

Frankfurt am Main

Frankfurt am Main is the dynamic and international finance and service centre in the heart of Europe. Its image as a metropolis is shaped by its American-style skyline, the airport and the surrounding green belt. Frankfurt, the city of Goethe and Adorno, is a place where a cosmopolitan lifestyle goes hand in hand with an active cultural and scientific landscape.

Education is the main resource for the sustainable development of the city. This has led Frankfurt to take part in the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development with the result that Frankfurt was awarded the title of a City of the UN Decade in 2008.

A large number of educational institutions, commercial companies and NGOs have contributed to the development of the "Learning Sustainability in Frankfurt" network. This project aims at helping to develop educational opportunities to include teaching of sustainability and at giving impulses for other innovative developments. As part of this, the pilot phase education programmes were developed, which related to the themes of water and energy.

Some examples of activities taking place in Frankfurt:

- The project GrünGürtel (green belt), which has received several awards for developing the green landscape surrounding the city so as to include educational aspects. Together with the project Landschaftslücke (landscape gap), it forms part of the EU's SAUL programme (Sustainable and Accessible Urban Landscapes);
- The Cariteam-Energiesparservice (Cariteam energy saving service): a further education programme teaching unemployed people by giving advice on how to save energy in households;
- Bio-Frankfurt: a network of scientific, educational, ecological and NGO institutions which are engaged in combining competencies that are available locally and globally to maintain biodiversity.

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