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Inter-Municipal Cooperation (IMC)

• Monetary aspects
  - Financing
  - Administration effort
  - Acquisition costs
  - Project costs
  - Access to subsidies
  - KO criteria, obligated requirements
Inter-Municipal Cooperation

• Nonmonetary aspects
  - Friendship
  - Joined approach
  - Know-how transfer/transfair
  - Best Practice
  - Cooperation with successful municipalities
  - Lack of woman-/manpower or qualification
  - Real interest in Climate Change (endangered species)
Inter-Municipal Cooperation

- Nonmonetary aspects (other-directed)
  - Presetting (State/Federal State)
  - Obligated requirements application process
  - Prestige/high-profile
  - personell sympathy/animosity
  - party specification
  - herd mentality
  - external perception
  - Climate change
Climate- and energy model regions (KEM) in Austria

KEM Terra Amicitiae
Climate- and energy model regions in Carinthia

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- Municipalities Arnoldstein, St. Jakob im Rosental and Finkenstein am Faaker See
- 250 km², approx. 20,000 residents
- Project amount: € 124,752,00
- Project owner Umwelt und Innovation Arnoldstein GmbH
- Project start: 2012
- Project end: 2016
- To be continued???
Inter-Municipal Cooperation

• What is going well?
  - Access to subsidies of the Climatefonds
  - Collaboration with State/Federal State
  - Know-how transfer
  - Implementation of a joint energy guideline
  - Joint Climate school projects
  - Climate relevant investment projects
  - high external perception
  - Continuation planned?!
Cooperation within municipalities

• Areas with potential?
  - Cooperation is working (just on paper)
  - inequality through proactive Climate Actions
  - Climaterelevant investment projects
  - Access to subsidy pots
  - Climate relevant decision making without KEM
  - Advice resistant
  - Cooperation with LEADER/media
Inter-Municipal Cooperation

- Prioritisation (CC lowest priority)
- Irrational decision making (ignorance/unawareness)
- Internal challenges, bureaucracy, hierarchy
- KEM as petitionier (village chief vs. subjects)
- Unawareness South-North Alliances
- Who is afraid of participation?
- Language barriers (experts vs. people)
- Personal animosities, CC/KEM allergy
Recomendations for climate relevant IMC

- Personal vanities of the village chiefs (mayors)
- Political vs. subject level
- Responsible authority and majorities
- Informal hierarchy
- Clear defined projects, financing, responsibilities
- Project manager? Minder in charge?
- „Legwork“, long breath and patience
- High frustration tolerance
- Take the challenge, it‘s worth the effort
Recomendations for climate relevant IMC
Summary

„Heute aktiv! Morgen autark!“
„Act today! Self-sustained tomorrow!“

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(additional information see next pages!)
Climate- and energy model regions (KEM) in Austria

KEM Terra Amicitiae
Why? What for? For what reason?

- Fulfil the EU climate targets (Kyoto and EU 20-20-20 targets)
- Fulfil the Austrian climate strategy
- Reduction of CO$_2$, increase efficiency and renewable energy
- A lot of climate mitigation activities happen, but inefficient, uncoordinated, hidden from public or held in camera
- To prevent reinventing the wheel again
- Training programme for KEM managers
- Partizipation and public involvement
Climate- and energy model regions (KEM) in Austria

- Start of the KEM programme in 2007
- 99 KEMs (2016)
- Different sizes, focuses, aims
- General focus on energy transition/public awareness
- Strong regional focus
- Separate subsidy pots for the KEM regions
- Requirement of Inter-Municipal Cooperation (at least 2 municipalities)
Climate- and energy model regions (KEM) in Austria

**Basic layout**

- **Design stage**
- **Implementation stage**
- Project duration max. 3 years
- Prolongation option
- Project amount approx. € 160.000,00
- Co-funded (own resources min. 25%)
- Climate- und Energy model region manager
Climate- and energy model regions in Carinthia

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Implementation of targets, goals and measures

• Citizien information / Energy consulting days
• Involvement of the regional Stakeholders
• Solar campaign – PV-Free-Power-Package
• Climate School Projects
• border crossing cooperation with ITA/SLO
• border crossing E-Bike-Rental
• Model Refurbishments municipal buildings (Passiv-house Standard)
KEM Terra Amicitiae

Measures and objectives (short-term till end of 2016):

• Citizien information / Energy consulting days
• Networking and involvement of regional Stakeholders
• Solar campaign – PV-Free-Power-Package
• Climate school year projects (11 schools out of 15)
• Mobility-/Energy group of regulars (1x a month)
• Micro-Public-Transport-study
• Energy accounting and rehabilitation concept for municipal buildings
• Heating checks in all 67 municipal buildings
• Bordercrossing cooperation with ITA/SLO
KEM Terra Amicitiae

Measures and objectives (middle-term 2020):
• Energy efficiency (lower energy consumption by 25%)
• Increase Share of Renewable Energy (2020:>60%, 2024 85%)
• Sustainable mobility (increase PT, E-Carsharing, Micro-PT)
• regional and bordercrossing E-Bike-Rental
• Climate school/kindergarten year projects in all bodies
• Increase solar surface to **1 m²/inhabitant**
• Participation (work WITH the public)
• Inter-Municipal Cooperation
• Bordercrossing cooperation with ITA/SLO