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e5 for the Nagelfluhkette Nature Park: energy autonomy through improved efficiency and the use of renewable energies instead of excessive consumption and oil-planning phase

Project sponsor: Gemeinde Oberstaufen

Member region: Allgäuer Naturparkgemeinden



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Within a two-year period, the communities in the Nagelfluhkette cross-border Nature Park aim to implement the following measures to come as close as possible to the goal of energy autonomy by 2015: data capture and assessment of the potential, feasibility study/studies, political decision-making process in all thirteen municipalities, planning for an information and motivation campaign, knowledge sharing with other (e5) regions, and planning for the first implementation measures by the local authorities.

Six municipalities in Oberallgäu and seven in the Vorderer Bregenzerwald have combined to form the Nagelfluhkette Nature Park. In the initial phase from the middle of 2005 to the end of 2007, the Nature Park is being developed in terms of content, planning, structure and legal form. This umbrella project is receiving funding from the Interreg IIIA programme. Main activities/milestones: creation of a development and management programme, foundation of an association, development of the organizational structures, mutual familiarization and knowledge sharing as a basis for co-operation, planning and implementation of suitable pilot projects, co-operation with partners within the Alliance in the Alps local authority network.

Objectives

The goal is to make the whole region with its 40,000 inhabitants largely self-sufficient in terms of thermal and electrical energy through a package of energy efficiency measures and the use of regional resources. This requires sound preparations to be made between the beginning of 2007 and the end

of 2008. The main goals for this preparatory phase for an energy-autonomous region are as follows: 1) Establishment of the basis requirements (data base, research e.g. into similar projects, technical alternatives, etc.) and completion of a feasibility study 2) Preparations for awareness-building among decision-makers and resident populations 3) Improvements to existing plant (e.g. seven of the thirteen municipalities already have a biomass plant, with two more in the planning stage) 4) Inclusion of energy autonomy in the mission statement for the Nature Park 5) Preparations for the implementation phase.

Activities

The project will serve to complete basic preparations on the road to becoming an energy-autonomous region. This involves the following key activities: 1) Assessment of energy requirements and ways of satisfying them 2) Assessment of the potential in terms of both supply and demand (e.g. potential use of biomass in the region, age of oil-fired burners as a factor for an efficient replacement policy, etc.), and on that basis 3) Production of a feasibility study 4) Preparation of the implementation strategy with an information and motivation campaign for the local people and businesses 5) Excursions to promote knowledge-sharing with regions with similar goals 6) Organisation of an energy conference in the region of the Nature Park 7) Inclusion of energy as an item in the mission statement for the Nature Park 8) Action planning for the implementation phase and implementation support for (municipal) measures that can already be initiated.

Participants

The initial (planning) phase involves local politicians and the local and regional authorities supported by regional organizations like EZA Kempten and Energieinstitut Vorarlberg.

Term

Jan 2007 - autumn 2008

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amKumma Regional Development Concept

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Member region: amKumma

The municipalities of the amKumma Region are looking to draw up a joint regional development concept (REK) across the region's municipalities. The amKumma REK is the next step in the regional co-operation scheme first agreed in 2002 and more widely developed since; it is also a driving force for regional co-operation and therefore for strengthening the region as a whole. The region would like to develop into a model region for sustainability. Drawing inspiration from the Vislon Rheintal model, it intends to focus on the following aspects: socio-cultural development; economic development and labour; open spaces and landscape; housing settlements and mobility; shared facilities and co-operation between municipalities. The work methods to be applied are to include open planning processes not only in the region but also beyond the Rhine as a national boundary (which is certainly a novelty), in joint collaboration with the neighbouring municipalities and regions.

Objectives

The principal aim of the joint cross-municipality regional development concept based on the guiding principle is to make the population more aware of the sustainable development of our region by clarifying future planning developments. The region would like to develop into a model region for sustainability. Another concurrent aim is to express the need for regional co-operation and co-ordination with neighbouring regions and municipalities (Vorderland, Hohenems and Oberried CH). The way in which the municipalities and the region are interconnected is to be reinforced by involving the population, thereby also increasing our "social capital". The objective is to draw up a multitude of projects focusing on the areas set out in the Vislon Rheintal model, i.e. socio-cultural development; economic development and labour; open spaces and landscape; housing settlements and mobility; shared facilities and co-operation between municipalities.

Activities

With the assistance of a specialist agency the amKumma overall concept is to be discussed among the residents of the four municipalities, with the results obtained incorporated in the decision-making process of the Members' Meeting.

As part of the process of formulating the cross-municipality regional development concept, the content-based and formal bases for the key issues jointly recognised as being of significance to the region will be drawn up in workshops held not only in the technical committees, but also in the cross-border working groups yet to be established and in the association's bodies. A minimum of four meetings will be convened in each

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of the technical committees (4). Each working group (5-7) will be held at least three times and the members' meeting at least five, with the Executive Board convening 10 to 12 times.

Participants

The project is borne by the amKumma Association. The following technical committees are already in place: Economic Affairs, Mobility, Social Affairs and Places of Special Interest. The members of these technical committees are comprised of local authority representatives, representatives of various institutions (nursing association, economic community, etc.) and fellow citizens who are of particular importance to us and have come forward as a result of a municipal notice. In addition, a joint venture with Vislon Rheintal, etc.

Term

Discussion and deliberation of the overall joint concept by October 2007; commencement of development work on the regional development concept in October 2007; work in technical committees and working groups from October 2007 to December 2008; pooling and discussion of results among the general public from January 2009 to May 2009.

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Engineering study prior to building 4 semi-shared "passive" housing units at Auzet (04140) with the aim of "passive building" standard labelling

Project sponsor: Auzet

Member community: Auzet



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The DYNALP² project corresponds to the "study" section prior to building four "passive" housing units at Auzet. This phase extends to the Detailed Draft (DD) included, an important step which enables planning permission to be filed. This is a basic stage because the success of construction with the securing of the "passive building" label depends on its quality and accuracy. In France there is very little housing which adheres to the standards imposed by this label. The engineering study for Project Management (PM) - architect, design office - is more considerable because of this than for traditional housing and thus the fees also. On the one hand, DYNALP² funding allows the project to be started with the Engineering and Design Offices, on the other a partnership to be organised with a qualified Project Management team, from the Vorarlberg, for example, in conjunction with the "Alliance in the Alps" and CIPRA.

Objectives

Building 4 housing units in the small alpine commune of Auzet has a fourfold aim: 1/ To provide reception capability for new residents so as to continue the effort to revitalise the commune, because currently no housing is available. 2/ To avail of this need to create "passive" housing, because we are convinced that this form of "clean" housing is a future solution to protect the quality of the alpine environment in particular. 3/ To put partnership solutions in place (Holzbaukunst, Vorarlberg), thanks to the "Alliance in the Alps" network and to CIPRA's CLIMALP project for organising a tutorial system with a local Project Management team not yet trained in these techniques, so as to ensure the project's success. 4/ To open the way for other communes which would in their turn wish to start building clean housing by making them benefit from our experience of this type of project.

Activities

For the architect and the DO: 1/ The Sketch (SK) where the specifications supplied by the Contracting Authority (CA) is analysed. This is completed by providing the sketch in the overall building plan of the buildings and by selection of the architectural part. 2/ The Summary Draft (SD) corresponds to the work on volumetry with development of the plans. The structural (timber and concrete), fluid and thermal DOs, develop technical solutions optimised in terms of energy with dynamic simulations. 3/ The Definitive Draft (DD) fixes the plans, the dimensions of the work, its appearance and the materials. The building principles for the foundation and structure are defined at this stage, along with the description of thermal solutions and the provisional cost of the work. 4/ The file requesting planning permission is drawn up with the DOs. For the Contracting Authority, monitoring of the 4 phases of study and preparation of the Franco-Austrian/German/Swiss partnership (?) for transfer of experience.

Participants

The main parties ("study phase") are the architect and the various Design Offices (DO). The most important one is the thermal engineering one in charge of the calculations required to obtain the label. One of the partners will be one of the "passive building" or "Minergie Plus" NGOs which will ensure supervision and labelling of passive housing. Thanks to the CLIMALP project, the International Commission for the Protection of the Alps (CIPRA) will be involved for our contacts abroad.

Term

August 07: Start of study. October 07: Sketch given to CA (the commune) for approval. February 08: Examination of the plans for the project in the SD phase - optimisation of the energy solutions - preliminary study of the structural elements. September 08: Fixing plans and types of materials - finalisation of all technical solutions - planning permission. A trip to find partnership (Vorarlberg, for instance) will be organised in spring 08 for the benefit of the CA and the architect.

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Project for the management of the highest carriage road in Europe and enhancement of the Rochemolles Valley - Year 2007

Project sponsor: Bardonecchia

Member community: Bardonecchia

In the years 2005 and 2006 short closing periods of the relevant road were experimented with the simultaneous promotion of local animation activities. In 2007, the intention is to start a regulated traffic management for the whole summer season, by closing the road to motor vehicles on specific days, to the benefit of more sustainable usage modes (mtb, horses, excursions). Sports and cultural animation activities will also be carried out again.

Two main objectives: 1) Integrated actions for traffic regulation in the highest part of Rochemolles Valley, crossed by the highest carriage road in Europe, about 30 km long and rising approximately 1700 m, reaching the top at the Sommeiller Hill, near the residues of the Glacier with the same name, at 3009 m above sea level. This road is the "backbone" of an environment with extraordinary environmental features, recognised by the European Union which has classified the Valfredda area, another branch of the main Valley, as "Site of Community Interest". 2) Enhancement of tourist potential while respecting specific environmental, historical and cultural features.

Objectives

Protection of a highly valuable Alpine natural environment by means of the introduction of management tools for motor vehicle traffic which makes use of the highest carriage road in Europe. Fostering more sustainable modes of use of the Alpine environments, than motor vehicles (mtb, horses, excursions). Solution of conflicts and incompatibility between different users of the region (car and motorcycle drivers vs. pedestrians and cyclists). Enhancement of the tourism potential of Rochemolles Valley while respecting its specific environmental, historical and cultural features.

Activities

Study of the most appropriate and effective modes of traffic regulation. Production and installation of relevant information signs on the project and the environmental value of the Valley. In particular, signs will be made regarding a geological itinerary near the "Scarfioiti" Alpine refuge. Promotion and communication operations by means of press, press documents (brochures, flyers), gadgets and souvenirs. Creation of a facility for visitors and for monitoring traffic. Extraordinary maintenance of already existing climbing routes on the rocky slopes of the Valley. Proposal of sports activities (hikes and excursions by foot, horse, mtb) and cultural events (guided tours to the historic, artistic and cultural heritage of the Valley, guided

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tours to the hydroelectric basin, music concerts at the Scarfiotti Refuge). Implementation of a collective transportation service to reduce the use of private vehicles.

Participants

The collaboration of local tourist professionals is envisaged, which are active in the sports and environmental sectors. In particular, as was the case of the experimental stages, the following will collaborate: Alpine Guides, Naturalistic, Horse and mtb guides, Geologists, Owners' Association of rustic and rural estates, "Scarfioiti" Alpine Refuge. Collaboration with ENEL SpA will continue for visits to the hydroelectric basin in the Rochemolles Valley and the study of a possible tourist exploitation of the lake.

Term

Feb 2007 - Dec 2007

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Discovering the Brunone Valley – how to become a small naturalist

Project sponsor: Comune di Berbenno

Member community: Comune di Berbenno



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to use it. Promote an idea of tourism which is compatible with the environment and respects natural resources, develop the concept of cultural asset-heritage. Lay the foundations for a management/use plan of a protected regional area.

