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Workshop about people-to-people projects in cross-borders contexts

samosprávny kraj











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Agenda

1. 10:00 – 10:15 Welcome

2. 10:15 – 10:45 History, purpose and structure of Euroregions – example of Euroregion Elbe/Labe

3. 10:45 – 11:30 Character and benefits of people-to-people projects in a cross-border context

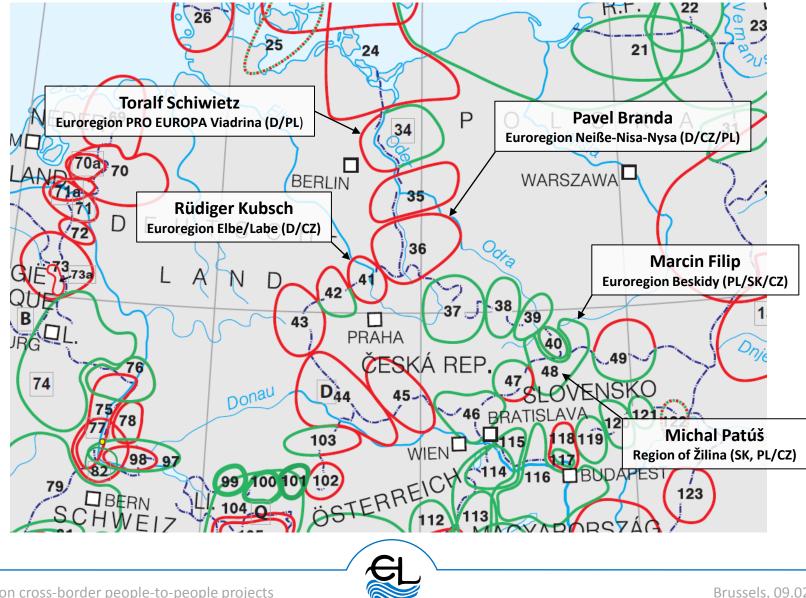
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- 4. 12:00 12:15 Funding of people-to-people projects current example of the Euroregion Elbe/Labe
- 5. 12:15 13:00 Different possibilities of funding people-to-people projects
- 6. 13:00 13:30 Open discussion

lunch buffet with more talks



1. Welcome – and where we come from



Workshop on cross-border people-to-people projects

2.

History, purpose and structure of Euroregions – example of Euroregion Elbe/Labe

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Workshop on cross-border people-to-people projects

Brussels, 09.02.2017



- about 1,3 Mio. inhabitants
 - D: 791.000
 - CZ: 500.000 (265.000 in 70 member municipalities)
- 4.800 km²



Dresden



Saxon Switzerland



- founded in 1992 on initiative from Czech side
- voluntary community of interests, no legal entity
- formed by two legal entities:
 - Kommunalgemeinschaft Euroregion Oberes Elbtal/ Osterzgebirge e.V.
 - registered association (under private law)
 - City of Dresden, County of Sächsische Schweiz-Osterzgebirge, City of Pirna, City of Dippoldiswalde
 - annual budget of about 250.000 Euro
 - Euroregion Labe
 - municipalities association (public body)
 - 70 municipalities between 77 and 90.000 inhabitants
 - annual budget of about 30.000 Euro



General purpose:

"propagation and promotion of international mindedness, tolerance and reconciliation on all areas,

of culture and the idea of international understanding

to preserve and stabilize the foundations of the community in the border areas"

(from statute of KG Euroregion)

