





### **FOREWORD**

Dear Reader,

We are proud to present this brochure to you. Although we are rather modest by nature, we were - quite frankly - very impressed when these annual results were completed. On the one hand because of the projects which were realised last year, and on the other because of the path we have forged for ourselves since the inception of our company.

We have comfortably surpassed the 200 windmill mark! Thanks to our 218 turbines and our other installations, almost 800,000 fewer tonnes of  ${\rm CO_2}$  were released into the atmosphere last year. We now produce enough green energy to match the annual consumption needs of almost half a million families in Belgium.

In October 2015, we welcomed 2,200 visitors to our construction site in Bruges, as part of Company Open Day. It was great to see everyone enjoying their visit (for many people especially, stepping into the base of a real wind turbine will remain an unforgettable experience!), and their enthusiasm was infectious.

But the public's significant interest in this event demonstrated above all that there is widespread support for green energy. The numerous conversations we had left us in no doubt: citizens realise that renewable energy is the future, and we all need to undertake joint action on this front.

This burgeoning consensus was apparent at the Climate Conference in Paris last year, but on a worldwide scale. Citizens and politicians are convinced more and more of the urgency of making the step from traditional fossil fuels to sustainable, environmentally friendly energy. And they recognise the importance of specific agreements and measures for the sake of the environment and climate.

Continuing down the path of nuclear energy and re-commissioning nuclear power stations is not the right solution to the problem, in our eyes. It is at odds with our conviction in the importance of renewable energy. We will not solve the energy problem in Belgium by keeping nuclear power stations open for longer, but simply postpone it for another ten years.

A long-term vision for electricity production in our country is therefore vital. Now that the collective consciousness and a sense of responsibility to achieve climate objectives are growing worldwide, we need to make sure that Belgium doesn't fall behind the pack.

Aspiravi already makes a significant contribution towards sustainable solutions - together with our shareholders and cooperants. Our plans for 2016 are also ambitious and promising: we are constructing 37 new wind turbines in Belgium and 5 on the island of Curação.

We are aware of the fact that none of this would have been possible without the support of our shareholders (96 municipalities and VEH) and thousands of citizen-cooperants. Their joint efforts and involvement are crucial for our success, but their encouragement also helps us to progress.

We hope that this brochure gives you an informative picture of Aspiravi's activities. We are working towards a sustainable society for future generations!

Rik Van de Walle Chief Executive Officer

### THE **ASPIRAVI-GROUP**

Committed and working together towards the future.



## Shareholders of the Aspiravi-group

### **CREADIV Municipalities**

Begijnendijk, Bekkevoort, Chastre, Diest, Galmaarden, Geetbets, Glabbeek, Gooik, Herne, Holsbeek, Incourt, Kampenhout, Kortenaken, Landen, Linter, Lubbeek, Oud-Heverlee, Pepingen, Perwez, Steenokkerzeel, Tielt-Winge, Tremelo, Villers-la-Ville, Zoutleeuw

### **EFIN Municipalities**

Diksmuide, Gistel, Harelbeke, Hooglede, Izegem, Jabbeke, Koekelare, Kortemark, Ledegem, Lendelede, Middelkerke, Oudenburg, Torhout, Vosselaar, Wevelgem

### **FINEG Municipalities**

Aartselaar, Antwerp, Boechout, Essen, Grobbendonk, Hemiksem, Kampenhout,

Kapellen, Laakdal, Niel, Nijlen, Stabroek, Steenokkerzeel, Vorselaar, Vosselaar, Zelzate

### **NUHMA Municipalities**

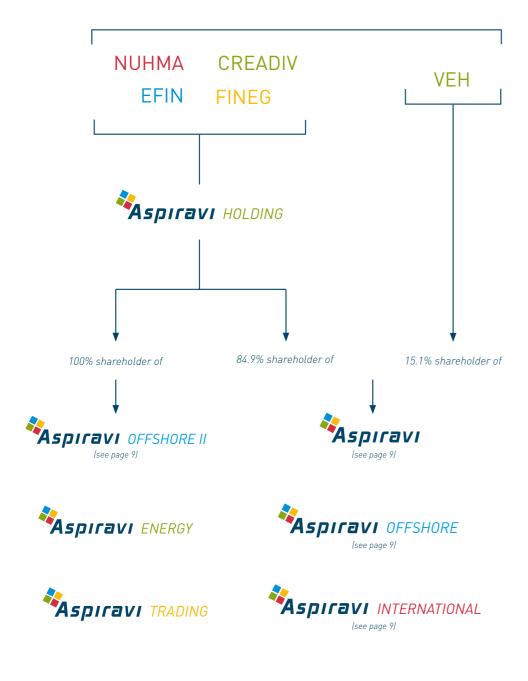
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Laakdal, Lanaken,
Leopoldsburg, Lommel,
Lummen, Maaseik,
Maasmechelen,
Meeuwen-Gruitrode,
Neerpelt,
Nieuwerkerken,
Opglabbeek,
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Riemst, Sint-Truiden,
Tessenderlo,
Tongeren, Wellen,
Zonhoven, Zutendaal