Activities

Planning educational actions by the teachers of the primary school, which has already been making environmental itineraries in the Brunone Valley for years (observation of plants, animals, itineraries for the senses, of environmental respect and about fossils). Each itinerary includes a theoretical part in class, excursions, laboratories and analysis of materials. Within the project, botanical, zoological and palaeontological aspects will be analysed with the collaboration of the experts of the "E. Caffi" museum in Bergamo, to build with children a tourist guide for those who will visit the territory. Planned activities: exploring the valley through the use of senses, learn features and life habits of some animals, find and recognise some plants, develop concepts of environmental respect. Reconstruct the past environment in the Brunone Valley: fossilization modes, recognition and study of some fossils.

Participants

The most relevant players in this action will be: teachers at the Ponte Giurino primary school, in Berbenno (Bergamo) and the School District of Imagna Valley; scientists from the "E.Caffi" Museum of Natural Sciences in Bergamo; Volunteers from the Group of Ecology Wardens of the Imagna Valley Mountain Community; Bergamo Legambiente Section; Volunteer Group Friends of the Brunone Valley; Pontegiurinese Sports Association.

Term

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Preparation of a guide by the pupils of the primary school, for other children who will visit the Brunone Valley, that is considered Natural Monument and Paleontologic Park. The first stage of region study will be performed in collaboration with the experts of the "E. Caffi" Museum of Natural Sciences, Bergamo; the children will prepare an educational guide with exploration and study itineraries appropriate for children and will define the bases for a use plan.

Recovery and enhancement of environmental resources (Natural monument of the Brunone Valley) by means of historic and cultural dissemination and information campaigns. Production of information material on environmental emergencies and the development of good ecological practices, with the participation of schools and the production of brochures with the contribution of local associations for the promotion and enhancement of the historic, cultural and anthropic heritage of the region. Promotion of tourism packages with the participation of local economic establishments (hotels, restaurants, crafts people, dealers, farms etc.).

Objectives

Analysing and disseminating the historic and naturalistic aspects of the region, also using the research method. Letting children discover the nature of fossils and their geological and ecological significance. Let them discover and understand the work of a palaeontologist. Knowing the museum as place for information and collection of remnants. Discover how the remnants are found in the region analysed and preserved. Develop concepts of respect for natural resources, concept of cultural asset-heritage. Document experiences and the research itinerary developed and make it possible for tourists

Feasibility study for setting up a farm linked to an orchard preserving domestic mountain species and to a space preserving animals

Project sponsor: Le Bourg-d'Oisans

Member community: Le Bourg-d'Oisans

DYNALP² will enable a feasibility study on the project for an orchard and for preserving traditional varieties to be carried out. This study has two constituents, land and legal and technico-economic. 1. Land study: Search for plots available according to the current regulations (POS, natural hazards, etc.), co-ordination amongst farmers and owners to plan exchanges of plots and building up a consistent lot of plots for the commune/private project; assessment of the type of production which can be envisaged in this context. Organisation of the land study with owners based on the conclusions of the draft will be continued. 2. The legal and technico-economic study. This part will be devoted on the one hand to studying the hypotheses of connection between the private project and the commune project from a legal and functional view point. On the other hand it will define the conditions for the invitation to tender to candidates for the agriculture part and for carrying out the technico-economic feasibility study which will follow the choice of a candidate.

Objectives

To take part in protecting genetic resources, to collect mountain strains, to characterise them and protect them in an orchard for the long term. To create a land reserve in a participative manner, to create economic activity thanks to the installation on the farm site, to create agricultural and tourist activity or at least two jobs; increase public awareness: Carry out promotion of activities to increase public awareness of issues linked to biodiversity and a concrete act of conserving genetic resources; create an attractive tourist product, create the support of visits and organised activities, organise events promoting the local heritage. Reject the following protocols: Land Use Planning (Art. 9.2 - 9.4), Mountain Agriculture (Art. 5 - 7 to 11), Protection of Nature and Maintenance of the Landscape (Art. 13 - 14 - 16- 20 - 21), Tourism (Art. 4 - 7- 20 - 23) of the Alpine Convention.

Activities

1. Land study: The Chamber of Agriculture and the ADASEA will take specific promotion and support measures with the farmers in the Canton to identify suitable plots.
2. Legal study: The lawyers will identify the different formulae possible, their advantages and their disadvantages to give those elected in Bourg d'Oisans a tool for their decision.
3. Technico-economic study: In view of the land and legal studies, the Isère Chamber of Agriculture will target supplementary production to the protected area, the feasibility conditions will be studied

4. General support and organisation of the project: Undertaken by the Commune of Bourg d'Oisans, it allows the connection to be made between external actors and the Commune, the work by external service providers to be followed and synthesised and presented to the elected representatives. It acts as an interface between the partners in the project and facilitates involvement of new partners. It also acts as a watch for the search for future funding.

Participants

Various partners join the commune for this project: The Association for the Promotion of Agriculture in the Oisans region (Oisans farmers who carry out studies on real estate and installation); the National Alpine Botanical Museum; The Ecrins National Park; the inhabitants thanks to the Consultative Council of the Commune Citizens.

Term

Land study: Start autumn 2007; legal and technico-economic: Start winter 2008; end of study: Autumn 2008

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Bregenzerwald Taste and Cheese Academy

Project sponsor: Vorderer Bregenzerwald

Member region: Vorderer Bregenzerwald



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further develop organically developed structures (regional, national, European)

4) Public relations work / marketing / publications / events. The objective of the DYNALP project is to develop the general concept, create the structures and implement at least one training module. The Academy has an international orientation with a special focus on the Alpine space. A central goal is for the Academy to become self-supporting after an initial three-year period.

Activities

- 1) Development of a basic concept in terms of content, organisational structure and funding
- 2) Establishment of the Genuss- und Käse-Akademie Bregenzerwald as a legal entity and creation of the necessary structures/organisational units
- 3) Sourcing the funds needed for an initial three-year period
- 4) Organisation of the first pilot activities, especially in the fields of training and continuous education, certification and other services for members
- 5) Networking with related programmes/institutions, also in the form of a decentral peripatetic facility
- 6) Integration of all relevant actors at the regional level
- 7) Organisation of at least one international Taste and Cheese Symposium during the project period to determine the status quo. The necessary infrastructural measures (adaptation of the training centre, offices, etc.) will be financed independently of the project.

Term

Nov 2006 - autumn 2008

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The Genuss- und Käse-Akademie is planned as an independent part of KäseStrasse Bregenzerwald (Bregenzerwald Cheese Road). The objectives include training and continuous education, a service offering for members and partners, and innovation development. The Academy is affiliated to the Genuss-Regionen Österreich campaign (Austrian Taste Regions) and offers its services at the national and international levels.

The KäseStrasse is an association of Bregenzerwald farmers, dairies, inns, trades and retail. All the members and partners of the KäseStrasse are committed to preserving the special character of the Bregenzerwald landscape and further developing and improving the produce of the region. Innovation support in the fields of agriculture, milk processing and marketing is just as important as co-operation and the creation of synergies with other regional institutions. An especially large number of KäseStrasse partners are to be found in the communities of the Vorderer Bregenzerwald. The most prominent member, the Käsekeller, is located in Lingenau and is to become the seat of the planned Academy.

Objectives

The Genuss- und Käse-Akademie Bregenzerwald is to be established on the basis of the activities of Käsestrasse Bregenzerwald with premises in Lingenau. Main objective: Preservation and dissemination of regional tastes. Concrete goal/products:

- 1) Training and continuous education (national/international) in the field of "local enjoyment and taste - typical regional produce instead of globalised tastes"
- 2) Services for members and partners
- 3) Development of innovative programmes to preserve and

Krumbach is(t) mo(o)re

Project sponsor: Krumbach

Member region: Vorderer Bregenzerwald

Developing the overall concept has shown that the community's capital is the natural and cultural landscape that surrounds the town, in parts reaching into its very centre. It is important to make the most of this capital, for two reasons: firstly to make the cultural landscape accessible in a way that safeguards the continued existence of the fragmented moorland areas in all their diversity, and secondly to use an overarching theme to provide a context for all the activities aimed at supporting the economy. Concentrating on a theme that has emerged from the group itself strengthens our ability to identify with what is native to the region and the cohesion of the village community.

Objectives

To raise awareness of existing values in the natural and cultural landscape; cross-linking nature, culture and the culinary; achieving economic synergies through the experience of regional workflows; sustainable development of the municipality with a unique/unmistakable profile. The many ideas for implementation are given a central theme.

Activities

The structure is based on modules implemented according to resources;

stage 1:

establish moorland references in content and spatial terms – on site and using searches and research;
 examine / draw up potential cross-linkages in content and spatial terms

stage 2:

broaden the understanding of the points of access to the moorland: in motorised terms, literary terms, technical uses, nature study, educational and artistic terms, etc.;
 draw up and communicate moorland quotations (stations, viewpoints, permanent interaction on site and through exchange with partners);
 draw up offers and set up a public approach;
 ongoing awareness raising and extension of the references in content and spatial terms.

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Participants

Restaurateurs, farmers, botanists, landscape architects, artists working in the fine arts, cultural historians, geo-morphologists, Nagelfluhkette Nature Park, neighbouring municipalities, schools in the municipality and in the region.

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Sustainable Sibratsgfäll 2025 – mission statement and implementation process to achieve governance

Project sponsor: Gemeinde Sibratsgfäll

Member region: Vorderer Bregenzerwald



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2025". In Dynalp 1 local interest in participation was evaluated (highly motivating) and the residents' perseverance tested in the implementation of initial projects (very high). The following goals have therefore been defined for the next step (2006-08):

- 1) Development of a mission statement in an open process
- 2) Creation of suitable framework conditions
- 3) Conservation of the natural living space
- 4) Optimization of the village structures

Activities

Planned activities must be suitable for a village with only 420 inhabitants, i.e. they should be challenging but not frustrating. At present about thirty individuals are already actively involved in the sustainability process. What happens now?

- 1) A mission statement will be produced in a facilitated open process.
- 2) Due recognition will be given to the results of sustainability groups that have already achieved their goals, while the other groups will continue with their work.
- 3) New sustainability groups will be formed where there is a need and enough people are willing to participate.
- 4) The exchange of experience will be intensified, especially within the local authority network.
- 5) Active participation in the Nagelfluhkette Nature Park
- 6) Public relations work within (villagers) and without
- 7) Continuous quality assurance

Participants

The regular core of the current total of six working groups comprises about twenty individuals, with many more joining them for specific activities. In addition the parish council serves as a steering committee. The mission statement process will be open to all local residents. At the same time the activities of the six working groups will continue and serve as an input for the mission statement process. External partnerships have been established with Vorderwald Social Services, Vorarlberger Umweltverband, Nagelfluhkette Nature Park and KäseStrasse Bregenzerwald.

Term

Nov 2006 - summer 2008

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The Sibratsgfäll authorities wish to maintain village life on a long-term sustainable basis as a social process with an adequate infrastructure and diverse economic activities taking careful account of the needs of the natural environment. This is to be accomplished through a detailed mission statement process accompanied by suitable projects whose results will be fed back into the mission statement process.

The project was launched with a future workshop that formed part of DYNALP1. At the workshop six working groups were established (feasibility of a biomass heating plant, home for the elderly, refuse and the environment, preservation of the choir of the church, walks and themed trails, marketing for local produce) and initial activities took place in the framework of DYNALP 1. This "work in progress" is to be continued over the years ahead. The main goal is the preservation of social and economic life in the village, making sparing use of the natural environment and resources. In addition, a mission statement is to be produced deriving from the practical experience made as a basis for all future plans and projects.