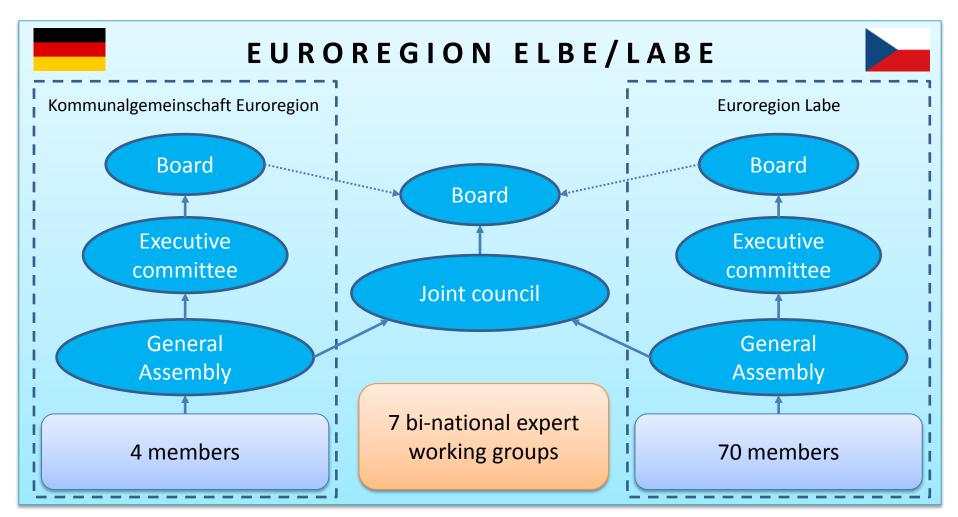


by means of:

- cooperation in **regional planning**
- preservation and improvement of **natural resources**
- increasing the economic capacities and equalizing the standards of living
- upgrading and adapting cross-border infrastructure
- cooperation in the areas of fire brigades, disaster control and emergency response
- improving cross-border **public transport**
- cooperation in the areas of **tourism** and **sport**
- cultural exchange and preservation of common cultural heritage
- improving the populations opportunities to **meet cross-border**
- cooperation in humanitarian and social fields as wells as in education

(from statute of Euroregion Elbe/Labe)





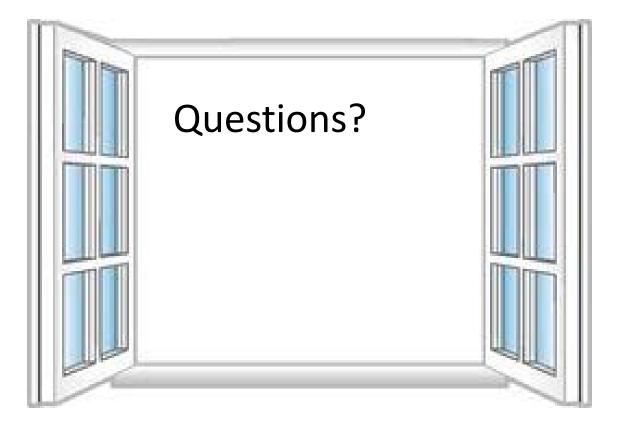


Workshop on cross-border people-to-people projects

What we actually do:

- administration of funding of P2P projects
- promotion of cross-border projects by counseling players from very early stages up to final project settlements
- realizing own cross-border projects of the expert working groups
- providing information and news about the other country
- participation in INTERREG V A program (monitoring committee)
- lobbying for border regions on EU, national and state level
- provide cross-border expert input in many fields for different stakeholders
- promotion of and participation in international exchange of experiences







3.

Character and benefits of people-to-people projects in a cross-border context

Toralf Schiwietz





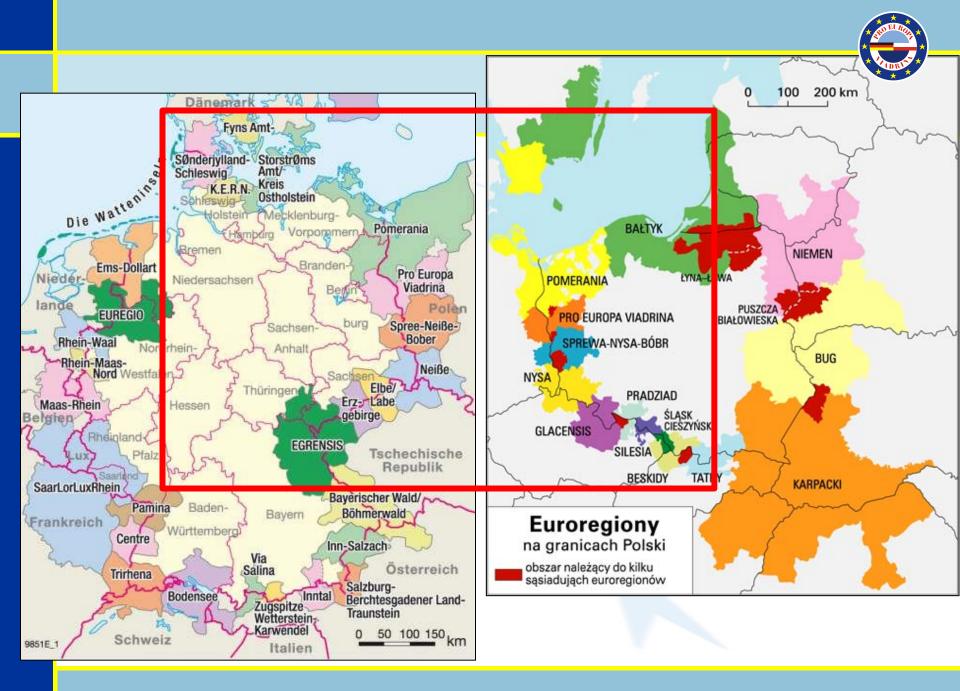
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Characters and benefits of people-to-people projects in a cross-border context



