

The energy transition to energy democracy

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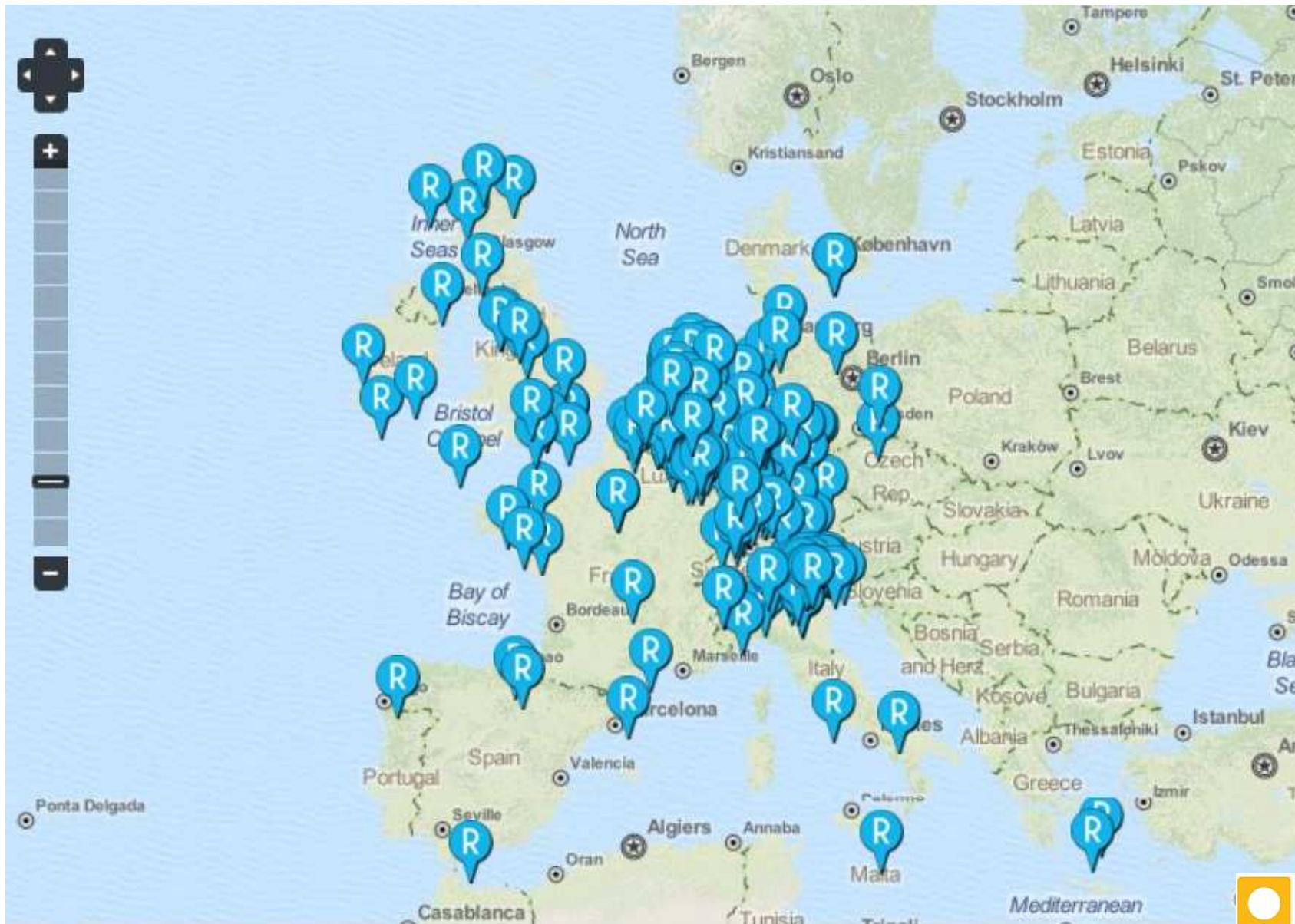
- ngo TSAP 1982
- Ecopower (BE) 1991
- production since 1995
- hydro, sun, wind, biomass
- 50.000 members
- 50 M€ capital
- supplier since 2003:
1,5% market share
- co-founder of
ODE-Vlaanderen
REScoop.be
REScoop.eu
REScoop.vl
- president
REScoop.eu



