how question'): what policies are needed?



Questions???