Agenda

- 1. Characters of P2P projects
- 2. Examples of P2P projects implemented during the program period 2007-3013 in the following Euroregions
 - Sønderjylland-Schleswig
 - > Pomerania
 - > PRO EUROPA VIADRINA (PEV)
 - > Spree-Neiße-Bober (SNB)
 - Beskidy
 - > Erzgebirge
- 3. Benefits of P2P projects





1. Character of people-to-people projects

Quantity

- Number of participants (all social groups and ages)
- Number of different fields/subjects (e.g. culture, sports, youth, tourism etc.)
- Kind of beneficiaries (selfgovernments, NGO`s)
- Flexibility of the instrument
- Wide territorial reach





2. Examples of P2P projects (2007-3013)



ODKRYJ Z PRZYJACIÓŁMI SWOJE MIEJSCE ZAMIESZKANIA

Gubin Centrum (2/2013)

Wyspa teatralna,
Pomnik Corony Schroter
Ryba,
Swiatowid,
kamień,
Ratusz,
Baszta

Ziedzictwo kulturow

24 children discover their housing area

in Guben and Gubin

and create flyers about interesting places

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• Partners:

Stadt Guben

- Dom kultury Gubin
- EFRD-Co-financing: 3.286 EUR
- 2013-2014



Właśnie dłatego, że żyjemy, umieramy. Tylko nieraz za wcześnie. – Jak chciałbyś żyć, aby twoje życie było dobre i sensowne?

Już około 1800 roku na tym małym cmentarzy odbywały się pochówki zmarłych.

 - Jak zachowujesz się na cmentarzu?
 - Jak duży jest ten "wysoki krzyż" i dlaczego stoj on na tym cmentarzu zachodnim ?
 - Jaką formę mają płyty nagrobne i nagrobki poległych?
 - Odkryj ten czarny nagrobek



Dziedzictwo kulturowe, które łączy!



Park miejski

Gubeński park miejski powstał w 1972 roku z wykopanym nad rzeczką Schwarzer Fließ stawem Iilii wodnych. Pomagało przy tym

Figury zostały wykonane przez międzynarodowych rzeźbiarzy i zostały przez nich przekazane miastu Guben w 1985 roku.

Odkryj z przyjaciółmi twoją dzielnicę mieszkaniową! ---

- Ile rzeżb kamiennych znajdziesz?

- Wymyśl nazwy dla tych rzeźb!

ponad 2500 mieszkańców. – Ile dzieci ma ta para łabędzi?



Sprucke było już zasiedlone w epoce brązu (1700 p.n.e do 600 p.n.e.). – Co oznacza nazwa "Sprucke"?

W średniowieczu Sprucke było w posiadaniu państwa Frank, później Jacoba Flemminga. Do XVIX wieku gmina wiejska liczyła około 80 mieszkańców z dworem, owczarnią, młynem oraz ogrodnictwem.

- Jakie znasz rodzaje młynów?
 Jak wita wędrujący młynarczyk mistrza młynarczą?
 Jak możesz zmielić żyto -
- nie używając do tego młynu?



---- Gubeńska dzielnica Obersprucke (1/2013)



- Seminars for adults and youths.
- > Short film interviews.
- Poles and Germans who were relocated after World War II talk about their experiences.