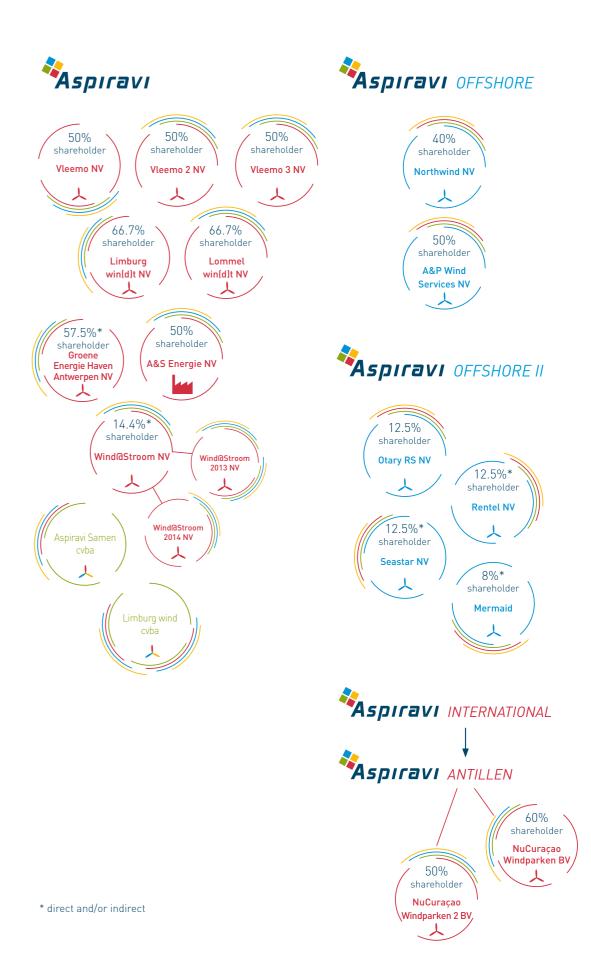
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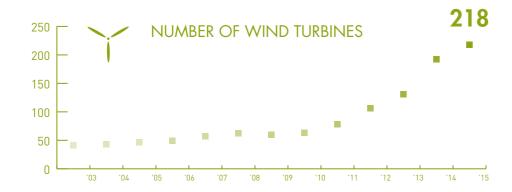
Auxipar, Creadiv, Belfius Bank, Efin, Ethias, Fineg, KBC Insurances, Nuhma, P&V, City of Ghent

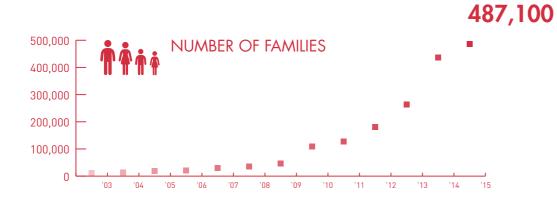
# The shareholder structure of the **Aspiravi-group**

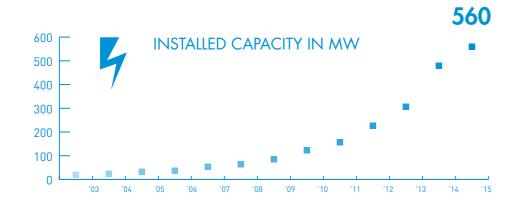


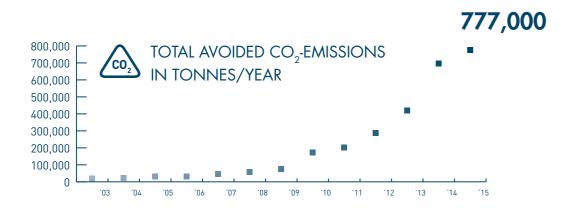
9.1% shareholder of **Plug at Sea NV** 











# The **Aspiravi-group:** sustainable growth ... in Belgium and beyond

Impressive, steady and sustainable growth. This is what has characterised the Aspiravi-group since its inception in 2002.

