

ENRD Workshop on Vibrant Rural Areas Access to Services



Initial situation



Municipality of Koppl



- located in the East of the city of Salzburg at the foothills of the Alps
- ~ 3 600 inhabitants
- many small settlement units across municipal area
- percentage of those over 60 years old: ~ 18 % of total population
- first rural region in Austria in which autonomous driving was tested



hoto: Standesamt Koppl



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FUMObil – regional masterplan for the future of mobility



- 2016 & 2017: master plan was developed for
 17 communities around lake Fuschlsee and Mondsee ("LEADER Region FUMO", LEADER funded project)
- to showcase an **attractive** and **environmentally**, **friendly mobility** for the future development of the region
- the study finally acted as **basis for all implementations** in the mobility sector in the following years

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in the category "Climate change mitigation"



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Idea for a new offer

- due to the mountainous topography, it is difficult for older people to do the necessary errands without a vehicle
- Settlement areas: often 2,5 km far from next public transport stop
- Challenge for older people: more than 200 m to next stop (sometimes even no longer possible)
- dependence on car and relatives
- own radius of action is restricted
- Solution: Establishment of an offer in the form of a readiness to drive on demand

Senior Koppl mobil



Door to door transport

- possibility for the old to make **trips** to docor, shops, visits, events etc.
- transport of people who are dependent on wheelchairs should also be made possible
- stress free and safe
- small **contribution** to expenses
- important for the residents of the **old people's home** in the region
- the use of the minibus for trips to day care is planned
- regular journeys are not permitted, for example daily trips to care facilities

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Advantages

- older people can participate in social life again
- improvement of general health
- Ioneliness can be reduced
- physical and mental illnesses can be prevented
- social life is of existential importance, especially for the disabled
- promotion of the common good
- relief for relatives
- an important gap in the offer has been closed



Senior citizen chairman Anton "Toni" Feldes



Senior Koppl mobil Multifunctional community transport bus

- funding equally between the EU (rural development program) and the State of Salzburg
- total project costs: 78 059,00 €
- funding amount LE 14-20: **75.559,00** €
- fully equipped minibus
- space for 8 persons (without wheelchairs)
- convertible for 4 persons with wheelchairs
- additional entry level
- motorization suitable for topography
- ~ 40 volunteer drivers
- the municipality is responsible for the operation

Anton Feldes, Senior citizen chairman in the municipality of Koppl:

"A very important topic for people who can still live independently in their own apartments is mobility. We are already on the right track with our Senior mobil, but it is still important to bring public tranport more to the people."