- Partners:
- Stowarzyszenie Szeroki Kąt Widzenia (NGO), Gorzów Wlkp.,
- Schloss Trebnitz (NGO), Müncheberg
- EFRD-Co-financing: 11.908 EUR
- 2014





- 5 meetings and 1 workshop
- young Poles, Roma and Slovakians
- culture, history and tourism in the Beskidy region



- Partners:
- Stowarzyszenie Romów w Polsce (Roma-Association in Poland)
- EFRD –Co-financing: 24.723 EUR
- 2010





- Intercultural trainings at 5 Universities in the region
- After the training students visit schools and share their competences



- Partners: Partners:
- Stiftung Europa Universität Viadrina
- Förderverein Schloß Trebnitz
- Collegium Polonicum, Słubice
- EFRD-Co-financing: 38.320 EUR
- 2010



- Theater project
- Children from 4 classes sing and act together
- Languages of the play: German and Danish



NDERJYLLAND - SCHLES



- Bürgerschule Husum
- Tønder Grundskole
- 2013



- Partners:
- Ochotnicze Wodne Pogotowie Ratunkowe Woj. Zachodniopomorskiego (Freiwilliger Wasserrettungsdienst der Wojewodschaft Zachodniopomorskie)
- Deutsches Rotes Kreuz Anklam
- EFRD-Co-financing: 20.067 EUR





- Common trainings for lifeguards
- Baltic See
- > 80 participants



- Planning and building of cycle infrastructure (road signposts)
- cycle paths/tracks Bielska –Biała (Poland) -Martin (Slovakia) (140 KM).



- Partners:
- Beskidzkie Towarzystwo Cyklistów
- Turcanska Bicyklova Skupina JUS
- EFRD Co-financing: 37.514 EUR





- Six 2-weeks seminars
- German and Polish lessons
- Workshops: specific legislation and regulations
- Common trainings



- Partners: Police Headquarters in
 - Frankfurt (Oder)
 - Gorzów Wlkp.
 - Szczecin
- EFRD Co-financing: 51.000 EUR
- 2010-2011

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- Partners:
- Kreisfeuerwehrverein Mecklenburgische Seenplatte e.V.
- Ochotnicza Straż Pożarna Stanomino
- EFRD-Co-financing: 2.045 EUR
- 2014



EUROREGION





- Common firefighter trainings
- Structure of firefighter brigades
- Firefighting: Biogas und Photovoltaic Systems



- German and polish children, 12-14 years old
- Creating of routs for cycling, walking, riding, canoeing
- > GPS, internet, mobile
- > 120 participants



- Partners:
- > Naturschutzpark Märkische Schweiz e.V.
- Gimnazjum im. M. Kopernika w Witnicy
- EFRD Co-financing: 51.000 EUR
- 2010-2011





- New and wider offer in the museum in Eberswalde
- Possibilities to organize school classes at the museum
- Created by students
- Courses: history, sustainability, future



- Stadt Eberswalde Kulturamt
- Uniwersytet Szczecin
- EFRD-Co-financing: 15.897 EUR







- Analysis of consequences of the demographic changes in the Euroregion SNB
- Analysis of possibilities to react to the new situation in a cross-border region

- EUROREGION SPREE-NEISSE-BOBER SPREWA-NYSA-BÓBR
- Partners:
- Euroregion Spree-Neiße-Bober e.V.
- Partner: Euroregion Sprewa-Nysa-Bóbr
- EFRD-Co-financing: 14.875 EUR
- 2014-2015







- Partners:
- Fundacja Ludzie Innowacje Design
- Základná škola Žilina
- EFRD-Co-financing: 48.025 EUR
- 2013-2014

- Pro ecological education programme
- Attractive and modern multimedia technics
- Using of renewable energy







- Partners:
- Stadt Frankfurt (Oder)
- > Gmina i Miasto Słubice
- EFRD-Co-financing: 10.080 EUR
- 2012

- Support for establishing a cross-border bus route Frankfurt (Oder) - Słubice
- Intercultural trainings for bus drivers
- German-polish timetable



- 8 children from Germany and 8 children from Czechia
- Rehearsing the play "Pippi Longstocking" by Astrid Lindgren
- Play in both languages
- Shown several times in Germany and Czechia





