CLLD PUT INTO PRACTICE
Experiences from rural local action groups
Representing CLLD approach in Austria
LEADER IN AUSTRIA/TYROL

Some (historical) facts

1996-1999: LEADER II:
Multi-fund programme with
31 LAGs

„test balloon“

2000-2006: LEADER+: Mono-fund programme
(EAFRD)
➤ Tasks: Innovation, Development and
Strengthening of a functional rural living and
economic region
➤ Project Decision Process: local, according
LEADER rules
➤ Budget: 107 Mio. Euro (EU and national money)
➤ Control mechanism: focus on output and impact

„Trail and Error“
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2007-2013: LEADER as submeasure (mainstreaming) of the RDP of Austria

➤ Tasks: Innovation and Cooperation in Rural Areas
➤ Project Decision Process: local, according LEADER rules but also top-down processes due to mainstreaming
➤ Budget: 423 Mio. Euro (EU and national money; 50:50)
➤ Control mechanism: focus on mainstreaming and coherence with the RDP

2014-2020

➤ Tasks: Raising the quality of life in rural areas
➤ Project Decision Process: - Bottom up -> Regional decision board, MA is only controlling the rules
➤ Budget: 247 Mio. (EU and national money; 80:20)
➤ Control mechanism: very high, focus on correct spending not on impact or outcome
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URBAN AND TERRITORIAL DIMENSION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENDOGENOUS POTENTIAL

INVENTION: Period 2014-2020

AIM: Extension of (LEADER) bottom up approach to all European Structural and Investment Funds

IMPLEMENTATION:

➤ Regional management offices (LAGS)
➤ Individual development strategies based on:
  ➤ Regional Stakeholder
  ➤ Societal, economic and ecological needs
CLLD IN AUSTRIA CROSSBORDER MULTIFUND (LEADER/INTERREG)

**AIM:** Bottom up approach/ decision on local level

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- One common cross boarder strategy
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MIT UNTERSTÜTZUNG VON BUND, LAND UND EUROPÄISCHER UNION

EUROPEAN UNION
CLLD …AN EVERYDAY EXPERIENCE

Strategy
- Work field 1
- Work field 2
- Work field 3
- Work field 4

Regional Management
CLLD ....AN EVERYDAY EXPERIENCE

LEADER Transnational: Concept

REGIONAL Management

INTERREG: Cross borderer tourism strategy

National & Regional: Infrastructure

Strategy

Work field 1: Natural resources
GOVERNANCE AND ADDED VALUE OF CLLD

- Knowledge of the regional needs through
  - Focus group discussion
  - Events
  - Newspaper

- Knowledge of regional, national, transnational & interregional funding system

- Experience exchange with other local action groups
ADVANTAGES OF A (CROSSBORDER) CLLD

- Better communication ways
- No information losses
- Vertical and horizontal functional partnership
- Better possibilities for mobilisation local actors to foster territorial integration
- One contact person for
  - regional stakeholder
  - governmental institutions
OBSTACLES

➤ Different/Contrary regional and national authorities and legal regulations

➤ High responsibilities on regional managements for

➤ Funding advisory service

➤ National legal restriction service

➤ Motivate stakeholders for implementing projects(ideas) within a complicated funding system
➤ Harmonised international legal framework (e.g. budget for transnational projects)

➤ Better communication among (trans)national authorities

➤ Solution orientated vertical collaboration among the multilevel governance system
Many thanks for your attention!

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