Objectives

Sibratsgfäll is a village in a peripheral location. It is situated at an altitude of 1000 m on the border with Germany and is accessible by just one road. That offers a number of advantages like peace and quiet, splendid scenery, low real estate prices and intact social capital. But there are also disadvantages: few jobs in the village, the distance from the regional centres, incipient signs of an over aging population, the distance from high schools and colleges, non-participation in tourism, etc. As a result of affiliation in the Alliance in the Alps network and participation in Dynalp 1, the parish council has decided to go for the challenge of "Sustainable Sibratsgfäll

Support and promote local agriculture by means of the creation of a network between consumers, with institutional consumptions, household consumptions and the promotion of local projects

Project sponsor: Budoia

Member community: Budoia

A connection between local organic producers and school canteen has been established at the town of Budoia. The parents (who are members of AIAB) choose the products together with the farmers, and prepare production plans, in order to provide the school kitchen with local products, during the whole school year. This represents a guaranteed and planned commercial outlet for farmers as well as the safety of genuineness and freshness for the 150 school children.

The town of Budoia intends to continue the experience with AIAB FVG, for the management of the canteen in the municipality. From the experience of the Budoia group of AIAB FVG a new association, Gruppo d'Acquisto Solidale della Pedemontana GASP (Pedemontana Fair Purchasing Group), has been set up, which promotes direct purchase from the producers and follows the issues of the canteen, as well as the dissemination of informed consumption habits, with the intention to create purchase itineraries and a tasting facility. The cooking service is managed by a local cooperative, Le Anguane.

Objectives

The main objective is to strengthen local development through the establishment of a short chain, which makes it possible for farmers to continue with their activity, and aim it towards environmental quality (organic farming) and the direct relationship with consumers. The hope is also to make a conversion to organic farming in other businesses and the establishment of new organic farms. In the relevant area, agriculture is rapidly losing workers and is increasingly less competitive when it competes in global markets. Equally significant objectives are the training programmes for healthy, correct and informed eating, as well as the supply of fresh, seasonal, and traditional products starting from childhood. The objective is to disseminate the benefits of group purchasing, in terms of both savings and quality, as well as for group solidarity and with respect to producers.

Activities

1. search and selection of suppliers: local and non-local producers and traders that can supply the organic products necessary for the canteen and to families;
2. constant check of product quality;
3. menu adjustment to improve the nutritional profile and make best use of local products (also by means of traditional recipes);

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4. organization and making or training/information meetings with those who work in the kitchen, families and teachers;
5. meetings with the producers;
6. meetings to increase awareness, open to the whole community and nearby communities;
7. training/information meeting with school children;
8. visits to farms, by school classes and families who are members of GASP;
9. proposal for the establishment of a market and a tasting facility;
10. promotion of itineraries linked to direct and informed purchases;
11. establishment of a reference office for this activity.

Participants

The Municipality of Budoia acts as project leader; with the participation of individual volunteers, from AIAB FVG, and the collaboration of the newly established Budoia association GASP. GASP has undertaken to continue and expand, also in collaboration with other associations that are locally active, the project that was started with Future in the Alps.

Term

Early 2007 until spring 2009

Information

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Retracing history through an Alpine river valley - 3000 years of mule tracks along the Tiroler Achen river

Project sponsor: Ökomodell Achenal

Member region: Chiemgauer Alpengemeinden



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Over the past few years a small group of dedicated metal detector users under the technical supervision of the Federal Office for the Preservation of Monuments and Historic Buildings have unearthed some quite remarkable findings. Their discoveries point to an exciting history dating back some 3,000 years and a hitherto underrated significance of the Achen valley as an historical route linking the Chiemgau and the Pinzgau. These key historical sites and milestones can now be experienced along the route between the crossing at the Streichen and Grabenstätt on the Chiemsee.

Objectives

To make history an exciting experience for local residents and also as an additional tourist offer for holidaymakers and school classes. To create an offer of importance beyond the region, one which does not yet exist in this form. To pool the vast knowledge and commitment of volunteers, the multitude of finds stored away in people's garages and basements, and the many individual activities on the history of the Achen Valley to create an overall concept that extends across communities. Involving many different groups will ensure that a broad cross-section of local inhabitants is able to look at their culture and roots, nurturing the way in which they identify with

the valley region. It will not be a theme trail like so many others; the aim is to highlight the history of a unique mountain valley and bring its history to life. Its authenticity will also ensure that a genuine added value is created for tourism, one in keeping with the aspirations of local inhabitants.

Activities

Establishment and co-ordination/technical assistance of a study group comprised of metal detector users, local conservationists, associations, municipalities, citizens, environmental educators, etc., to accompany the project. Concurrent information events, presentations, exhibitions. Drafting of an overall concept and its individual elements by specialists, incorporating the know-how and dedication of volunteers, to re-create the experience of the historical link complete with signposting, information/experience-oriented stations in special places (e.g. burial site, iron ore site, cult site at Staudach with views of the moors, etc.), creation of an information museum at Grabenstätt.

Participants

Verein Ökomodell Achenal e.V. (municipal administrations and mayors of the member communities represented in the Ökomodell Achenal e.V.), Achenal Local Conservation and History Society, Bavarian Federal Office for the Preservation of Monuments and Historic Buildings, local conservationists, citizens of the Achen Valley communities, Achen Valley schools, Achen Valley tourism, study group for environmental education in the Achenal Ecological Project, local handicrafts, local gastronomy.

Term

October 2007: start of the project with information meeting, establishment of the study group. Early 2008: workshop with exhibition and on-site inspections. Mid-2008: Draft concept, public presentation. October 2008: Completion of the concept. Planning/structuring of the implementation stages. Implementation management by the study group. Completion of the first stations by end of March 2008. Official opening with "Sumpters" and "Romans" in May 2009.

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Cross-border project focussing on revitalizing the tourism sector in conjunction with the farm produce and timber sector with the goal of promoting Alpine tourism during the low seasons

Project sponsor: Comune di Cesana Torinese (I) e Montgenèvre (F)

Member region: Comune di Clavière

The project, which is based on a close relationship between the three administrations, seeks to formulate concrete and innovative proposals for tourism in the intermediate seasons (spring and autumn) so that the mountain resorts - which have until now concentrated mainly on the winter season - develop means for promoting tourism that is more diversified, spread over wider areas and capable of guiding the development of tourist areas that are much more environmentally and socially sustainable.

Objectives

The project aims to identify a tourism product that is capable of assuring notable added value (in terms of jobs), spread across the local economy of the three mountain districts of the border area, thanks to the characteristics of being based on the close integration between public programmes and private (and voluntary) activities and on the fact - something new for this area - that it concentrates on revitalising the intermediate seasons (spring and autumn) which are traditionally "dead" compared with winter and summer tourism. The most difficult challenge comes from the desire to build a product that takes its force from exploiting the possibilities of the tourist industry and the sectors connected with it (farm produce and wood) that involve a large number of local businesses. A detailed programme of training, communication, promotion and marketing will seek to strengthen the local identity, social cross-border cohesion and the residential attractiveness of the three areas.

Activities

- Careful study of the projects presented for the "Future in the Alps 2005" competition and felt to be most in keeping with our objectives
- Construction of a new model of tourism that considers the autumn and spring season in such a way as to revitalise the villages during these months from both the social as well as the economic point of view
- Internal and external communications activities covering the whole area concerned
- Training activities aimed at businesses, hoteliers, restaurateurs, nature and alpine guides, ski instructors
- Organisation of an open forum aimed at the inhabitants
- Maintenance works to the world's longest Tibetan bridge (468 metres) over the Piccola Dora valley between the districts of Clavière and Cesana and along the high altitude cycle and MTB route called the "Clavierissima" which

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passes through the municipal districts of Clavière, Cesana and Montgenèvre

- Various promotional activities
- General co-ordination of the activities

Participants

The project is presented with the support of the Cesana T.se and Montgenèvre (F) municipal authorities, and the Pro Loco and Associazione Arnica of Cesana.

Term

- Analysis and study of the projects in the "Future in the Alps" databases (< 31/12/2007)
- Construction of a new tourist model
- Communications activity (from 30/10/2007 to the end)
- Training meetings/tourism exchanges with other municipalities (spring/autumn 2008)
- Forum (during 2008)
- Footpath signs, maintenance
- Business survey (spring 2008)
- General coordination (< 30/12/08)

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The ski resorts of the Pays des Ecrins from the viewpoint of sustainable development: carrying out an experimental environmental assessment in the resorts of Pelvoux-Vallouise and Puy-Saint-Vincent

Project sponsor: Communauté de Communes du Pays des Ecrins
Member region: Communauté de Communes du Pays des Ecrins



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Established under the terms of the French Act on Urban Solidarity and Renewal (SRU) in 2000, SCOT is an intercommunity planning instrument for sustainable development. The project, which was daringly launched by the Community of Municipalities [Communauté des Communes] in 2003, is exceptional for a rural mountain area and focuses on the complete "space experience" enjoyed by local residents. SCOT ensures the consistency of a global territorial policy and specifies the general guidelines for the Pays des Ecrins; it maintains the balance between zones to be urbanised, natural zones, farming and forestry zones, etc., and, in this particular instance, leisure zones. It is in this context that the determination to carry out an environmental assessment of ski resorts has been expressed.

The prime objective of the environmental assessment is to apply the Alpine Convention and its Tourism Protocol in particular.

Objectives

This project aims to lay the foundations for a policy of sustainable development for the resorts. The objectives include:

1. Making elected representatives and managers aware of the impact inherent in any planning scheme or development, and the existence of tools and practices capable of reducing that impact;
2. Incorporating environmental criteria into the resorts' tourism policies. Ultimately this will enable the implementation,

follow-up and evaluation of a plan of action;

3. Enhancing the image and approach of the participating resorts through communication with visitors and inhabitants. This will give the resorts an added value in both ecological and economic terms;

4. Permanently establishing and disseminating this innovative approach by broadening the action to other resorts on the area, particularly at Puy Saint Vincent, the largest resort in the canton.

Activities

As part of SCOT the Community of Municipalities has acquired experience in concentration and communication with the population, both resident and tourist. It is the same spirit that prevails with this assessment. It will therefore organise public meetings, a forum on the internet web site, and work sessions with all the partners and volunteers concerned. The work will revolve around the conduct of site studies (fauna, flora, soils, water, landscapes, etc.). A highly detailed analysis of the way in which the resort operates (conformity with regulations, management system, energy consumption, waste management, social ethics, etc.) will be carried out in order to determine the priorities for the measures required. Measures aimed at raising the awareness of the resorts' managers and users will also be conducted. Communication measures (flyers, press releases, etc.) will accompany the project from beginning to end.

Participants

Departments of the environmental sector of the Community of Municipalities of the Pays des Ecrins, research department, Ecrins National Park, resort management, shopkeepers' associations the Mairie of Pelvoux, environmental protection association

Term

2007 - 2008

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School treasures from Entlebuch

Project sponsor: UNESCO Biosphäre Entlebuch

Member region: UNESCO Biosphäre Entlebuch

With the Biosphere School2 project, the Entlebuch Biosphere Reserve is continuing the work begun in the Biosphere School for awareness-building for sustainable development among children and young people. Whereas the first project was targeted primarily at schools outside the Biosphere Reserve, the focus of Biosphere School2 is to involve the schools in Entlebuch itself in shaping the Biosphere Reserve.

