




PARTICIPATIONS AND CHAIN INITIATIVES

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1 PARTICIPATIONS

This section describes DEME's participation in sector and chain initiatives in relation to energy and CO2 reduction. Reference is made to the CO2 Performance Ladder manual v.3.1.

DEME's efforts to reduce energy consumption and CO2 emissions also include supporting different governmental and NGO initiatives.

1.1 Programmes

[Green Deal Sustainable Infrastructure 2.0 \(Duurzaam GWW 2.0\)](#)

DEME has signed the Green Deal Sustainable Infrastructure 2.0, a partnership between clients, contractors and research institutes which aims to promote innovation, sustainability, energy savings and cost reduction in construction projects. This Green Deal also fully supports the CO2 reduction ambitions of the Dutch authority Rijkswaterstaat, which is responsible for the design construction, management and maintenance of the waterways and roads in the Netherlands. DEME is also member of the workgroup 'monitoring' to measure the results of the GreenDeal. The next step is Green Deal 3.0 Duurzaam GWW.

[Full Sail Ahead with Savings \(Het voortvarend varen\)](#)

DEME subsidiary De Vries & van de Wiel participates in the Dutch 'Full Sail Ahead with Savings' programme.

This is comparable to eco driving, but with the focus on fuel economy and CO2 reduction in the fluvial transport sector. DEME Building Materials also implements this programme for its outsourced inland water transport.

[Offshore Wind](#)

DEME is contributing to the EU-wide 2020 renewables targets by the design, installation and project development of wind farms in the North Sea. An active engagement in the pioneering C-Power wind farm formed a start to a mature Offshore Wind Farm business – reflected in the active participation in Otary for the development, construction and operation of other Belgian OWF projects (Rentel-SeaStar-Mermaid) but also a further international exploration. In order to achieve the 2020 objective that 20 % of total energy output should be produced by renewable sources of energy (RES), Belgium has committed itself to generate 13 % of its electricity from RES.

Horizon 2020

Energy efficiency is a no-regret option for Europe, addressed by both short-term and long-term EU policies.

The EU is aiming to progressively decrease primary energy consumption by 2020 and 2030. In the framework of this policy Europe has launched the Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation programme (from 2014 to 2020). In this programme there are different research area sections.

DEME participates in both the 'smart, green and integrated transport' work research programme in order to make vessels more efficient and less polluting and 'secure, clean and efficient energy', work research programme with the intention to develop new technologies and emerging designs in the field of ocean energy.

Flemish Climate Policy

DEME is fully engaged in the formally stated Climate Policy (01/12/2016) of the Flemish Government. On the public website (<http://www.vlaamseklimaatop.be>), DEME repeats its corporate policy on energy efficiency and the climate change challenges.

Navigating a changing Climate

Recently DEME became an active supporter of the PIANC "Navigating a Changing Climate"-initiative, an international initiative following the COP21 in Paris. This initiative is designed to encourage the owners, operators and users of waterborne transport infrastructure to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, to shift to low carbon maritime and inland navigation infrastructure, to improve resilience, and to adapt inland and maritime navigation infrastructure to the effects of a changing climate.

CEO4Climate

Recently, DEME became a member of the CEO's 4 Climate (C24), a network of climate-conscious entrepreneurs that see global warming as a problem that can be solved. Moreover, they see the solution as an opportunity for their business by:

- Inspiring and showing other entrepreneurs how they can combat global warming with their company.
- Showing entrepreneurs that combating global warming strengthens their business.
- Indicating which instruments entrepreneurs expect from the government to reverse climate change.

1.2 Sector organisations

DEME participates actively in different task groups and emission-related committees.

[ADEB-VBA](#)

DEME is a active member of the Green Board of the ADEB-VBA, the association of major Belgian contractors.

The Green Board is a working group where different environmental issues are discussed, and initiatives are launched. One of the environmental issues concerns the reduction and energy consumption on construction sites.