Our multitude of wind turbines are founded both on land and at sea, at home and abroad. We are also one of the largest **wind energy** producers in Belgium.

Besides the numerous wind turbines, we also operate a biomass plant, biogas engines and hydropower stations. Combined, these installations can produce **green energy** for nearly half a million households, which is one in ten in Belgium.

But more important are the CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions which we evade with our renewable energy projects.

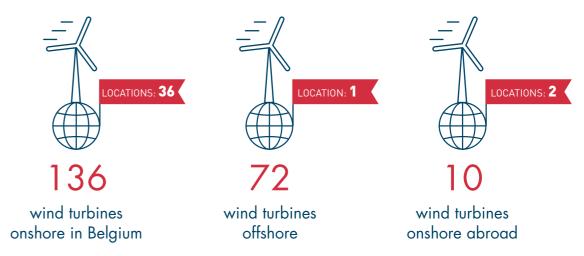
Last year this was the equivalent of the annual emissions of around 300,000 cars.

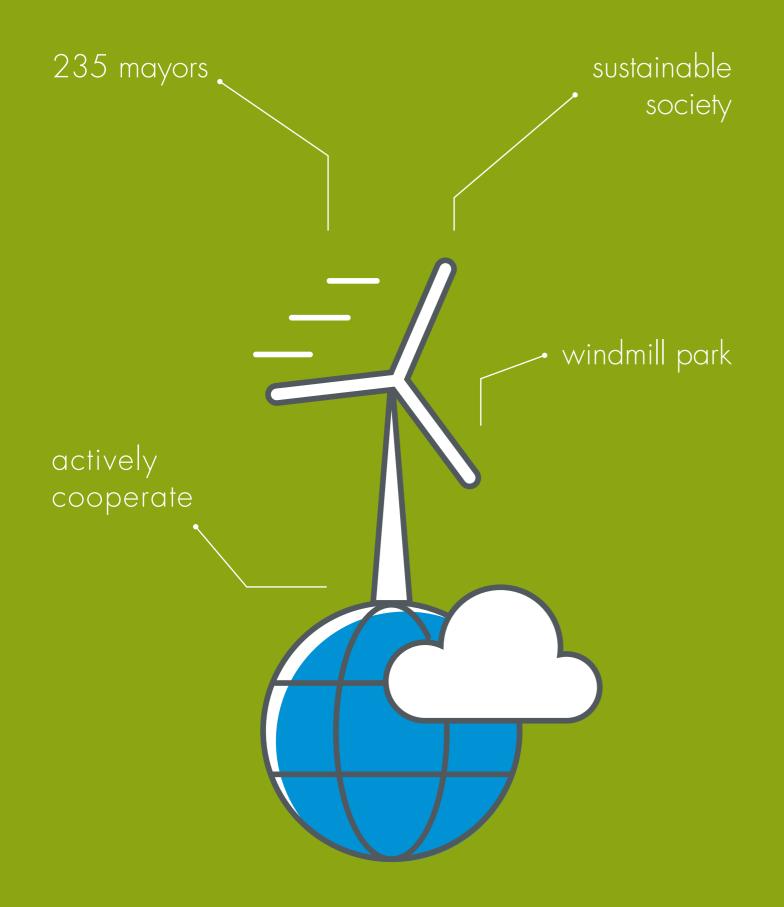
Thanks to our installations, we have been able to save hundreds of thousands of tonnes of **greenhouse gases** since the founding of the company.

Our group profits are well managed: given that 85% is owned by 96 municipalities, a nice return on their investment flows back to them. And therefore **back to citizens**.

For all info regarding the Aspiravi-group: www.aspiravi.be.

#### NUMBER OF WIND TURBINES / NUMBER OF LOCATIONS





### THE MAYORS' COVENANT

# Partners in the European climate policy.

Since 2009, many municipalities have formally signed up to **actively cooperate** in Europe's climate efforts. By signing the Mayors' covenant, they have promised to increase energy efficiency and the use of sustainable energy sources in their territories.