Biosphere Reserves are meant to serve as models for sustainable development. This sustainability is a task for several generations. That makes it all the more important to involve children and young people in shaping the future. The aims of the Biosphere School:

- Achieve awareness-building for sustainable development among children and young people
- Demonstrate the scope for action in everyday life
- Strengthen the mountain farms and the destination Entlebuch
- It offers experience and information on the Entlebuch Biosphere Reserve including:
 - excursions relating to the natural environment and sustainability
 - school on the farm
 - accommodation on the farm / in dormitories
 - the Entlebuch Active Card for use of the tourist infrastructure

Objectives

It is the hope of the Education Forum that, by the time they finish school, all Entlebuch pupils will feel and act as ambassadors of their UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and thus of sustainable regional development.

This vision is now to be implemented on a participatory basis with over 250 teachers and 2500 pupils. In detail this involves the following:

- o awareness-building among teachers and pupils in the Entlebuch region for the challenging and exciting subject of sustainable development as in the case of the Entlebuch Biosphere Reserve,
- o deepening and institutionalising collaboration between the Biosphere Reserve and the schools and also among the schools (building and running networks).
- o encouraging teachers and pupils to identify with the Entlebuch Biosphere Reserve.

Activities

- Declaration of intent on the part of the heads of the regional schools to communicate and implement the idea of the Entlebuch Biosphere Reserve in their schools
- Kick-off event in the framework of an obligatory staff training session for all teachers in the district in order to initiate broad-based co-operation

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- Existing information platforms (e.g. Biosphere School, excursions in the fields of nature/culture/business, themed paths and trails, school on the farm, etc.) and teaching materials need to be prepared, co-ordinated, made available (including for interested parties outside of the Biosphere Reserve), and also extended as required.
- The Biosphere Reserve must be anchored in the curricula at the regional schools.
- One-day and one-week projects in the regional schools
- Knowledge sharing in networks (e.g. DYNALP)

Participants

Management of the Entlebuch Biosphere Reserve, the Education Forum, local primary schools (in Doppleschwand, Entlebuch, Escholzmatt, Flühli, Hasle, Marbach, Romoos and Schüpfheim), Schüpfheim Cantonal High School, Department of Forestry at the Agriculture and Forestry Office of Canton Lucerne, Schüpfheim Agricultural Education and Counselling Centre, Schüpfheim Educational Media Centre

Term

Jan 2007 - June 2009

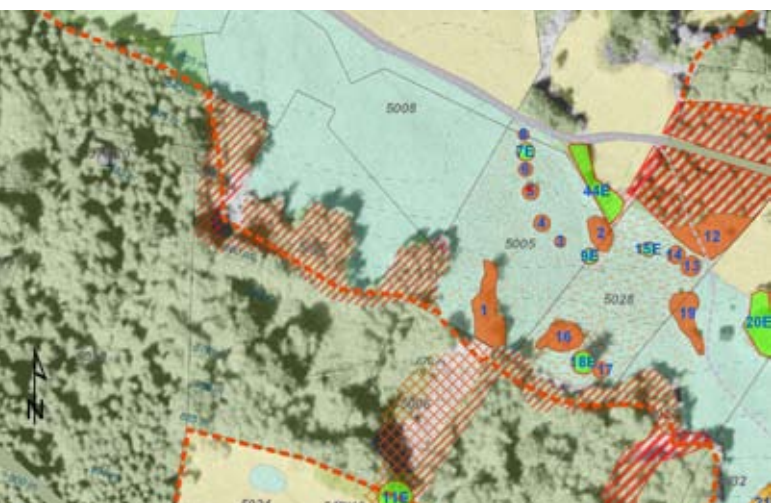
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"mag er hö" Stutz-Stutzberg biotope management in the framework of the landscape development concept in the market town of Frastanz

Project sponsor: Frastanz

Member community: Frastanz



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- with no intensive use
- regularly mowing areas that are currently unused and finding users for them
- restoring an interconnected cultural landscape that is as open as possible
- removing large groups of trees and bushes
- pushing back the forest margin
- creating ecological corridors
- preserving the special elements of the cultural landscape, e.g. hay barns, solitary rocks
- maintaining near-natural channels and ditches
- protecting attractive solitary trees

Activities

On the basis of the catalogue of measures agreed in the framework of the Dynalp project for a landscape development concept for Frastanz, contact has been made with the individual landowners and implementation of the defined land management activities discussed. Activity sheets serve as contract documents listing the individual measures to be taken. With the help of long-term unemployed recruited through the ABF project (forest management), the various measures are to be implemented and adequate management provided for those areas that are not in use today and are threatened by woody plant encroachment. The rehabilitated sites will then be offered to farmers in the region. In view of the diversity of species in the Stutzberg area, a wild flower trail will be created through the rough pasture and litter meadows. The old sheds can be used to display agricultural implements from earlier periods. At the chemists (Wiesenapotheke) there will be an exhibition of medicinal herbs.

Participants

Frastanz local authority, local landowners and ABF Arbeitsinitiative Bezirk Feldkirch, Project Heugabel, Vorarlberg regional authority, DI Georg Rauch and Mag. Georg Amann Spatial Planning Office, Nature Protection Department at the Feldkirch district authority.

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The aim of the "mag er hö" project is implementation of the landscape development concept for Stutz - Stutzberg so as to preserve the diversity of this biotope. Co-operation between landowners, farmers and the local authority is essential in order to preserve the unique character of this major biotope and stop the annual loss of 0.7ha of open land (rough pasture and litter meadow) in the Stutzberg area.

Landscape changes can be fast and uncontrolled. Steering measures are often not effective until it is too late. Because the assets of the natural environment and landscape are unique and defy reproduction and because the structures have developed over the centuries and thus form part of the local identity, Frastanz has decided to develop a landscape development concept as an instrument for steering the increasingly rapid process of landscape change and landscape consumption. The central element in the project is to develop a concept for the whole area of the municipality for the long-term preservation of landscape diversity.

Objectives

On the basis of intensive collaboration between the local authority, landowners and farmers, management models are to be developed to preserve the diversity of the landscape, especially in the area of Stutz - Stutzberg. The local authority serves as a link and clearing house between the individual landowners and the small number of remaining farmers so as to achieve the following goals:

- Long-term preservation and amelioration of a diverse flora and fauna in the sedge meadows and unfertilised meadows by:
- maintaining their litter meadow and rough pasture character,

Traffic Calming in the Julian Alps

Project sponsor: Kranjska Gora, Bohinj and Bovec

Member community: Julian Alps municipalities

The Vrata Valley is one of the most well-known and, consequently, most visited valleys in the Slovenian Alps. As a result, it is also heavily burdened with traffic, especially on sunny weekends during the summer season. This not only creates an environmental strain and reduces the recreational value of the valley, it also offers little or no benefit to the two villages at the valley's entrance.

Objectives

- Identification of existing problems
- Elaboration of possible future scenarios for the Vrata Valley and the villages of Mojstrana and Dovje
- Development of solutions and definition of traffic calming measures for the Vrata Valley
- Establishment of a consensus between the different stakeholders in the Vrata Valley and the local population.

Activities

The final result will be the selection of a traffic development strategy for the valley in association with the local community and inhabitants of Mojstrana and Dovje.

The determination of future activities and methods for traffic calming in the valley that are in accordance with the wishes of the local population - i.e. introduction of gradual traffic calming and to be active participants in future implementation projects.

Participants

The study will be carried out by CIPRA Slovenia; also taking part in the project (workshops, interviews, data management) are: the municipality of Kranjska Gora; the Triglav National Park; the Slovenian Forestry Service; and the local Alpine, Tourism, Agrarian and Local Communities associations.

Term

The project runs from July 2005 until May 2006.

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Maintaining an open cultural landscape in the Kalkalpen National Park region – implementation plan and feasibility

Project sponsor: Nationalparkregion Kalkalpen

Member region: Nationalpark Kalkalpen



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- Product development with innovative sources of income from agriculture in the National Park region

Activities

- Organisation of a regionally based steering group for the project
- International knowledge-sharing on the subject of forest encroachment (e.g. through the Alliance in the Alps local authority network) - via excursions and/or a conference on the subject in the National Park
- Research and data capture (in and outside of the region, examples)
- Creation of an implementation plan and evaluation of feasibility with
 - a) arguments - data - effects (structural change in regional agriculture, proportion of forest encroachment,
 - b) land use survey + focus on areas that are particularly worthy of protection
 - c) models for the organisational structure of the management association (legal entity, division of labour, logistics, ...)
 - d) opportunities for commercial exploitation - product development
 - e) costs and financing for implementation and running the project
 - f) economic viability calculations and comparisons
- Process support with the participation of the main actors
- Planning for parallel public relations work and awareness-building

Participants

Twelve communities in the Kalkalpen National Park region; five interested communities, the Kalkalpen National Park, local Chambers of Agriculture, Regionalmanagement Oberösterreich, Regionalforum Steyr Kirchdorf, interested farmers in the region, Department of the Environment at the Upper Austrian regional authority, Linz District Office of Agriculture related regional projects

Term

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For some time tree encroachment in the region's cultural landscape has been seen as a problem with negative effects for society, the tourism industry and agriculture. The project is designed to identify grassland areas in marginal locations that are at particular risk from the point of view of tourism and environmental protection and to permit a model of sustainable management to be developed with due regard for both ecological and economic aspects.

The measures in twelve fields of action listed in the framework agreements and also the first projects are to be implemented in the medium and long term. A broad-based consensus and effective communication within the region are key preconditions for the successful implementation of the long-term project for the Kalkalpen National Park region. The necessary decision-making structures for the seventeen municipalities must be developed and sources of finance tapped for projects in the fields of action. The area of Rural Development 2007 - 2013 in particular offers several potential points of contact (e.g. Leader++).

Objectives

- Reduction of forest encroachment in the Kalkalpen National Park region
- Maintenance of marginal grassland areas, which are of great value for various reasons
- Co-operation and specialisation at the level of landscape management in mountain agriculture in the National Park region
- Achievement of a critical mass with regard to management costs, work load and the commercial use of grassland vegetation

Organic farms with healthy food to every home and school

Project sponsor: Kamnik

Member community: Kamnik

Sustainable agriculture is one of the more suitable forms of agricultural development in the municipality of Kamnik. Numerous farms have a possibility of switching to organic farming but do not decide to do so since the market for such products is too small at the moment. By creating the demand for organic food and ensuring the market for it the number of organic farms in the municipality will grow. The aim of the project is to educate and raise awareness of the population on organically grown food.

The project executor is the municipality of Kamnik. Kamnik is an economic, cultural and administrative centre of the municipality, which comprises an area of 266 square kilometres. The town is situated to the north-east from the Ljubljana Basin. The boundaries of the municipality are the Kamniška Bistrica river and mountains in the north and a plain extending to the south. The town and its surroundings are densely populated, while the valleys of Tuhinj and Crna are more sparsely inhabited. According to the most recent data the population of the municipality of Kamnik is 27,044.

Objectives

to educate, inform and encourage people to use more organically produced food

- to bring organic produce closer to consumers and acquaint the population with it
- to connect organic food producers with school kitchens of two elementary schools
- to enable pupils of two elementary schools to eat healthy food
- to connect individuals and societies involved in supplementary activities on farms with schools and include their products in the offer of the organic market
- to popularize organic agriculture in the municipality of Kamnik and consequently to increase the number of organic farms in the municipality.

