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LEADER implementing mechanisms

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Connecting Rural Europe

LAG Ausserfern

- Günter Salchner, LAG-Manager since 2001
- Non-profit organisation, 50 members
- Holistic approach in regional management
- Population of 32.000, area of 1,237 qkm, pop. density of 26 inh./qkm
- Mountainous terrain, border area to Germany





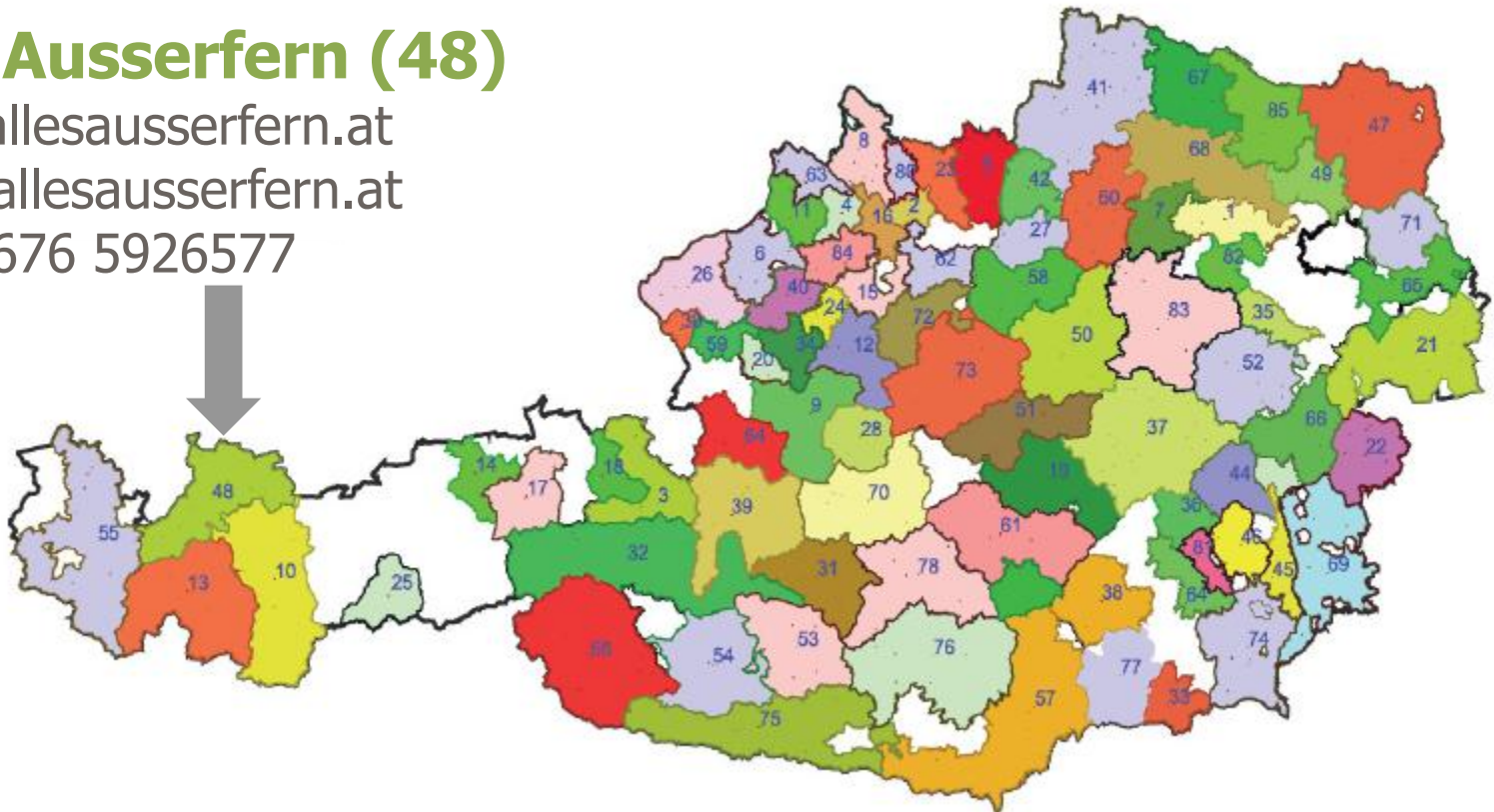
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LEADER in Austria

- Federal political system: national, regional and community level
- National level: managing authority, co-funding authority, EARDF paying agency
- Regional level: coordination and co-financing authorities
- Community level: LEADER territories (micro-regions)



LAG selection in the region Tyrol

- Concentrated rather than horizontal approach
- Bottom-up rather than top-down approach
- Early information of LEADER opportunities
- Pre-selecting “coalitions of the willing”
- Common education and training
- Guidance during the strategic planning process
- Final selection by the national management authority



LEADER implementation – Important Questions

- How to stimulate development?
- How to reach efficient implementation?
- How to follow a broad cross-sector approach?
- How to safeguard quality?
- How can we learn from each other?



How can we stimulate development?

- Local responsibility in the sense of “response ability”
- Shared vision and readiness for change, local leadership
- Local governance structures
- Raise local resources



How can we reach efficiency?

- Take the local strategy what it is: an unfinished plan
- Dedicated and well trained LAG management
- Cooperation and network management
- Advice and support for project development, project management and for doing payment claims



How can we follow a broad cross-sector approach?

- Flexible co-financing mechanism
- One coordinating unit for all relevant EU-programmes
- Inter-departmental communication and coordination
- One-stop-shop approach in regional management





How can we safeguard quality?

- Transparent implementation process
- Well staffed administration
- Well staffed LAG management
- Self-evaluation at LAG level



How can we learn from each other?

- Excursions, workshops and events
- Education and training
- Trans-national projects
- Twinning projects



Lessons learned

- Development is possible.
- Development lies in our own hands.
- Learn from other countries mistakes
- Adapt well functioning processes to national/regional systems
- Join forces for an attractive and lively rural Europe



Thank you very much!

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