- Partners:
- Stadt Frauenstein
- Kinder- und Jugendzentrum Osek
- EFRD-Co-financing: 13.382 EUR
- 2012



- Indoor football tournament for 4-8 teams
- Takes place every year since 2004



- Partners:
- Verein f
 ür Freizeit und Breitensport Eisenh
 üttenstadt
- Klub Sportowy LKS "Alfa" Jaramirowice
- EFRD-Co-financing (2016): 2.535 EUR
- 2010-2016 (each year)





Example

Financial report

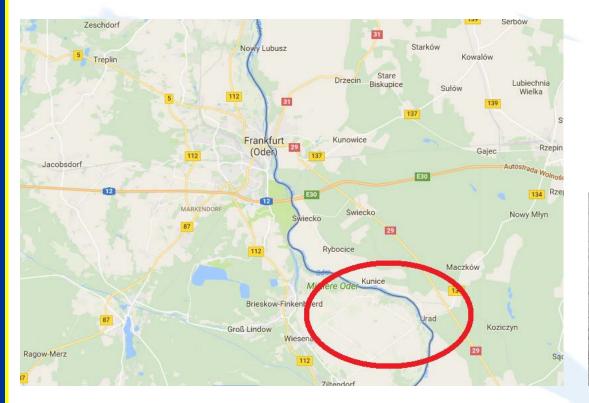
- Beneficiary: Verein für Freizeit und Breitensport Eisenhüttenstadt
- Indoor football tournament
- 2 days
- 200 participants

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Continuity

Creativity

Example: Municipalities Brieskow Finkenheerd and Cybinka



Location



Historical background

Budget



Continuity

Creativity





2007 - first edition of a common summer festival (without co-financing)

2009 - first festival with EU-Funding

- EFRD-Co-financing: 5.851 EUR
- Participants: 120





Continuation of the common summer festival (2010: EFRD-Co-financing: 3.295 EUR)

2010 – german and polish lessons for children at the age of 11-12 in schools in Ziltendorf and Cybinka,

- EFRD-Co-financing: 1.645 EUR
- Participants: 100

2011 - camp for junior volunteer fire brigades

- EFRD-Co-financing: 3.007 EUR
- Participants: 60





Continuation of the common summer festival (2015: EDRF-Co-financing: 7.000 EUR)

2013 – planning and building of cycle infrastructure

- EFRD-Co-financing: 27.225 EUR
- Participants: 100

2013 – feasibility analysis for a ferry between Aurith and Urad

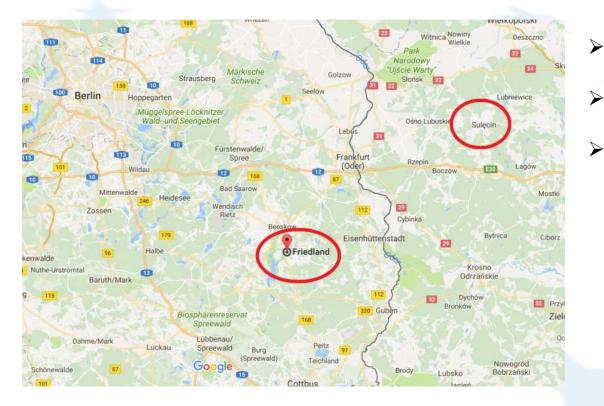
- EFRD-Co-financing: 9.659 EUR
- Participants: 25

Empowerment

Continuity

Creativity

Example: Cities Friedland and Sulęcin



- Location
- Background
- Budget



Empowerment

Continuity

Creativity





2009 – polish partner-municipality takes part in "Friedland Meeting"

- EFRD-Co-financing: 5.100 EUR
- Participants: 250

2010 – a meeting for 9-11 years old children EFRD-Co-financing: 519 EUR

• Participants: 50

Continuation of regular meetings of children, adults and seniors

e.g.: 2011: establishing of a Information- and Documentary Center for Children and Youths

- EDRF-Co-financing: 32.913 EUR
- Participants: 180

2011: Analyses and documentation of the cycle paths/tracks between Friedland and Sulecin

- EDRF-Co-financing: 16.200 EUR
- Participants: 90









Continuation of regular meetings of children, adults and seniors

e.g.: 2015: Workshop "10 years of partnership"