Activities

- preliminary field survey with visits to farmers and societies and introduction of the project,
- discussions with primary schools concerning the inclusion of local organic produce in school meals, education on sustainable agriculture and organically produced food; visits to farms and societies, visit to the organic market, demonstration of how products are made,
- familiarisation of Kamnik residents with new healthy food products on the market, presentation of the project in newspapers and regular articles (stressing the importance of organic food for people's health),
- preparation of workshops for organic farmers and for societies: detailed presentation of the project including its key

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goals and expected results; inclusion of their suggestions (four workshops are envisaged),

- organisation of the organic market and presentation of a catalogue of local organic farms,
- field work - at certain times we will perform field checks on the progress of the project and the results both at farms and in schools,
- reporting on the progress and informing on the results.

Participants

- Marija Vera Elementary School in Duplica (the only school in the municipality of Kamnik already included in the ECO-SCHOOL project),
- Šmartno v Tuhinju Elementary School (already cooperating with the Countrywomen Society of the Tuhinj Valley)
- organic farms in the municipality,
- association of organic farmers "ZDRAVO ŽIVLJENJE" (Healthy Living) Lukovica with their trademark of organic produce BIODAR,
- farms and individuals (already involved in supplementary activities at the farm), agronomic consultants,
- inspection services (food),
- Dušan Prašnikar - CIPRA (expert collaborator)

Term

January 2007 - June 2008

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Focus on the Upper Kien Valley – development concept with the emphasis on mobility and leisure traffic

Project sponsor: Reichenbach im Kandertal

Member community: Reichenbach im Kandertal



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Activities

- Participatory development of a strategy for the future of the Upper Kien Valley
- Creation of a core group to launch the project idea
- Involvement of various groups of actors and establishment of broad-based support
- Co-operative clarification of project goals and procedures
- In-depth situation analysis (focus on mobility / leisure traffic, tourism, mountain farming)
- Development of a strategy for the future and definition of thematic focuses with extended groups of actors and suitable participatory methods (conference for the future or similar)
- Definition of measures and responsibilities, and establishment of costs and financing for the main themes selected
- Mobility concept
- The field of mobility and leisure traffic will be targeted at the strategy development level already and will have priority at the implementation level.
- Development of a mobility concept with concrete proposals for implementation and financing
- Implementation and sustainability of operations
- Implementation and long-term sustainability of the agreed measures

Participants

In addition to those named as project organisers: the Kander Valley Planning Region, UNESCO Jungfrau-Aletsch-Bietschhorn World Heritage site, Canton Bern's Office of Environmental Co-ordination, the UVEK Service Centre for Innovative and Sustainable Mobility, Alliance in the Alps local authority network, Wädenswil High School

Term

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Spiggengrund and the Upper Kien Valley lie at the southeastern end of the Kien Valley proper and form part of the municipality of Reichenbach in the Kander Valley. The southernmost part is located on the margin of the UNESCO Jungfrau-Aletsch-Bietschhorn World Heritage site. The Upper Kien Valley is used for mountain farming and tourism. A broad-based goal-finding process is designed to address the further development of the Upper Kien Valley with a focus on solving conflicts of use in the fields of mobility and leisure traffic.

Objectives

- A broad-based strategy is to lead to targeted development and positioning for the area with reference to the Swiss regulation for no-hunting zones and its commitments to sustainable development deriving from membership in the Jungfrau-Aletsch-Bietschhorn World Heritage site.
- Measures will be planned and implemented in the fields of mobility and leisure traffic to mitigate conflicts of use.
- Existing strengths in terms of landscape and the natural environment will be utilised for tourism purposes with sparing use of the resources involved.
- The various measures will form a harmonised and mutually complementary package.
- Efficient and results-oriented use will be made of human and financial resources.
- The activities will be co-ordinated with higher-level objectives (no-hunting zone, local and regional authority levels, networks) and offer synergies.

Natura 2000 Ludescherberg

Project sponsor: Ludesch

Member community: Ludesch

Dry calcareous grassland, mountain hay meadows, low-elevation peatlands and petrifying springs with tufa formation are the characteristic features of the Natura 2000 area in Ludescherberg. A lack of farm management and intensification are potential threats to these ecological assets, which can only be protected through sustainable management. Management deficits are identified in co-operation with the farmers and a management concept drawn up. The project is accompanied by a full public relations programme.

Objectives

Development of an implementation plan for the Natura 2000 area:

- action plan (process oriented participatory planning) to ensure sustainable management for Ludescherberg in accordance with the Natura 2000 goals;
- detailed plan for capitalising on the Natura 2000 area - with the unfertilised meadows as "capital" in the sense of environmental protection and also as a centuries-old cultural asset - awareness-building among the local population and especially the farmers;
- policy decision for the public authorities relating to resulting spatial planning questions.

Activities

Creation of a working group with the involvement of representatives of the local authority, farmers, interested citizens and authorities; establishment of a group to be responsible for implementation of the future plan of action; information events and site inspections with the farmers; environmental protection counselling for farmers; development of PR materials, e.g. brochures, calendar, photo competition, nature trail, etc.; excursions; projects involving the primary school and the kindergarten - teaching materials, focus days, exhibitions, etc.; integration of the experience of the older generation - interviews with senior citizens, compilations of historical photographs, stories and legends; topics for high school seminars and dissertations; development of a concept for the use of the old school building in Ludescherberg for PR activities and for cultural and community activities for the local people.

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Participants

Farmers with land in the Natura 2000 area; residents of the Ludescherberg area; local associations (boy scouts, sports clubs, local fire brigade); the ABO association (project for the long-term unemployed); Ludesch Primary School; Ludesch Farmers Co-operative; Environment and Agricultural Committees at the Ludesch local authority; Environmental Protection Office at the Bludenz district authority, Environmental Protection Department at the Vorarlberg regional authority; external project support.

Term

2006 - 2009

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Spazi art e Cultura

Project sponsor: Lumbrein

Member region: Val Lumnezia GR



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Activities

- art exhibitions;
- permanent and temporary exhibitions;
- platform for language and culture:
- a place for Romansh authors to give readings/lectures;
- organisation of an international exchange programme for artists (see: www.artists-in-residence.ch)

Participants

Co-operation is already underway with the Grisons Heimatschutz (Cultural Heritage Protection), the Pro Val Lumnezia Association and the Fundaziun da cultura Val Lumnezia.

Term

Strategic planning: by the end of 2007
 Preliminary project and project: by mid-2008
 Project execution: by the end of 2009

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The project is aimed at creating a disperse art and culture region in the Val Lumnezia. It is to include an exhibition space and an art workshop, and enable the use of historical buildings for residential purposes, which would in turn represent a sensible use of historical structures. A feasibility study is to be drawn up in order to realise this idea. For this decisive step, which at the moment is essential for our project, the association requires starting capital.

Objectives

- to counter the depopulation trend in the core of the village;
- to give new purpose to unused historical and economic structures;
- to preserve the village's impressive environment, which is of national significance (listed in the inventory of Switzerland's places of interest most worthy of preservation, see: www.isos.ch);
- to enhance the cultural landscape of the Val Lumnezia;
- to create a new workplace (committee).

Sustainable use of woods - Study on the ecological value of managed and abandoned chestnut woods

Project sponsor: Comune di Alto Malcantone

Member region: Alto Malcantone

Based on the results of the study on biodiversity of bats in the chestnut woods of Altomalcantone, the intention is to increase knowledge about the ecological function of this significant environment with respect to its management. The study will focus on the ecology of the most abundant species, Leisler noctule bat (endangered species in Switzerland and Europe), and will give us the opportunity to assess management modes of chestnut woods.

Chestnut woods are interesting environments from the landscape and naturalistic profile. Today, many of them are abandoned, with negative effects on existing wildlife. Bats are amongst the most endangered mammals in Switzerland and Europe. Many of them find shelter in hollow trees. The objective of the study is to know what bats are present in the woods and to assess the effect of their being abandoned, in particular on Leisler noctule bat, an endangered species in Switzerland and Europe. For this purpose, 200 special nest-boxes have been hung in managed and abandoned woods, and are regularly checked. Results will provide information about wood management.

Objectives

The first objective is to be able to provide scientific assessment of the ecologic value of chestnut woods. In the Malcantone region, but also in other parts of the canton and in Northern Italy, these types of woods not only represent a historic heritage of a past made of subsistence farming, but now represent a significant landscape element. The final objective of the project is therefore that of giving indications in order to be able to manage it so that it retains its high ecological value (biodiversity, protected areas) while being at the same time attractive in terms of landscape (heterogeneity of the region) and also of tourism (recreation, quality of life). The biologic profile would give us the opportunity to understand the ecological function carried out by the Altomalcantone woods with respect to the migration of the Leisler noctule bat between Southern Alps and Northern. The project therefore also has an international value.

Activities

The 200 nest-boxes hung in the chestnut woods are checked every fortnight. Considering that a large part of the bats that are found there have been previously ringed or microchipped, the single individuals can be recognized individually. The results of these frequent checks will be added to those resulting from capture campaigns and to the telemetry operations already performed. By means of the analysis of all these data, a quite complete picture will be defined of the habits of the Leisler noctule bat: at what times of the year it uses the woods, for what purpose (mating, reproduction, hunting, shel-



ter, rest, ...) and how often, how loyal are single individuals to specific facilities or places. Such knowledge will be disseminated through the publication of articles, the creation of documents (information panels, brochures), conferences and excursions.

Participants

The participants of the study are the Centro Protezione Chiroterri Ticino (Ticino Bat Protection Centre), the WSL Federal Research Institute, Southern Alps substation, Bellinzona, the department of "Conservation Biology" of the Institute for Zoology of the University of Bern, the department of "Environment-Health-Safety" of the Insubria University, Varese, the Canton forestry Section (which funded the first 6 years of the project) and the Malcantone Region.

Term

2007 - 2008

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Networking collective services and places of historical, cultural and environmental significance along the Strada Regina itinerary

Project sponsor: Agno, Bioggio, Manno

Member region: Regione Malcantone



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Objectives

The objective of the project is the promotion of projects and financial public investments according to the principles of sustainable development. With a view to allowing recognition, enhancement and networking of infrastructures which already exist in the area, the aim is to promote and foster slow mobility. Promoting gentle mobility also means implementing active policies for health promotion, thus bearing part of the external costs generated by motor vehicle individual mobility. Specific attention will be devoted to SUP, which at the moment is not provided with any specific connection between the various university buildings and with nearby towns of Manno and Bioggio. These factors hinder the creation of a real university Campus and possible synergies between the academic world and the lively manufacturing businesses which are present in the Basso Malcantone region.

Activities

Preliminary definition of the network of communal pedestrian paths, carried out in close collaboration with town technical offices, checking the use of these itineraries along the whole route, recognition and networking of points of interest and infrastructures along the routes, networking of walkways, networking of recreation areas. The following activities are mainly carried out by an ad hoc working group in collaboration with Infovel, and will mainly imply the definition of specific targets and the promotion of interesting solutions aimed at pedestrian mobility.

Participants

Promoters and authors of the project: local Agenda 21 group Agno-Bioggio-Manno. External consultants: Infovel and any ad hoc professionals. Wider circle: Professional university school (hereinafter SUP), various economic parties (manufacturing industrial and advanced service area) in the three municipalities, since these are the main generators of motor vehicle individual traffic. Logistic support: Malcantone Region.

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Highlighting the thorough network of pedestrian and bicycle itineraries in the three towns being considered, which have already been connected by means of the "Strada Regina" (Agno-Bioggio-Manno), and promote it as an alternative to vehicle mobility for daily itineraries and journeys for work, recreation, tourism and for shopping. The objective is to make these movements competitive with the individual motor vehicles traffic.