The Mayors' covenant for Climate and Energy is unique in its kind. This decentralised, 'bottom-up' initiative brings **thousands of local and regional authorities** together. With their local activities, they take responsibility for the European (and worldwide) climate policy.

In Belgium, **235 mayors** have already signed the covenant. In concrete terms, they promise to make a 20% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions in their territories by 2020. Municipalities decide for themselves how they will achieve this. For example by insulating buildings, through car parks for electric cars or ... with wind turbines.

A windmill park is the ideal means of achieving the ambitious climate objectives. A windmill park considerally increases the amount of green energy produced, quickly and easily. Furthermore, citizens can participate in the Aspiravi wind farms. In this way the citizen can also be a partner in the fight against global warming.

This is how we work together, mayors and citizens, towards a **sustainable society**.

And a pleasant, liveable future for future generations.

Find out more about the covenant: www.covenantofmayors.eu.









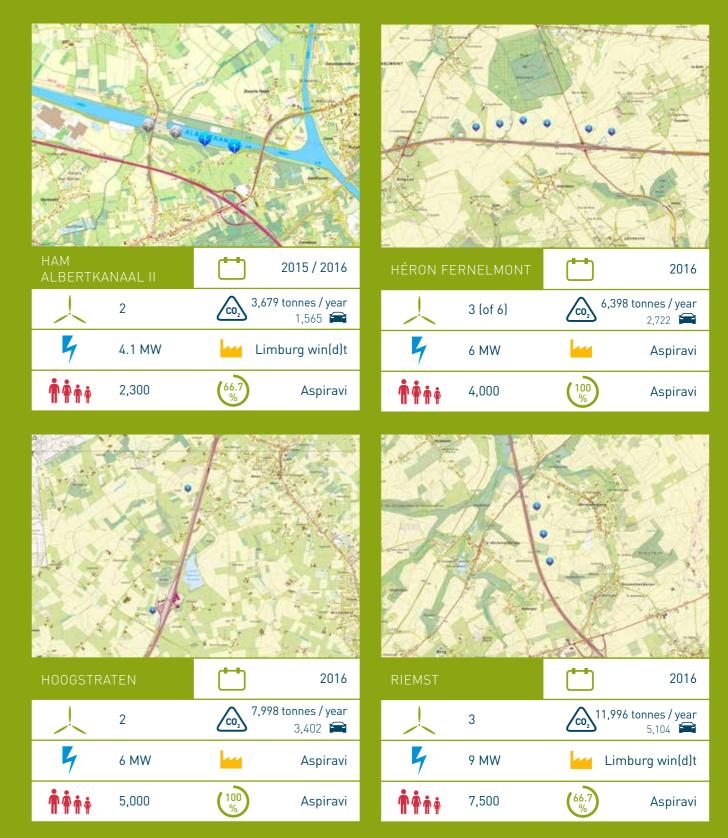






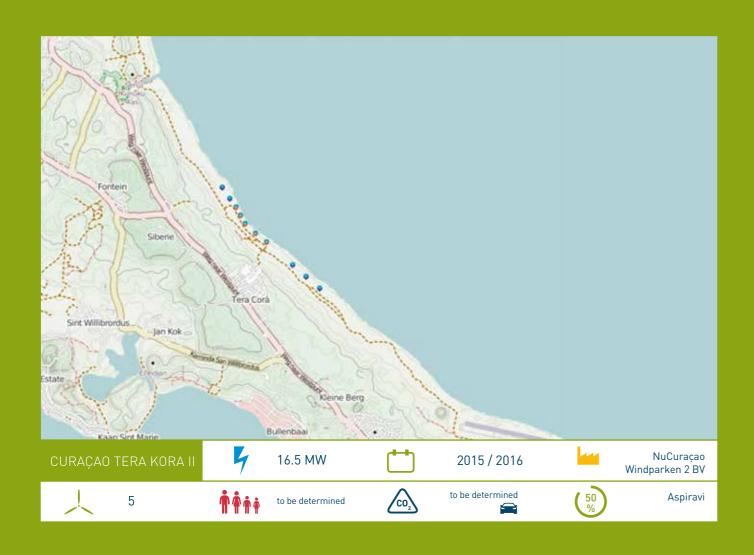
### 2016 / 2017 2016 CO<sub>2</sub> to be determined to be determined 54 MW 3.2 MW Wind@Stroom Vleemo 50 % (14.4)% to be determined Aspiravi to be determined Aspiravi 2015 / 2016 2016 2 12,796 tonnes / year 4,479 tonnes / year 2 5,445 12 MW 4 MW Limburg win(d)t Aspiravi 100 % (66.7 % 8,000 2,800 Aspiravi Aspiravi