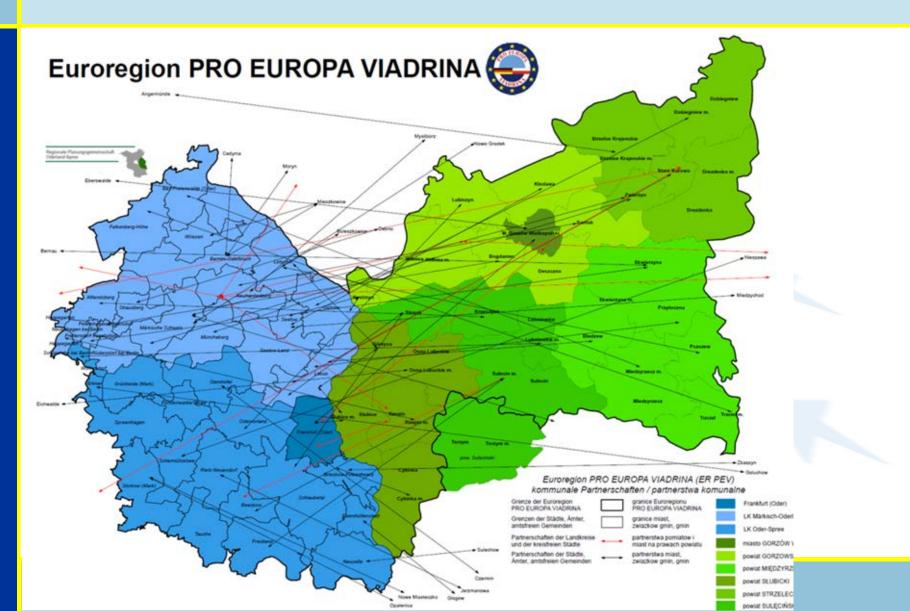
- EDRF-Co-financing: 2.218 EUR
- Participants: 50

2014 – planning and building of a cycle way between Pieskow, Niewisch, Friedland and Sulęcin

• EFRD-Co-financing: 500.000 EUR

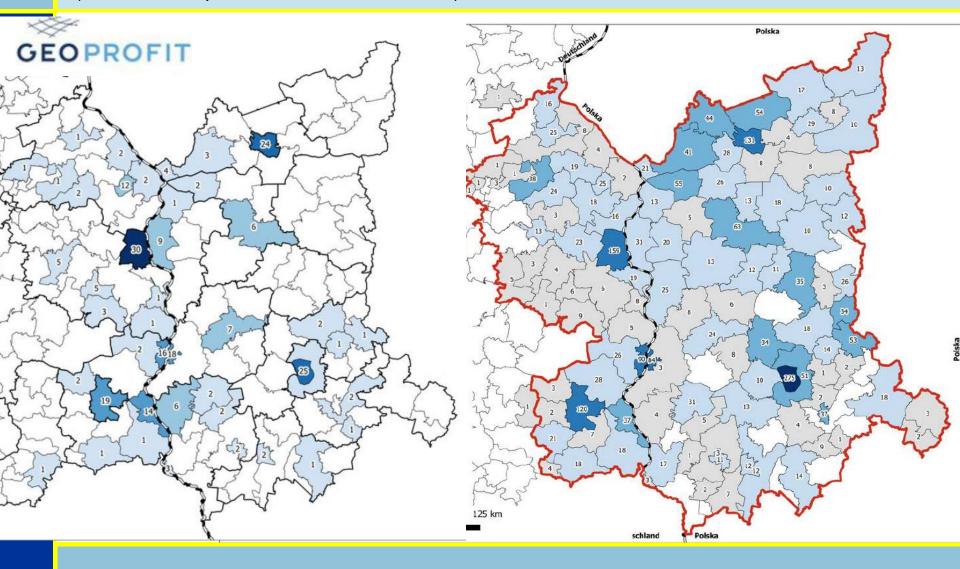


Municipality partnerships





Regular and people-to-people projects (Evaluation report OP PL-BB 2007-2013)