The idea to recover the historic and current values of the ancient Strada Regina between the towns of Agno Bioggio and Manno stems from the local intertown project Agenda 21, and is part of the context of sustainable development and follows the policy of agglomerates of the Confederation. In particular, through a pedestrian and bicycle route which connects the three sites and places of particular interest, the objective of the project is to make people think about the great issues of our highly industrialized countries, and offer a valid alternative for recreation and leisure, health promotion and proximity tourism.

Enhancing local food tradition as an element in the process of diversification and sustainable development

Project sponsor: Masello

Member community: Masello

The town of Massello is a small mountain hamlet with fewer than 100 inhabitants located in the upper Germanasca valley (Turin), with an area of 3900 ha at an elevation going from 1200 m in the bottom of the valley to the 3027 m of the Ghinivert. Our town has only been marginally influenced by the tourism standardisation processes that have affected other Alpine towns, which has made it possible to protect and preserve the environmental context and the invaluable richness of flora and wildlife.

A high mountain area with farming and manufacturing entities that must face industrial competition; a growing demand for tourism/nature and an environmentally intact valley; the need to make best use of accommodation facilities. Starting from these data, the project envisages the promotion and enhancement of the local typical products with specific reference to agricultural and food industry, with the objective of developing local production chains.

Objectives

Develop public initiatives for services and environmental sustainability in order to foster integration and diversification of the local "tourist product"; foster the idea of public-private partnerships; contribute to the development of a local systemic tourist economy; improve the social and economic consequences of the local tourist activities by means of a multiplier effect which acts as accelerator for new projects and that favours new jobs in the Massello area and for the whole upper part of the Germanasca Valley; ensure a high degree of innovation and transfer of management strategies of the territory.

Activities

Organization of visits and workshops (February 07 - June 08) aimed at adults and children to explain to them the concept of happy eating which, besides taking care of one's health and needs, meets the requirement for finding out about the history, emotions and memories connected to agricultural work and the production of resources while protecting biodiversity and traditional mountain productions; international conference on wildlife during which a workshop on wildlife and mountain pastures is envisaged; survey on the agricultural food production of the upper valley (with the participation of nearby towns) and on market margins and potentials which include store owners, occasional tourists and people who come to the valley on a regular basis. Preparation and publication of brochures on the natural features of our region: flora, wildlife and their evolution with respect to man's activities.

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Participants

Local tourist professionals and agricultural producers for training and promotion projects. Slow Food Association for teaching and workshop organization.

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Montafon.bewusst-er-leben

Project sponsor: Bartholomäberg, Gaschurn, Lorüns, Schruns, Silbertal, Stallehr, St. Anton i.M., St. Gallenkirch, Tschagguns, Vandans
Member region: Montafon



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between cultural and culinary ambitions is to be aimed for within the region in order to make use of the relevant synergies.

Activities

The Produce Team is working on the quality-oriented production of raw products, the development of new, refined and non-perishable key produce, and the establishment of effective sales channels within the region. A competition with a prize-winning ceremony is to be held each year by a specialist jury to showcase Montafon delicacies in a bid to promote innovative new product creations. At the awards ceremony the entrants, i.e. people from the region, are to present their products and their history. The Kultur & Kulinarium Team is aiming to develop the region's cultural values together with culinary specialities. The Via Valtellina is to be opened up as a gourmet route into the Valtellina, both in culinary terms and on its own cultural merits. Bewusst-er-leben Montafon is to be promoted among locals and guests with special weeks and markets aimed at appealing to all the senses organised as a result. At the same time the Farmers' Catering Team is to look at aspects of professionalisation and quality assurance.

The findings gained from the pilot phase need to be structurally anchored and professionalised so that the project idea can be implemented in the long term, too. Farmers, restaurateurs, representatives of tourism and politics, and consumers are now jointly planning an association for greater enjoyment - not just culinary enjoyment - within the region. Implementation of the Montafon.bewusst-er-leben concept is to be intensified among the individual teams responsible for produce, Kultur & Kulinarium (cultural and culinary aspects), Viehbay Montafon (an internet-based sales platform for regional produce) and farmers' catering initiative. Ongoing PR measures are to contribute towards the image gain of key regional produce such as Sura Kees and veal, and highlight the way in which produce is linked to the natural and cultural landscape. A co-operation venture with the association fostering regional values and traditions is to underscore the efforts made to raise awareness of culture, produce and landscape.

Objectives

To create sustainable, workable structures through the founding of an association based on the establishment and introduction of the Montafon.bewusst-er-leben. To actively promote the production, refinement, sale/consumption and enjoyment of Montafon specialities. To intensify the understanding of enjoyment, not as an elitist luxury but as a means of achieving a greater quality of life as the basis of a region. To foster networking within the region and beyond its borders. To consider project partnerships with the Prättigau based on similar concerns and initiatives. Objectives defined during the pilot project phase are to be intensively pursued once the association is established, and realised as soon as possible using concrete measures. At the same time a concerted effort

Participants

Core group of the project: Herlinde Erhard (farmer, provider of farm holidays), Markus Felbermayer (hotelier), Christine Fitsch (farmer), Arno Fricke (managing director, Montafon Tourismus), Johann Michael Ganahl (farmer), Oswald Ganahl (farmer), Walter Grass (hotelier), Heike Ladurner-Strozz (hotelier), Daniela Netzer (farmer), Martin Netzer (mayor of Gaschurn-Partenen), Betram Rhomberg (farmer and hotelier), Roswitha Thoma (farmer) and Veronika Wittwer (www.viehbay.at).

Term

Autumn / winter 2007/ 2008: founding of the Montafon.bewusst-er-leben association, development of the Montafon delicacy (trove), sales initiative in conjunction with the Montafon mountain railways. Scheduling of special weeks, markets, delicacy competitions and PR work for 2008 and 2009. 2008: Further education initiative and quality assurance for regional farmers' catering, Kultur & Kulinarium package deals. 2009 product development: professionalisation of the refining and sale of regional specialities.

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Nenzing natural biotopes – landscape development parts IIIa+b

Project sponsor: Nenzing

Member community: Nenzing

The purpose of the Bergheimat project is to provide a general overview of landscape spaces of special natural value. The survey serves as a basis for further measures for the development of these landscape spaces. Each of the listed landscape spaces is analysed on the basis of existing documentation, with a special focus on biotopes and other remarkable landscape elements. Information on the subject of landscape change is also included in the work. The objective is for the local authority to implement concrete measures in the biotopes together with the landowners.

Last year the Zalum Debushing subproject was carried out with the help of six associations and forty individuals under the leadership of the Nenzing Market Town Environment Committee. Woody plants were removed from the litter meadows so as to permit mowing.

Objectives

Sustainable conservation and amelioration of a diverse flora and fauna in the reedlands. Maintenance of litter meadow and rough pasture management (no intensification). Regular mowing on areas that are currently unused. Restoration of an interconnected landscape that is as open as possible. Removing large groups of trees and bushes. Preserving special elements of the cultural landscape, e.g. hay barns, solitary rocks. Maintaining near-natural channels and ditches. Involvement of various interest groups and development of strategies for conflict management.

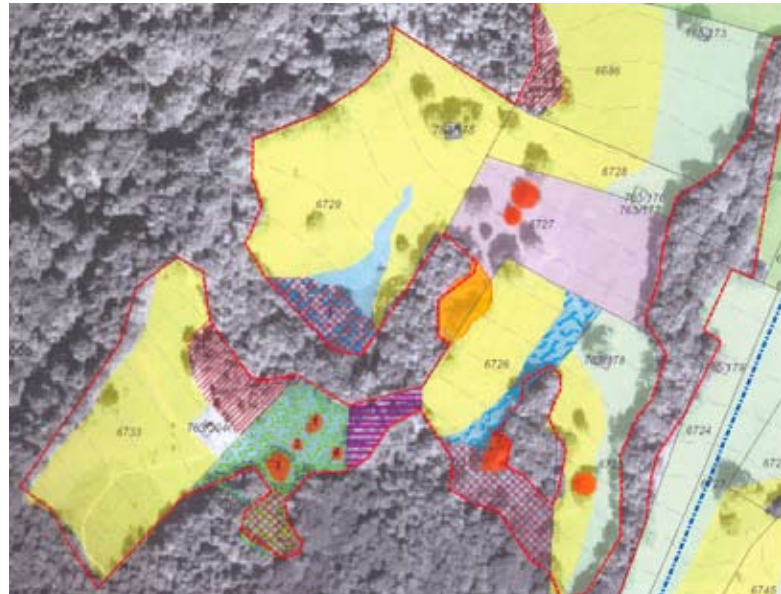
Activities

Compilation of the various analyses, talks with landowners and neighbours, establishment of the working group, construction of an access road, involvement of firms through compensation activities, public relations work, creation of action plans, development of specifications for management, construction of a themed trail for awareness-building, cooperation with the Frastanz local authority.

Participants

- 1) Nenzing local authority (project leadership and co-ordination)
- 2) Members of the Environment Committee
- 3) Landowners and farmers
- 4) Associations and private individuals
- 5) Expertise: Mag. Karin Holzer, biologist, and Franz Ruch, forester with the Vorarlberg regional authority
- 6) External counselling: DI Georg Rauch, spatial planner, and Mag. Georg Amann, biologist
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Term

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San Floriano, Santissima, Gorgazzo, Candaglia and the 'Centro Storico' (historic centre): road network in nature and historic areas in favour of sustainable tourism in the Municipality of Polcenigo

Project sponsor: Comune di Polcenigo

Member community: Comune di Polcenigo



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external and internal routes and appropriate service areas for cars and buses (public transit buses as well as tourist buses). Another focus is set on safe cycleway and footpath routes leading to elementary and secondary schools in order to reduce the use of schoolbuses and to promote the use of bicycles and walking within the village and between populated centres. Exploring the possibilities for improving access to cycleway and footpath routes on hills and in the mountains is another important goal. Furthermore, the aim is to enhance the accessibility and safety of waterways for recreation purposes and tourism.

Activities

Project analysis for the purpose of combining the action plan elaborated for vehicles with the goals of a sustainable road network: analysis of the existing road network (maps, street directories), of its current level of quality and the resulting intervention priorities. Analysis of routes for cars, country-buses, cyclists and pedestrians and appropriate service areas. Reopening of historic streets and roads on top of hills, in the mountains and along waterways. Sign-posting along the routes (posters, and digital billboards). Publishing printed material (flyers, brochures, tourist guides) and online information. Shuttle bus service for tourist parties and physically impaired persons. Organising meetings for the purpose of sharing the results with the public. Promotion of specific initiatives, existing and new ones, in order to inform the public about the existence and the use of the routes which have a lot to offer from a cultural, environmental and historical point of view: walks (e.g. "Marcia della penna"/Feather Walk), sports competitions (e.g. Troi Trek, Granfondo regional mountain-bike championship).

Participants

Technical experts, local population, local groups, the Association "A ruota libera" of Pordenone and other Municipalities and members of "Alliance in the Alps".

Term

September 2007 - May 2009

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The goal of the project is to implement a plan in favour of a sustainable road network with the aim of gaining access to and benefitting from the following nature and urban areas in safety: 'Parco rurale of S. Floriano', which is part of the Europark network; the "Santissima", the so-called sacred place with the source of the Livenza river and the "Palù di Livenza", pile dwellings dating back to Palaeolithic times; the source of the Gorgazzo torrent, also depicted by famous painters and one of the three most important Vauclysian sources in Europe; the Candaglia, situated 1000 meters above sea level and surrounded by a mixed forest made up of beech and fir trees is an important part of the Foresta del Cansiglio, the second largest forest in Italy; the Centro storico, the historic centre characterised by the castle of the Counts of Polcenigo and classified by the Friuli-Venezia Giulia region as dating back to Palaeozoic times is undergoing major reconstruction and urban renewal at the moment. As these monuments are situated in a very restricted area problems connected with anthropic pressure have to be dealt with. For this reason a project aiming at setting up a sustainable road network accessible to vehicles and pedestrians is to be implemented.