# New construction projects 2016 37 wind turbines in Belgium



## New construction projects 2016

## 5 wind turbines abroad

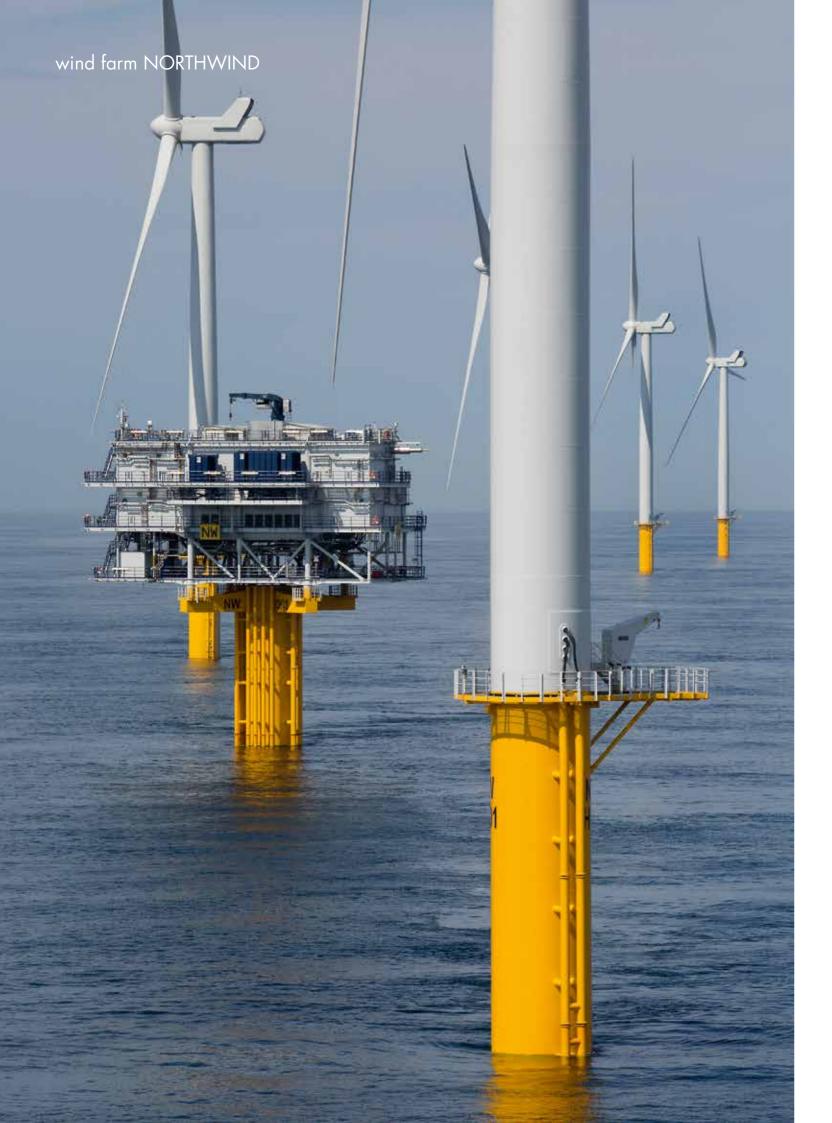






# Completed projects in 2015 33 wind turbines

PORT OF ANTWERP LEFT BANK I	4	45 MW	2015	Wind@Stroom
15	<b>^</b>	35,000	54,840 tonnes / year 23,334	14.4 Aspiravi
BRUGES	4	11.5 MW	2002 & retrofit 2015	Aspiravi
5	<b>n</b> nn	5,000	7,998 tonnes / year 3,403	Aspiravi
DILSEN-STOKKEM	4	2 MW	2015	Limburg win(d)t
1	<b>^</b>	1,000	<b>co₂</b> 1,600 tonnes / year 681 <b>≅</b>	66.7 Aspiravi
GENK SOUTH II	4	8 MW	2015	Limburg win(d)t
4	<b>^</b>	4,000	6,398 tonnes / year 2,722	66.7 Aspiravi
HAALTERT	4	9.2 MW	2015 / 2016	Aspiravi
4	<b>^</b>	4,600	7,358 tonnes/year 3,131	Aspiravi
LUMMEN KOLENHAVEN	4	4 MW	2015	Limburg win(d)t
2	<b>†</b> ††	2,000	3,199 tonnes / year 1,361	66.7 Aspiravi
MAASMECHELEN OUDE BUNDERS	7	4 MW	2015	Limburg win(d)t
2	<b>†</b> ††	2,000	3,199 tonnes / year 1,361	66.7 Aspiravi





