

## Catalyzing Action:

### EU SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES ROADMAP AND ACTION PLAN TO 2050

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#### **Bart Martens** **Flemish Parliament**

Bart Martens (43) is an industrial engineer in biochemistry and has a master in environmental sanitation. During years he was the policy director and spokesman of *Bond Beter Leefmilieu*, the umbrella organisation of environmental ngo's in Flanders. Since 2004 he is a member of the Flemish Parliament where he is chair of the environment committee. Between 2004 and 2009 he was member of the Belgian Senate where he succeeded to insert "sustainable development" as a guiding principle for all government decisions into the Belgian constitution. Other legislative initiatives that finally became law are in the field of nature conservation, the enhancement of sustainable building practices such as passive houses, support mechanisms for renewable energy, integrated water management, ... In 2011 he chaired a special parliamentary investigation committee on the floods that occurred in Flanders in November 2010. Bart is also the driving force behind MIKADO, a think-tank on sustainable development within the Flemish social-democracy. His main publication is "Nieuw land in zicht" which is a comprehensive book that analyses the "bugs" of our financial, economic and institutional system and gives a compass for the social democracy of the 21th Century.

