

# COM 13 Check it out! Tools for a sustainable world

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## Context / Social problem

Climate change is an urgent social issue. Young people in particular will have to deal with the consequences. With an eye to their future, we must act now, both to avert the effects of climate change as much as possible and to adapt to the consequences. A good way of reaching out to young people is through the education system.

Check it out! Tools for a sustainable world is a three to five year teaching programme focusing on the climate problem and energy saving. The core of the programme consists of advice on how to improve energy performance through technical measures and behavioural change, involving the whole school community, and raising awareness of the global and local impacts of climate change. Check it out! will be offered to all schools in the Netherlands. To this end the consortium is working with national education organisations, research and educational institutions and other organisations that provide education on climate topics.

The main objectives of the project are:

- To disseminate knowledge of climate change and concrete best-practice approaches for pupils, teachers and managers in primary education, secondary education and senior secondary vocational education
- To present the themes of climate change, mitigation and adaptation primarily in relation to the use of space and in the context of the related problem of sustainable development
- To link the teaching programme to scientific research programmes, thus involving schoolchildren in the work of research institutes and data collection

## Target groups and intended scope

Check it out! tools for a sustainable world is a programme for all those involved in education: pupils, teachers, school governors and directors, and the wider school environment. The project intends to reach 150 primary schools, 70 VMBO schools (preparatory secondary vocational education), 30 HAVO/VWO (secondary education) and 8 MBO/AOC colleges (senior secondary vocational/agricultural education), but may reach out to more schools across the Netherlands – and Check it out! will also be starting in Spain, Bulgaria, Hungary and Germany in the 2007/2008 school year. A further goal is to get local politicians more involved in the climate problem via presentations of the results by pupils as part of the educational programme.

## Intended results and products

The expected results are:

1. Teaching materials, partly linked to research programmes and relevant to local climate policies
2. A website
3. Local partnerships between government authorities, schools and research institutes on the themes of climate change, adaptation and mitigation