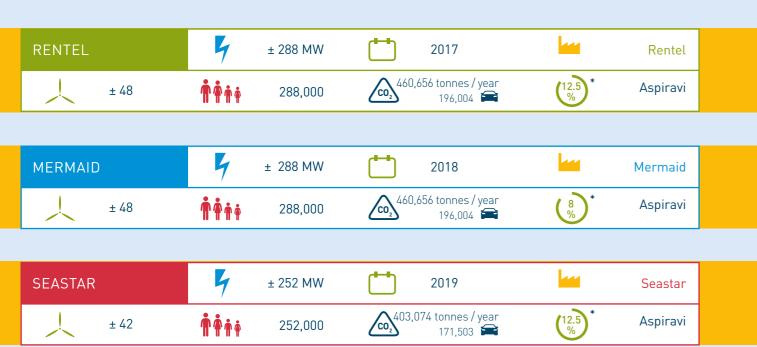
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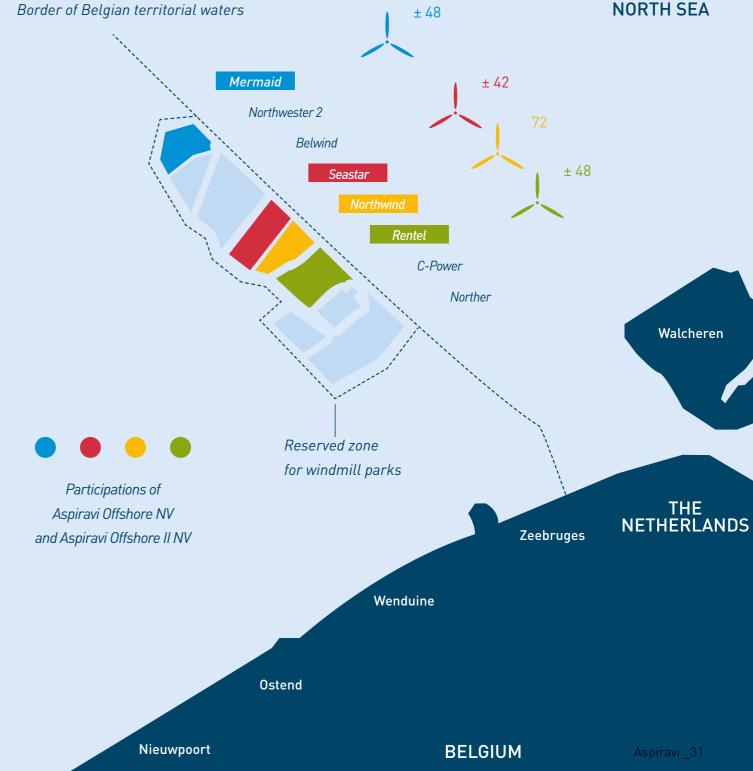


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# 72 wind turbines in operation3 offshore projects in development