[Dutch Association of Dredging Contractors \(Vereniging van Waterbouwers\)](#)

DEME is participating in the sustainability working group of the 'Dutch Association of Dredging Contractors' or 'Vereniging van Waterbouwers' (VvW). This working group also focuses on the Dutch procurement tool "CO2 Performance Ladder". Since 2019, DEME is an active member of the workgroup 'Vergroening van de Waterbouw'. The focus is on legislation and techniques on the reduction of emissions.

[European Dredging Association \(EUDA\)](#)

DEME is a member of the European Dredging Association. EUDA provides a centralised platform for sector communication and represents the industry when dealing with international institutions- such as the International Marine Organisation (IMO) and the European Commission. The EUDA is engaged in a wide range of discussions with the EU, including those concerning CO2 and sulphur emissions from marine vessels. Paul Vercruijssse is an active member of the Environment Committee of EUDA. From there, DEME is fully supporting and assists external communications on CO2-emissions from dredging ships, the publication of international papers on Blue Carbon or the direct preparation of support documents for the MEPC (Marine Environment Protection Committee)-meetings of IMO.

[Permanent International Association for Navigation Congresses \(PIANC\)](#)

DEME is member of the Permanent International Association for Navigation Congresses (PIANC). The PIANC is working on technical, economic and environmental issues pertaining to waterborne transport infrastructures. Members include private companies, national governments and public authorities.

DEME participates in working group 188 of the PIANC "Carbon Management for Port and Navigation Infrastructure". The objective of this WG is to help the navigation sector complying with emerging regulatory requirements and provide options and recommendations for good practice in terms of carbon management (reducing, offsetting or sequestering carbon) in port and navigation industry. Filip Vandeputte is actively engaged in defining and evaluating the so-called carbon management life cycle for navigation infrastructure and projects – as an operational tool to manage and control carbon balance over a project.

Central Dredging Association (CEDA)

DEME is participating in the Environmental Commission of the CEDA, a non-governmental organisation, which is engaged in relevant advisory boards at international and national levels in the fields of dredging and marine construction.

International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA)

DEME has been nominated to play an active role in three different committees of the International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA) which aim to improve the performance in the marine contracting industry.

Through their network, they represent the members in a number of joint government-industry committees and other relevant bodies, as well as in other trade associations in areas of common interest.

IMCA holds non-governmental observer status at the International Maritime Organization (IMO). They frequently attend IMO meetings to keep abreast of the latest developments and provide input based on Members' combined experience and expertise.

IADC Sustainability committee

The International Association of Dredging Companies is the umbrella organisation for the private dredging contractors. In 2020 IADC initiated its Sustainability Committee (SC) which is charged with compiling and realising a "Sustainability Framework" for dredging activities of the Association's members. DEME is an active member of this Sustainability Committee. The SC has selected six UN-Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) most relevant for the sector's activities upon which it wants to focus including SDG 7 (Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all) and SDG 13 (Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts).

2 INITIATIVES

2.1 Development of dual fuel LNG hopper dredgers

DEME and the Dutch shipbuilder IHC are leading the way in the development of LNG-fuelled hopper dredgers. The project aims at introducing LNG environmental friendly, sustainable technology in the power generating systems of dredging vessels. As these vessels often operate in densely populated maritime port areas in Europe, the air emissions of these vessels are too high with the current traditional techniques, being traditional marine fuel oil. Compared with marine fuel oil, LNG engines are estimated to produce less CO₂ (+/- 20% reduction) and much lower levels of NO_x (90% reduction), SO_x (> 95% reduction) and particulate matter (>95% reduction). In order to obtain further insight in the emission reduction results, DEME will put in place an emission measurement and analysis programme on one of its new LNG vessels.

2.2 Methanol as an alternative fuel

DEME takes part in Work package 5 of the EU research study LeanShips. Work package 5 is carried to demonstrate a high-speed marine diesel engine converted to dual fuel operation on methanol and diesel while achieving significant reductions of emitted pollutants (reduction of 15% CO₂, 60% NO_x, 95% particulate matter and 99% SO_x). For this study DEME is collaborating with different other companies and the university of Ghent. Methanol could become a cost-effective and environmentally friendly alternative to conventional transportation fuels. This latter aspect is especially important as the industry must comply with the ambitious International Maritime Organization and EU emission reduction targets.