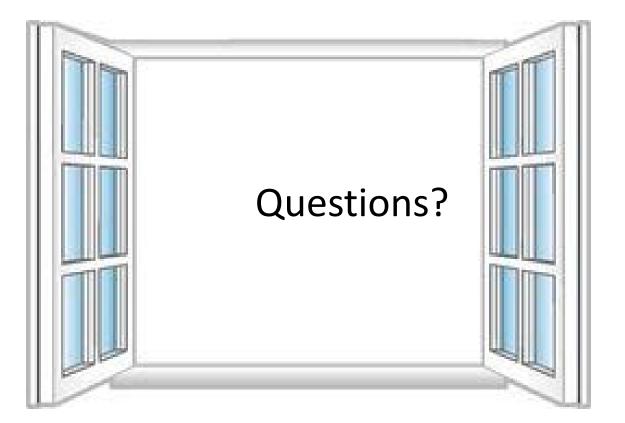




3. Benefits of P2P projects

- Building up partnerships
- Maintaining a reliable and ongoing cross-border cooperation
 - Continuity of municipal partnerships
 - Support for local ideas and NGO's
- Promoting intercultural competences
 - Advertising the principle of tolerance
 - Trust building
 - Overcoming prejudices
- Promoting the European idea
- ✤ Forming the people's own present and future without political dictation
- Developing chances / Implement common visions / solutions to reduce deficits
 - Exchange of experiences (within and between cross-border regions)
 - Efficient development of large-scale projects / investments (INTERREG and others)
- ✤ Adressed to all people / whole program region
- ✤ flexible funding instrument

3. Character and benefits of people-to-people projects in a cross-border context







Coffee break



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Workshop on cross-border people-to-people projects

Brussels, 09.02.2017

- project "Kleinprojektefonds in der Euroregion Elbe/Labe" (small project fund)
- funded by INTERREG V A Saxony-Czech Republic and some national supplements
- under thematic objective 11
- Lead partner: Kommunalgemeinschaft Euroregion (D)
- Project partner: Euroregion Labe (CZ)
- equal projects in all Saxon-Czech Euroregions



- started in October 2015
- runs until 31.12.2022
- P2P projects can run until 30.06.2021
- output indicator: 260 institutions participated in funded projects



	EU funding	National funding	Own share
KG Euroregion (D)	2.005.328,00 €	70.750,00 €	283.131,41 €
	(85%)	(3%)	(12%)
Euroregion Labe (CZ)	1.442.516,50 €	38.184,26 €	216.377,47 €
	(85%)	(2,25%)	(12,75%)
Total	3.447.844,50 €	108.934,26 €	499.508,88 €
	(85%)	(2,7%)	(12,3%)

equal funding in all 4 Saxon-Czech Euroregions

	Administration (max.)	Project funding (min.)	Total
KG Euroregion (D)	712.150,59 € (30%)	1.647.058,82 € (70%)	2.359.209,41 €
Euroregion Labe (CZ)	261.404,35 € (15%)	1.435.673,88 € (85%)	1.697.078,23 €
Total	973.554,94 € (24%)	3.082.732,70 € (76%)	4.056.287,64



Funded activities:

- seminars, conferences, informational events
- meetings, exchange of experiences, cultural and sport events
- exchange activities, esp. for children, teenagers, pupils and students
- educational activities, incl. modules for language skills improvement
- PR for the border region, multilingual publications and information material
- analyses in preparation of large projects in the INTERREG V A program
- development of information and communication systems for the border region



Prerequisites:

- two project partners from the INTERREG V A SN-CZ program region (can be from different Euroregions)
 - D: legal entity of public or private law
 - CZ: public administration, educational institutions, NGOs, chambers, professional and enterprise associations
- common personnel, planning and realization
- no common financing
- max. total costs: 30.000 €
- min. total costs: 3.000 € (D), 1.500 € (CZ)



Eligible costs:

- direct costs
 - services (long detailed list)
 - PR material
 - websites, IT systems
 - costs for participating in events
 - equipment (if necessary)
- personnel: 20% of sum of all costs above
- administration: 15% of personnel costs



Funding:

- 85%, max. 15.000 €
- revenues can be used to cover the own contribution



Application process



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Project realization

P2P project is being realized (LP, PP)