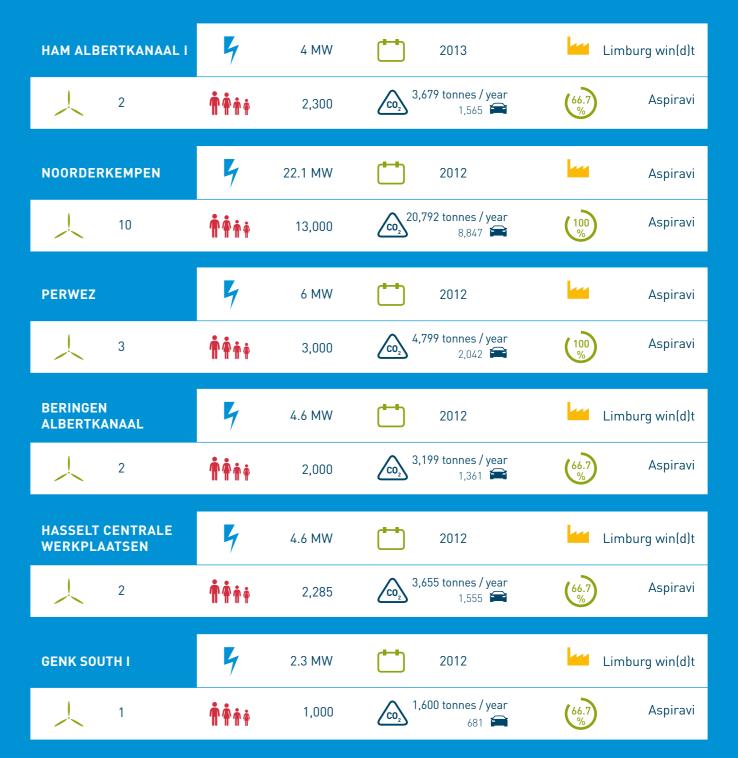






# Projects completed before 2015 113 wind turbines

PORT OF ANTWERP RIGHT BANK II	4	11.75 MW	2014	Vleemo
5	<b>†</b> ††	10,000	2 15,995 tonnes / year 6,805	Aspiravi
BERINGEN RAVENSHOUT	4	2 MW	2014	Limburg win(d)t
1	ŮŮ	1,150	2 1,839 tonnes / year 783	66.7 Aspiravi
TESSENDERLO SCHOONHEES	4	9 MW	2014	Limburg win(d)t
3	<b>^</b>	5,150	8,397 tonnes / year 3,573	66.7 Aspiravi
DENDERMONDE	4	2 MW	2013	Aspiravi
DENDERMONDE 1	<b>5</b>	2 MW 1,150	2013  1,839 tonnes / year 783	Aspiravi  Aspiravi
	,		1,839 tonnes / year	Aspiravi
LOMMEL 1	<b>Å</b> ††	1,150	1,839 tonnes / year 783	Aspiravi  Aspiravi
LOMMEL KRISTALPARK	<b>Å</b> ††	1,150 10 MW	1,839 tonnes / year 783 2014  9,117 tonnes / year	Aspiravi  Aspiravi  Lommel win(d)t





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CURAÇAO TERA KORA I	4	15 MW	2012	NuCuraçao Windparken BV
5	<b>†</b> ††	16,000	25,592 tonnes / year 10,889	Aspiravi
CURAÇAO PLAYA KANOA	4	15 MW	2012	NuCuraçao Windparken BV
5	<b>†</b> ††	16,000	25,592 tonnes / year 10,889	Aspiravi
HALEN - DIEST	4	11.5 MW	2011	Limburg win(d)t
5	<b>†</b> ††	7,000	11,197 tonnes / year 4,764	(66.7) Aspiravi
DIEST - BEKKEVOORT	4	11.5 MW	2011	Aspiravi
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	/		11,197 tonnes / year	Aspiravi
5	<b>^</b>	7,000	11,197 tonnes / year 4,764	Aspiravi  Aspiravi
MAASEIK	<b>^</b>	7,000 6 MW	2011  4,799 tonnes / year	Aspiravi  Aspiravi  Limburg win(d)t

HASSELT GODSHEIDE	4	4 MW	1999 & retrofit 2010	lu	Aspiravi
2	<b>†</b> ††	2,285	3,655 tonnes / year 1,555	100 %	Aspiravi
IZEGEM BOSMOLENS	4	4.6 MW	2009	lu	Aspiravi
2	<b>^</b>	2,200	3,519 tonnes / year	100%	Aspiravi
ZEEBRUGES	4	8.5 MW	1987 & retrofit 2009	lu.	Aspiravi
10	<b>^</b>	5,000	7,998 tonnes / year 3,403	100%	Aspiravi
PORT OF ANTWERP RIGHT BANK I	4	15 MW	2005, 2008 & 2009	lu	Vleemo
	F ŤŤŤŤ	15 MW 10,400		50 %	Vleemo Aspiravi
RIGHT BANK I	,		& 2009  16,635 tonnes / year		
7	/ <b>^</b>	10,400	& 2009  16,635 tonnes / year 7,078	50%	Aspiravi
7 YPRES	/ <b>^</b>	10,400 6.9 MW	& 2009  16,635 tonnes / year 7,078  2009  5,598 tonnes / year	50%	Aspiravi Aspiravi

