

The experience of the Local Action Group “Mecklenburgische Seenplatte–Müritz”

The example of Malchow Island Residence



Project Objectives

- 1. Realising a new idea: Introducing apartment sharing, for people suffering from dementia to live together with their life partners
- 2. Conversion of a historical building



Key Issue

- ...The result of innovation represents some kind of “novelty”, i.e. **compared to the previous situation something has noticeably changed ...**
- ... Innovation though is not completely predictable and therefore cannot definitely be determined in regulations governing Mainstreaming support...



Combining different Programmes

Sourcing three EU-Funds

- +ESF – via the Ministry for Social Affairs
- +ERDF – via Ministry of Economics
- +EARDF – via Ministry of Agriculture
- +National Funding – via the Ministry of Transport
- +several foundations/trusts

= 6 project approval decisions, based on different funding rules



Approaches to solutions

- Looking for creative approaches to solutions requires readiness to take a risk when interpreting what may be considered compliant with EU regulations.
- Even together with the Ministry and the related approval authorities we are not always sure if we may be going beyond the scope of discretion
- In such a dilemma many innovative projects can get stuck with nowhere to go.



Recommendation

- Establish for LEADER a funding category that allows for funding beyond Mainstream, if evidence of innovation can be provided (cf. LEADER+)
- It should be possible to bundle/combine via LEADER several funding categories of different regulations for the purpose of a single project