Objectives

The fundamental goal is sustainable accessibility, usability and safety of the road network for residents and tourists. Within the scope of the "Sustainable Road Network Action Plan", conducted under the auspices of the Municipality, the co-operation between the partners aims at determining

Second phase in the redesignation of the village centre: project management and engineering

Project sponsor: Sappey en Chartreuse

Member community: Sappey en Chartreuse

The municipality has signed a development agreement with the Regional Council for the restructuring and revitalisation of the village. The key challenges are to halt the village's descent into a dormitory town and help it to become once again a convivial area in all seasons and capitalise on its image as gateway to the Chartreuse Regional National Park. Property management and the development of natural and cultural resources will allow the creation of a village square (with fountain and pedestrian areas), the improvement of access to public amenities, and the enhancement of the tourist infrastructure and shopping offer. An ecological construction approach has been initiated with the creation of wood-fired heating plant and social housing.

The elected representatives intend to complement the second phase of the project to restructure the village through a co-ordination scheme and an expertise to ensure the quality and durability of the choice of amenities. To this end, they plan to create a position of co-ordinator and to initiate research to ensure the project's technical, administrative and financial follow-up, co-ordination and work with professionals at the village and the village inhabitants, and concertation and evaluation with outside partners.

Objectives

The objectives of the project as a whole reflect the provisions of the Alpine Convention's Protocol on "Land Use Planning and Sustainable Development". Indeed, in this small municipality, projects are borne by a team of motivated voluntary elected representatives. The redesignation of the core of the village is a large-scale project, and the elected representatives are aware of the limits to their availability and their competences. Project co-ordination and engineering would allow the establishment of a development policy in the area that is viable, acceptable and durable while ensuring the professionalism of the approach. The amenities already in place or yet to come will thus acquire their full meaning as vectors of a new socio-economic dynamic in the village. It will also enable the elected representatives to devote more time to the operation's qualitative aspects: relations with local and outside agents, improved concertation with residents, shopkeepers, associations and players involved in tourism.

Activities

- Co-ordination of the redesignation site for the public area.
- Co-ordination of residents' workshops to ensure their involvement and appropriation of the project (particularly with regard to the design of the fountain itself, which is a symbolic element of the village's dynamics).
- Negotiations for the commercial development of the village

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(establishment of a bakery, tobacconist's, hairdresser's).

- Launch of research into the collective wood-fired heating plant, with partial review of the municipality's town planning document.
- Further negotiations concerning the acquisition of properties in the centre of the village, aided by the Public Real Estate Institute for the Grenoble region: these buildings are to house the public amenities, shops and housing units.

Participants

Local participants: residents, associations, shopkeepers, tourism professionals. Outside participants: Chartreuse Regional Natural Park, Isère CAUE (Architecture, Town Planning and Environment Council), Isère General Council, EPFL (Isère Public Real Estate Institute).

Term

Oct 2006 - 2008

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Energy-saving housing area for local residents

Project sponsor: Sent

Member community: Sent



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Activities

- The following activities will be initiated as of summer 2007:
- staking out the new housing area and recording it in planning terms
 - specifying the building conditions: for local residents only and subject to energy standards
 - specifying the price of land per square metre
 - approval by the municipal assembly and by the canton
 - development planning
 - finding willing locals or newcomers as promoters
 - continuous PR work

Participants

Municipal Council, Canton of Grisons Office for Energy and Office for Regional Planning

Term

January 2007 – autumn 2008

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The Municipality of Sent, which is dedicated to close-to-nature tourism, is located on a sun terrace in the Lower Engadine. Sent has chosen this project to promote two separate strands: "energy saving" and "building land for local residents". Specifically it is planning a housing area for local residents, with building reserved exclusively for energy-saving homes. Given the proximity to the Scuol tourist resort the price of land is already at around CHF 400.- to 500.- per m². For local residents who do not have any land of their own this is a high price. With a housing area for local residents the price should be reduced by 10% to 50%. However the municipal authorities want to do more, and with its membership of the "Alliance in the Alps" it has underscored its intention to embrace and follow the course of sustainable development. The houses to be built in this designated area must all be energy-saving homes (with Minergie-P minimum standard).

Objectives

Consolidating Sent as a place for forward-looking local residents

- helping with climate protection (7 to 9 homes with Minergie-P minimum standard)
- freeing up building land from market prices for the benefit of local residents and making it available at an affordable price
- promoting Sent as a sunshine resort
- pushing ahead with Sent's sustainable development.

Nature experience with solar power in South Carinthia-Karawanken

Project sponsor: Marktgemeinde Eberndorf, Marktgemeinde Eisenkappel-Vellach, Gemeinden Feistritz ob Bleiburg, Gallizien, Globasnitz, Sittersdorf, Stadtgemeinde Völkermarkt
Member region: Südkärnten-Karawanken

Given Slovenia's imminent accession to Schengen, increased tourist commuter traffic is to be expected particularly in the Alliance region of South Carinthia-Karawanken. The quality of the intensive tourist development of the area of unspoilt nature and culture (protected areas) is to be given a boost with a solar mobility concept (new uses for electric vehicles). Complementing the bathing lakes and excursion destinations in the region (centres of tourism) the existing protected areas in the hinterland of these tourism centres are to be incorporated into a solar mobility and development concept. The interconnected network of biotopes created as a result is designed on the one hand to contribute to raising people's awareness of environmental and nature conservation issues and, on the other, to boost the regional value-added cycles and strengthen the identity of the local economy and population.

Objectives

An eco-friendly and sustainable transport system aimed at reducing private motorised traffic in a sensitive area of unspoilt nature and culture is to be set up on the basis of solar energy technologies. Interlinking key tourist attractions (bathing lakes, etc.) with regional excursion destinations will result in a cross-municipality solar mobility system aimed at channelling visitor flows in a resource-friendly way while enhancing the tourist offer. Besides the development of tourism the exemplary use of solar-powered means of transport is to have an educational and familiarisation effect on the local population. The regional objective includes achieving a region that is self-sufficient in energy (see Regional Development Guideline for the District of Völkermarkt, March 2007) and in a subsequent implementation stage setting up solar service stations in each Alliance community.

Activities

1. Concept for solar mobility in South Carinthia – Karawanken: specifying solar "service station locations", defining the types of vehicle to be used (cars, motorcycles, scooters, bicycles), interlinking with key public transport intersections (rail and bus), developing an operator concept, groundwork into the implementation of a project for a park & ride scheme with two solar "service stations".
2. Biotope network: Setting up an organisational structure and drawing up targeted utilisation concepts for protection and tourist use.
3. Awareness-raising for an educational and familiarisation process among the local population for the daily use of solar means of locomotion – switchover models and financing con-

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cepts for private households with more than one vehicle.

4. Public relations work: Formulating a concept and running an information campaign (mini-road-show) to raise the awareness of decision makers, educational establishments and more generally to inform the population at large.

Participants

Association for the Regional Development of Southern Carinthia, Southern Carinthia Working Group on Renewable Energy, Sablatnigmoor Association, Globasnitz History Society (Hemmaberg Landscape Conservation Area), Obir Tropfsteinhöhlen GesmbH (stalactite cave), Petzen Bergbahnen GmbH, Eurosolar Association, Archi Noah Landscape Planning, National Conservation Working Group (ARGE Naturschutz), ECO (Institute for Ecology), Photovoltaik Austria Association, Roland Vallery Locksmiths, South Carinthia Tourist Board.

Term

Submission – June 2007; Approval – autumn 2007; Project launch – January 2008; Founding of South Carinthia – Karawanken biotope network – July 2008; Completion of the "solar mobility concept", focusing on interlinking the protected areas – December 2008; Public presentation of the solar mobility concept and of the switchover models for private individuals switching to electric vehicles – May 2009; Project completion – June 2009

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Alp Flix traffic concept with alpine bus

Project sponsor: Sur

Member community: Sur



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Term

Summer 2007: Workshop of the Improvement Project for Traffic to the Alp Flix
 autumn 2007 – Spring 2008: formulation of the traffic concept
 winter 2007/08 – Spring 2008: Alpine Bus operating concept, through to summer 2008 – Securing the financing for a two-year test phase for the Alpine Bus concept
 June 2009 – Launch of the Alpine Bus.

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At present the general public is able to access Alp Flix by car. However the parking spaces on the Alp are to be removed as part of the improvement scheme and a traffic ban applied to close the road to unauthorised users. Concurrently one or two supervised collective parking areas are to be created down in the valley. To provide access to the Alp Flix a dial-a-bus service is to be provided as a means of public transport of the sort which has proved successful in the nationwide project "Alpine Valleys Bus / Alpine Bus" as a starting point for hiking excursions to the Greina route.

Objectives

Protecting Alp Flix from private motorised traffic, increasing the appeal for visitors by means of a public transport service.

Activities

Formulation of a traffic concept: road closure, provision of a car park in the valley, management; access using a public dial-a-bus service (adapting the concept of the Alpine Bus to Sur).

Participants

Municipality of Sur, Pur Suveran, Parc Ela, Canton of Grisons, SAC (Swiss Alpine Club), VCS (Swiss Transport and Environment Association), SAB (Swiss Working Group for Mountain Regions)

Images and voices from the past come back to life

Project sponsor: Comuni di Carzano, Telve di Sopra e Torcegno, membri dell'Associazione verso l'ecomuseo del Lagorai, di cui Telve è il comune capofila

Member region: Telve Valsugana

Collection of old super8 films connected to the history of the town, the landscape, the mountain, religious and lay celebrations, personal accounts. The films are copied on a DVD, catalogues, a videoteque is created about the town history, "summary" products on various issues are created. Training programme on shooting and editing techniques; planning and taking videos for interviewing old town inhabitants.

These are two different, yet connected projects: the first envisages the establishment of the "Ecomuseo del Lagorai" (Lagorai Ecomuseum), together with three other nearby towns, with the objective to recover and enhance the identity of local population; the project was started three years ago with the establishment of the "Associazione verso l'ecomuseo" (Association towards Ecomuseum). The second, in collaboration with WWF Italy, has the following objectives: experiment sustainable projects for the enhancement of the region; participation of the population; environmental training; promotion of alpine pastures activities; definition of itineraries and paths; creation of information material.

Objectives

The objective of the project is to implement sectors "Population and culture" of the "Alpine Convention", "in order to respect, preserve and promote the cultural and social independence of the indigenous population" (art. 2 of the Convention). The intent is to recover the historic memory of the recent past (specifically the 1960s and 1970s with respect to films) and less recent past (the years in the aftermath of WW2 and the 1950s by means of interviews with old inhabitants) by means of the creation of a databank (images, photographs, interviews) which can describe the life of a rural community in the last century. Besides creating a "databank" available to the population, there will be created one or more specific "summary products" (documentaries) by editing rough materials in the hands of the citizens. A training programme will make it possible for some people interested in learning shooting and editing techniques to continue the work even after the end of the project.