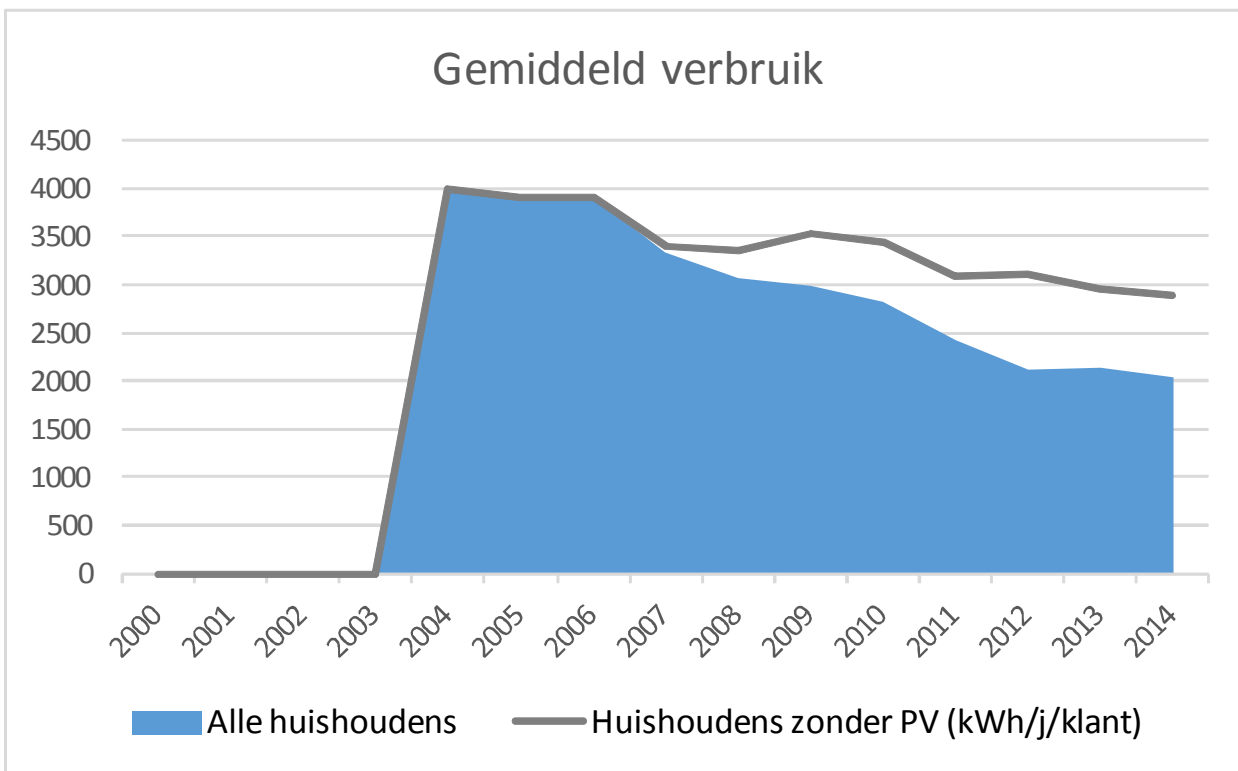
Renewable Energy Sources are Common Goods

- not private, not public, nor belong to a closed club
- but can be used by everyone for common sustainable purposes
- natural resources like the sun, wind and water,

Where can you find REScoops?



The energy transition unleashed



- from fossil/nuclear fuels to renewable energy
- from wasting to saving energy
- from centralised to a more decentralised production
 - in the right amount
 - at the right moment
 - at the right place

The energy transition

- is being payed by citizens
 - as consumers (recent example Flanders: 50x more)
 - as tax payers
 - when having savings in the bank
- is a unique opportunity for citizens to choose whether
 - to stay passive and undergo
 - to become active and...



The energy transition to energy democracy

- essential for successful energy transition
 - citizens are aware of necessity of energy transition
 - implementation locally of SEAP (CoM) which is result of participative process (white page start)
 - citizen ownership is crucial
 - link RE and EE
 - link municipality – citizen – REScoops
 - eg. Güssing, Eeklo, Asse, Schoten, ...
 - alternative = often citizens turning against RE
- REScoops become local economy actors

Keep production in the hands of citizens



- local energy production should stay in hands of local people
 - money for energy stays in local economy
 - up to € 2,000 pp/y (Belgium)
- authorities should promote:
 - direct participation
 - 100 % citizen owned energy projects