<https://www.leanships-project.eu/home/>

2.3 Blue Cluster

DEME is one of the founding members of the Blue Cluster. The Blue Cluster has been set up as a partnership that focuses on the development and promotion of economic activities at sea and tackles the challenges in climate change, ocean pollution, the energy issue, healthy food and good maritime accessibility.

One of the focus areas for DEME is renewable energy. The mission of the Blue Cluster is develop 100% renewable electricity production at sea using a wide range of different technologies, wind and floating PV. The objective is to realise an installed capacity of several hundreds of MW and a storage capacity of several thousands of MWh. Besides, the Blue Cluster aims at stimulating the development (R&D) of wave and tidal energy converters.

<https://www.blauwecluster.be/>

2.4 Sandwindmill

A collaboration between Sweco, IHC and DEME takes initiative in a new and innovative beach nourishment concept, the Sandwindmill. This concept fits in the Dutch Coastline Challenge. The potential CO2 reduction for this project is 185kTonnes CO2 equivalent each year.

<https://debouwcampus.nl/co-creatie-lab/praktijkopgaven/kustlijnzorg>

2.5 Tidal energy

DEME is active in the development of tidal energy projects and energy transport at sea. For the development and research of its technology DEME cooperates closely with academic centres and specialised partners (Port authorities and energy suppliers).

2.6 Blue Carbon

DEME is currently working on an operational tool to integrate, evaluate and validate carbon sequestration in their marine works – showing how the value of Blue Carbon is incorporated in e.g. coastal restoration projects all over the world. Blue Carbon hereby refers to the GHG sequestered by, stored in or released by coastal wetlands, salt tidal marshes, sea grass beds or mangroves.

2.7 Antifouling

DEME has launched a study to investigate the boundary layer and surface roughness characteristics of three commercially available hull coatings: a tin-free SPC, a new generation Foul Release coating and a novel nanostructured coating. The study was conducted by the University of Newcastle and showed some remarkable results. Further exploration of the impact of dynamic changes experienced by coatings in-service is being explored further in the University's dynamic slime farm and by tests on a research vessel.

2.8 Emissieloos netwerk infra

ENI is open to anyone who can bring "emission-free working" closer to infrastructure. The end justifies the means. The degree of cooperation with others and the structure in which cooperation takes place are derived from the goal. If parties can bring the goal of "zero-emission working" in a structured way closer and faster, they will work together.

2.9 Green Maritime Methanol

A consortium of leading international maritime companies, supported by Maritime Knowledge Centre, have joined forces to further investigate the feasibility of methanol as a sustainable alternative transport fuel in the maritime sector.

<https://greenmaritimemethanol.nl/>

2.10 Fastwater

DEME joined the consortium of Europe's maritime research and technology leaders in the FASTWATER project, which demonstrates the feasibility of retrofit and newbuild vessels to operate on methanol as a pathway to fossil-free shipping.

<https://www.fastwater.eu/>

2.11 Hyport Green hydrogen plant in Ostend and Duqm

Port of Oostende, DEME and PMV propose an ambitious green energy plan and aim to reduce CO2 emissions in Flanders by around 500,000 to 1,000,000 tons per year by producing green hydrogen.

<https://www.deme-group.com/news/hyportr-green-hydrogen-plant-ostend>

https://www.cfe.be/sites/default/files/Hyport%20Duqm_NL.pdf

2.12 Transport of Hydrogen

The climate target to have CO2 emissions in Belgium by 80% lower by 2050 than in 2005 is a major challenge.

Hydrogen has an important role to play in the mix of solutions to achieve results. That is why Deme, Engie, Exmar, Fluxys, Port of Antwerp, Port of Zeebrugge and WaterstofNet are joining forces. A joint study is the basis to focus specifically on concrete projects that shape the production, transport and storage of hydrogen.