Activities

1. setting up a working group;
2. participation of the population and associations in finding and making available super8 films from past decades;
3. copying the films on hardware (DVD); visualizing and cataloguing materials;
4. training on shooting and editing techniques and on the making of video interviews;

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5. preparation (at the library or at another facility) of an "image bank";
6. planning a series of video interviews with old town inhabitants,
7. producing the video interviews;
8. analysis of films and preparation of one or more "scripts" to make theme documentaries;
9. making the final products

Participants

The other three towns which are part of the "Ecomuseum" and in particular the Association towards the Lagorai Ecomuseum, that will practically follow the project; volunteers' associations in Telve and other countries; there will be a collaboration of the Museo storico di Trento (Trento History Museum) that will provide technical support. The collaboration of citizens is paramount in providing the material they already have.

Term

Jan. 2007 - June 2009

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Considering an innovative approach to the development of tourism in order to achieve eco-friendly mobility

Project sponsor: Villard-de-Lans/ Corrençon - en - Vercors

Member region: Communes du Vercors

The DYNALP² project corresponds to the “co-ordination – management – communication” aspect of the general project on gentle mobility, specifically the development of a gentle mobility network (focal points – green routes, etc.) at the site of the two villages (Corrençon-en-Vercors and Villard-de-Lans) and the strategic sectors of tourist activities. The logistics involved in the hire (or purchase) of electric vehicles will be handled by the municipalities. A gentle mobility or multi-pass card is to be trialed. Signposts dedicated specifically to gentle mobility are to be set up throughout the territory of the two municipalities. The municipalities themselves will take charge of operating the network in co-operation with private sector partners, the objective being that this innovative alternative offer will strengthen the appeal of our villages. Finally a continuous communication campaign will be launched among local residents, tourists, regional authorities and the local, regional and national media.

Objectives

To initiate specific and substantial measures in keeping with the spirit of the Alpine Convention; to encourage local residents and tourists to take part in gentle mobility and help preserve the environment; to improve traffic flows and reducing greenhouse gas emissions by developing the gentle mobility offer on a broad scale; to encourage private individuals to follow the example of the community by modifying their habits and the means of transport; to take part in developing tourism at the two village resorts by an adopting a welcoming, high-quality and sustainable approach; to use the networks to promote the exchange of experience with other municipalities in the Alps and thus facilitate the implementation of each individual project at the local level.

Activities

To operate the gentle mobility network in – and between – the two villages; to identify the sites and the routes with signposts dedicated specifically to gentle mobility; and to identify the electric vehicles with stickers relating to both villages. To raise awareness of the philosophy behind the project, the approach adopted by the municipalities involved, and the membership of the Alliance in the Alps network. To communicate the idea with information panels located at the site of the gentle mobility scheme and with brochures made available to the general public and distributed to local residents. To organise events with companies involved in gentle mobility and renewable energies. To install solar-powered street lighting at the two sites of gentle mobility to demonstrate to the public how the technology has evolved in this sector. To inform the media

through a press conference and relay the information on local radio stations and TV stations.

Participants

The two municipalities of Villard-de-Lans and Corrençon-en-Vercors, the Regional National Park of Vercors, the Alliance in the Alps network, local residents and tourists, Alpine Pearls (Villard-de-Lans). Public authorities for investments: French Agency for the Environment and Energy Management (ADEME), the Rhône-Alpes Region, the Isère Regional Council.

Term

2007/2008: Awareness-raising and communication campaign – Rental of electric vehicles to local residents and tourists, and assistance to private individuals interested in purchasing such vehicles – Implementation of an on-request shuttle service/taxi – Pedestrianisation and development of the gentle mobility focal points. 2008/2009: Awareness-raising and communication campaign – Development of the gentle mobility offer to encourage the acquisition of private vehicles.

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Alchemilla Herb Project - development of a marketing platform for regional herbal products and a themed herbal trail and exhibition

Project sponsor: Biosphärenpark Großes Walsertal

Member region: Biosphärenpark Großes Walsertal

Alchemilla is the name chosen by the women from six communities who are working to develop herbal products from the Grosses Walsertal Biosphere Reserve (e.g. soap, herb cushions, ointments, etc.), which were initially launched in September 2006. In the framework of the project, a marketing platform is to be developed for these products, including publication of a joint brochure. A themed herbal trail and a herb exhibition plus brochure are planned for full presentation of the subject.

Grosses Walsertal is located in the middle of Vorarlberg. With an area of 192 km² and 3500 inhabitants it is very sparsely populated. There is hardly any industry, but the valley offers an intact cultural landscape, meadows with a great variety of wild flowers and an almost untouched natural landscape. In 1998 the six communities in the valley applied as a region to UNESCO for certification as a Biosphere Reserve, which they received in November 2000. Numerous projects have since been implemented in the fields of agriculture, the trades, tourism and environmental education in keeping with the commitment deriving from the UNESCO award to be a model region for sustainability in life and business.

Objectives

The objective is to create independent fields of action for women in the region and to strengthen the programme created by regional women on their own initiative. The project draws attention to the subject of herbs and ensures that the women's knowledge and experience are communicated and preserved. Quality herbal products are being promoted and marketed jointly. A themed herbal trail and a herb exhibition are also planned as a comprehensive source of information on herbal products and their effects and on herbs and their typical locations in the cultural landscape. That will also offer a striking demonstration of the importance of sustainable management for the preservation of herbs. Marketing regional herbal products is a source of regional value added and independent income for the women - and that in a region in which employment opportunities for women are very limited. There are plans to co-operate with businesses in the valley and beyond.

Activities

With the help of excursions and a course on the subject of herbs, the nine women in the herb marketing group have so far developed their own herbal products, which were launched at the local autumn market. Workshops have been held to develop a joint marketing concept with a brochure. A market analysis is being performed to evaluate market potential and

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suitable prices for these products. In addition, a themed herbal trail and a herb exhibition are to be designed and established with the help of experts. A proposal for the site of the themed trail has already been made, and other proposals are being considered. The project is being accompanied by various events to provide information and draw attention to the subject of herbs and related knowledge and experience. Co-operation with the business community is also planned, and initial talks have been held and the first agreements signed with tourism businesses in the valley. Contacts are also to be sought for co-operation with outside businesses.

Participants

Women from the Grosses Walsertal Biosphere Reserve, the management of the Grosses Walsertal Biosphere Reserve, local authorities, Grosses Walsertal Tourism Association, tourism businesses.

Term

9/2006 - 6/2009

Information

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Feeling for Nature - with hearts and heads

Project sponsor: Gemeinde Grabs

Member region: Werdenberg



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- Creation of a joint competence platform and co-ordination of measures and programmes
- Publicising and anchoring environmental education programmes in the region and arousing the interest of young people
- Grooming opinion leaders and key actors in the schools
- Full utilisation of the existing infrastructure
- Ability of the programmes to finance themselves in the medium term

Activities

- Development of environmental education and information offerings for specific target groups
- Development of a continuous education programme for teachers, Development of an environmental protection site, i.e. active environmental protection project for schools
- Compilation of an annual education calendar / flyer
- Organizing suitable teaching aids
- Strengthening and bundling regional forces by organising and co-ordinating activities, talks, information events and excursions. The nature protection associations in the region are suffering from shrinking memberships. That means they can organise fewer activities and provide less information for the general public. The nature park platform will help promote contacts between these associations, harmonise their activities and organise joint events.
- I- free information events and training courses will be provided for all teachers in the region
- Compilation of existing environmental education programmes and assessment of their potential for co-ordination and networking
- Development of harmonised communication and public relations work
- Development of a harmonised marketing approach and a corresponding strategy
- Creation and maintenance of a web site
- Continuous education for nature and culture guides, and development of an area-wide network

Participants

Werdenberg School of Forestry and the Environment

Term

2006 - 2009

Information

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Active environmental education is the key to a responsible attitude in our dealings with nature, culture and the landscape. What is required is a comprehensive offering for the various target groups combining experience, information and emotion.

In collaboration with the Werdenberg School of Forestry and the Environment and the Werdenberg Nature Park, the community of Grabs has developed a corresponding educational and information offering and a competence platform in the field. On the basis of the two Regio Plus projects "Werdenberg Personality" and "Toggenburg on the Move", the two regions want to establish a nature park with a total area of 500 km². The aim is to make use of the nature park to maintain and preserve these assets and make them available for use by the local people and the tourist trade. This can take the form of "Klangwelt Toggenburg" for the promotion of local culture and typical music, the development and marketing of new regional products in agriculture, forestry and the timber industry or integrated amenities for recreation in the natural environment as in the case of the Natural Hazard Trail, the Gorge Trail or the Sound Trail. The actors in the planned nature park will be able to build on these experiences, develop them further and network them, with new initiatives and projects also to be developed and implemented, e.g. in the field of renewable energy or environmental protection.

In this context the park will serve as a platform for communication, co-ordination and co-operation. In the framework of the discussion and working process in numerous working groups, the local people are playing an active part in addressing the needs of their region, helping to find solutions and thus strengthening their sense of identity and awareness for sustainable development in the region.

Objectives

- Awareness building and promoting understanding for nature, culture and the landscape among local people and visitors

Concept for local acceptance for a new approach to mobility

Project sponsor: Werfenweng

Member community: Werfenweng

Objective: Involvement of the local population in an overall concept for gentle mobility in Werfenweng. Key principles: approach based on incentives instead of prohibitions, with bonus schemes like those offered to incoming tourists, for a "gentle" changeover with easier acceptance and better chances of realisation, based on concrete suggestions for implementation on a step-by-step basis. A main focus of this acceptance-based concept lies in the transferability of the envisaged model to other regions with an interest in gentle mobility.

Werfenweng Mobil + was launched in 2004. The intention now is to further develop the overall concept of gentle mobility in several project stages with a varying focus such as traffic planning, tourism development and awareness-building with both locals and tourists. Werfenweng Mobil + is subject to a continuous process of further development and implementation.

Objectives

Acceptance of gentle mobility among residents - and the desire to join in! "Car-free - no cars with internal combustion engines!" That is to be made a clear and achievable goal for the local people as a key component of the overall Werfenweng programme. The project will be presented and explained on the basis of its relevance for the "Slow is beautiful" theme and in connection with activities to promote the use of renewable energies, farm shops for direct marketing, maintenance of walks, etc.

Activities

Participatory development of a feasible acceptance concept with initial visible and palpable implementation measures.

Term

2007/2008

Information

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It is important to learn from other municipalities and regions. Therefore we have created this project folder with all **DYNALP²** Projects in the Alps.

With **DYNALP²** the network of municipalities "Alliance in the Alps" is pursuing the work on sustainable development and implementation of the Alpine Convention initiated by the **DYNALP** Project.

DYNALP² implements the findings from CIPRA's Future in the Alps Project at the community level and promotes exchanges between the municipalities. The results and findings are therefore useful to many people.

The **DYNALP²** Project is scheduled to run for a term of just over three years, from April 2006 to June 2009.

The core and single biggest budget item of **DYNALP²** are projects in communities which make a real contribution towards implementing sustainable development and the Alpine Convention.

DYNALP² projects focus on one or more of the following topic areas:

Regional Value Added, Governance Capacity, Protected Areas, Mobility, New Forms of Decision Making, and Policies and Instruments.

The **network of municipalities "Alliance in the Alps"** is an association of local authorities and regions from seven Alpine states and was founded in 1997. Its members, together with their citizens, strive to develop their alpine living environment in a sustainable way.

"Exchange - Address - Implement" is the main idea behind the Alliance's activities. The basic and guiding principle for sustainable development is the Alpine Convention. Its implementation is to come to life wherever individuals are able to shape their future, i.e. in the community.

For more informations please visit www.alpenallianz.org

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