The Belgian experience, implementation and political complexity



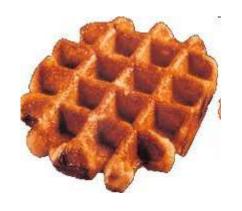
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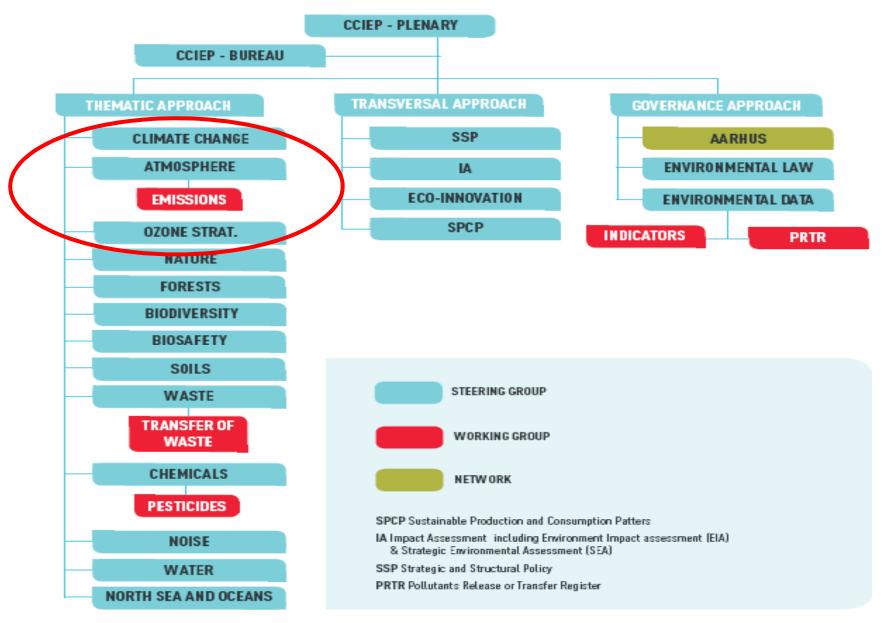
- Regions: powers in fields that are connected with their region or territory in the widest meaning of the term (land use planning, nature protection, environment protection among other things)
- Federal: public finances, defense, judicial system, social security, foreign affairs as well as substantial parts of public health and home affairs also cover everything that does not expressly come under the Communities or Regions.

CCPIE - Coordination of Policies

The Coordination Committee for International Environmental Policy (CCIEP)

Cooperation agreement on international environmental policy between the Federal State, the Flemish Region, the Walloon Region and the Brussels-Capital Region. On a day-to-day basis, it is steered by the DG Environment at the FPS.







CCPIE - Coordination of Policies

- Works both directions
 - Stonger preparation of positions
 - Political commitment
 - Stonger implementation
- Thematic groups of experts
 - SGO3 for Ozone
 - SGGHG/AGFG for F gas under Climate



Implementation of Regulation 842

- Major problems due to the Regulation:
 - Definition of responsibilities
 - Delivery to certified entity only
 - Certificates abroad
 - Lack of control imposed to ensure efficiency of Reg.
 - Difficulties of controls



Implementation of Regulation 842

- Major problems due to the Structure of BE:
 - Lack of synchronization between regions
 - Obligations for entities present in more than one Region
 - Certifications scheme
 - Labeling
 - Penalties
 - Emission rates
 - Leak tests
 - Recovery
 - Consistency with Ozone Regulation



Reporting under UNFCCC

- Mandatory emission monitoring
 - Dec.280/2004/CE
 - Dec 11/CP.4 of the UNFCCC



International role

- Action under Montreal Protocol
 - Declaration in Bangkok in 2010 (Presidency)
 - Action through the Multilateral Fund
 - Conditionality of financing
 - Choice among alternatives for projects
- Action under the UNFCCC
 - Enabling Clause
 - Outreach
 - ETS



Support to Alternatives refrigerants

- No specific direct action by the Federal level
- Action through the Eco-Label (starting)
 - Heat Pumps (established)
 - Refrigerators (in development)

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- Eco-design (product policy)
- Others ...
 - EPB

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Thank you

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