Bringing expertise together

<https://newsroom.portofantwerp.com/primeur-in-belgie-zeven-toonaangevende-spelers-tekenen-samenwerkingsakkoord-voor-transport-van-waterstof>

2.13 Offshore floating solar farms (MPVAQUA consortium)

DEME together with JDN, Tractebel and the University of Ghent are currently developing (TRL3-4) an array of offshore floating structures with solar panels which can be integrated inside an offshore windfarm to provide an additional X MW of green energy. In addition, this project aims to integrate aquafarming inside the floating concept.

2.14 HEMEL Project

DEME together with John Cockerill, Colruyt, Bekaert, VITO and IMEC have received funding from VLAIO to develop a next generation electrolyser which makes use of a novel membrane technology. The goal is to produce green Hydrogen with a very competitive market price.

2.15 Seaweed farm Oman

DEME Concessions NV together with PODC and local partners are currently conducting a pre-feasibility study on the development and deployment of a large scale (450 ha) seaweed farm inside the exclusive zone of the port of Duqm.

2.16 PosHYdon

DEME Concessions NV together with DEME Offshore and other external parties have recently submitted a project proposal to the DEI+ to obtain funding for a new innovative offshore green Hydrogen project in the Netherlands; The consortium aims to install and operate a small scale green hydrogen plant on an existing oil & gas platform and the produced green hydrogen gas will be injected in the existing natural gas grid.

<https://www.deme-group.com/news/neptune-energy-welcomes-deme-partner-poshydon-offshore-green-hydrogen-pilot>

2.17 Terranova hydrogen

Terranova Solar NV (DEME-JDN-Aertssen) together with other parties are currently developing a small scale green hydrogen plant supplied by renewable energy available on the Terranova site (solar/onshore wind).

2.18 European Clean Hydrogen Alliance

DEME has joined the European Clean Hydrogen Alliance, supporting the EU's ambitious hydrogen and decarbonisation strategy. With this membership DEME underlines its commitment to use its expertise for the production, transport and storage of green hydrogen from renewable energy sources.

In July 2020, the European Commission announced the EU Hydrogen Strategy and the launch of the European Clean Hydrogen Alliance. By establishing the Alliance, the EU aims to strengthen its global leadership position in the rapidly developing hydrogen domain, which will in turn help it to realise its carbon neutrality goals by 2050.

The European Clean Hydrogen Alliance, which brings together more than 200 industry, national and local public authorities, civil society and other stakeholders, aims to initiate an investment agenda and support the scaling up of the hydrogen value chain across Europe.

<https://www.deme-group.com/news/deme-joins-european-clean-hydrogen-alliance>

2.19 Powering Net Zero Pact SSE

The Powering Net Zero Pact ('the Pact') is an initiative created by SSE (Offshore client) with 10 other founding partners as a legacy of COP26. It brings together different companies across all tiers of the power sector – including civils, shipping, renewables, electrical engineering and others – that are committed to a fair and just transition to net zero carbon emissions. DEME Offshore signed up to the pact and is part of 2 working groups, one for achieving net-zero carbon emissions and the other one for the transition towards a circular economy.

[https://www.linkedin.com/search/results/content/?keywords=SSE%20powering%20net%20zero&sid=2%3BU&update=urn%3Aai%3Afs_updateV2%3A\(urn%3Aai%3Aactivity%3A6998233174388441088%2CBLENDED_SEARCH_FEED%2CEMPTY%2CDEFAULT%2Cfalse\)](https://www.linkedin.com/search/results/content/?keywords=SSE%20powering%20net%20zero&sid=2%3BU&update=urn%3Aai%3Afs_updateV2%3A(urn%3Aai%3Aactivity%3A6998233174388441088%2CBLENDED_SEARCH_FEED%2CEMPTY%2CDEFAULT%2Cfalse))