#### 2008 **AMEL** 10 MW Aspiravi (100 % **†**†† Aspiravi 6,000 2005 & 2007 LOMMEL 16 MW Aspiravi 11,996 tonnes / year 5,104 100 % **†**†† Aspiravi 7,500 9.2 MW 2007 **GISTEL** Aspiravi 7,998 tonnes / year 3,403 100 % **†**†† Aspiravi 5,000 **PUURS** 2006 4 MW Aspiravi 3,199 tonnes / year 1,361 (100 % **†**†† Aspiravi 2,000 44 **MIDDELKERKE** 1.56 MW 1999 & 2003 Aspiravi 1,320 tonnes / year 561 (100 % **†**†† Aspiravi 825 **EEKLO** 1.8 MW 2002 Aspiravi 1,600 tonnes / year 681 (100 % İİİ 1,000 Aspiravi 44 **KAPELLE-OP-DEN-BOS** 1.2 MW 2001 Aspiravi 1,096 tonnes / year 466 (100 % **^** 685 Aspiravi

# Biomass & biogas & hydropower





4 BIOGAS ENGINES	(100%)	Aspiravi
Lendelede - Stevan	400kW	2004
Leuven - AB InBev	1,000kW	2005
Leuven - Pellenberg	200kW	2006
Harelbeke - Agristo	500kW	2007
co <sub>2</sub> total: 3,942 tonnes /	year	1,677 🚘



co<sub>2</sub> total: 521 tonnes / year

221















# ASPIRAVI'S COOPERATIVE COMPANIES

# The citizen participates and benefits.

The Aspiravi-group willingly involves **citizens** in its wind energy projects.

Anyone can make a contribution, by being a shareholder of the cooperative companies Aspiravi Samen and Limburg wind.

Of course, citizens who **invest** also take a share in the wind energy profits.

They receive a nice return on their savings. With the capital obtained by Aspiravi Samen and Limburg wind, we build wind turbines on land.

The number of cooperants is growing year on year. Their support adds real **value**; they help to make local, clean energy possible for the wellbeing of everyone.

Together we are working towards a sustainable habitat, towards the **future** of our (grand)children and towards a better world.

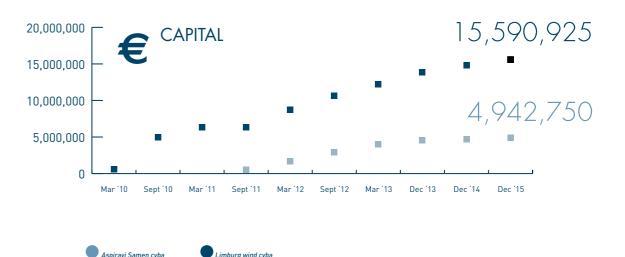
More info at: www.aspiravi-samen.be and www.limburgwind.be.

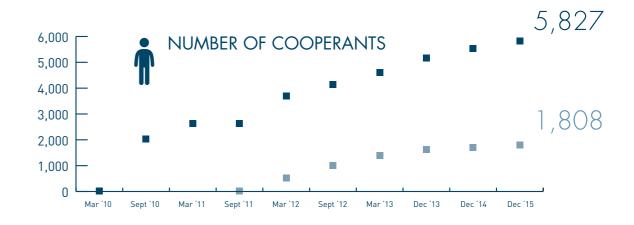




## Growing together towards sustainability:

# since 2010 **7,635** cooperants have together invested **20.5** million euros for green energy.





### **ASPIRAVI ENERGY**

# Beneficial green energy for whoever participates.

Aspiravi Energy is the youngest company within the Aspiravi-group and a brand new electricity supplier in Flanders. Its customers are predominantly the shareholders of Limburg wind and Aspiravi Samen.

They benefit from - following ownership of four shares - an **advantageous** tariff for **green** energy which they helped to make possible.

Aspiravi Energy has resolutely chosen for **local**, renewable energy sources such as wind, water, sun and biomass. This enables it to not only benefit the environment, but also job creation in the local economy.

Aspiravi Energy offers its customers a unique proposition. On the one hand a long-term advantageous tariff. On the other, customers automatically support a local and **social** project. For every consumed megawatt hour, a portion is allocated to a good cause to alleviate energy- and child poverty.

More info at: www.aspiravi-energy.be.

















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