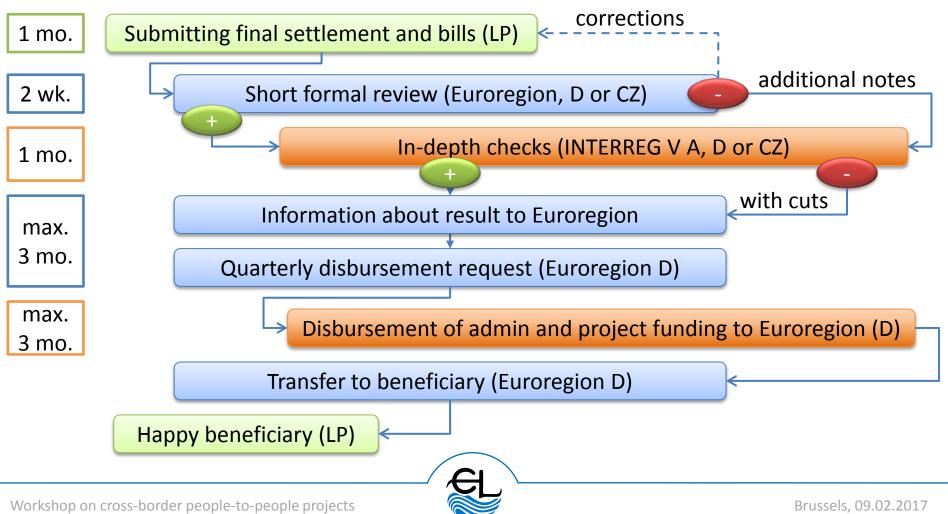


On-site controlling in 10% of all P2P projects (Euroregion)



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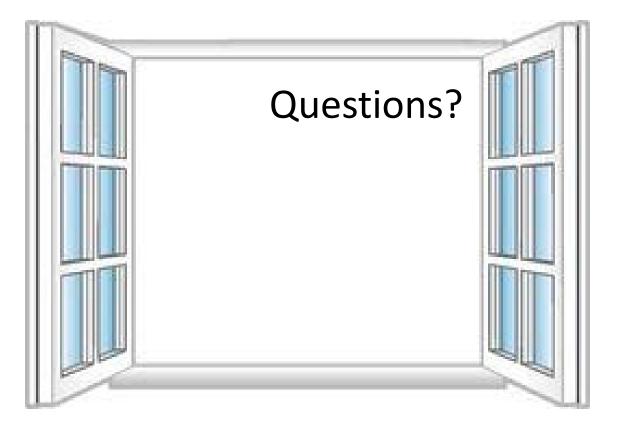
Accounting process



What could be improved?

- 1. pre-financing
- 2. less bureaucracy, faster processes
- 3. common standards of interpreting regulations (reliability)
- 4. monitoring and evaluation







5.

Different possibilities of funding people-to-people projects

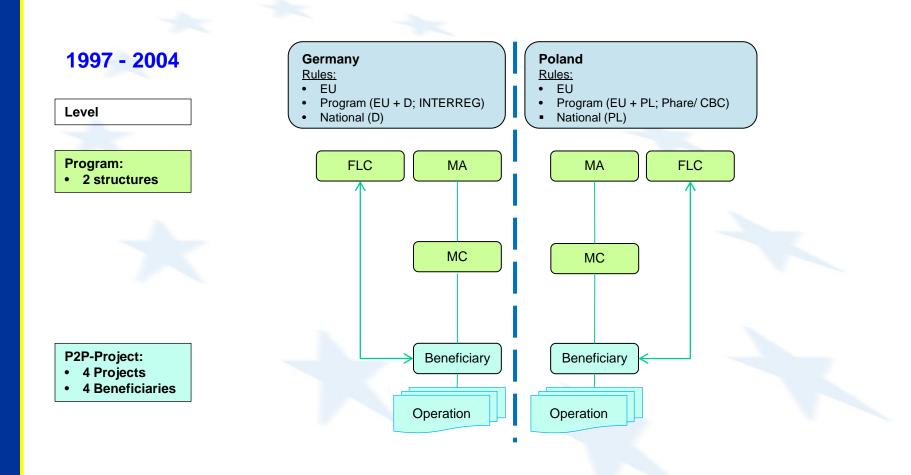
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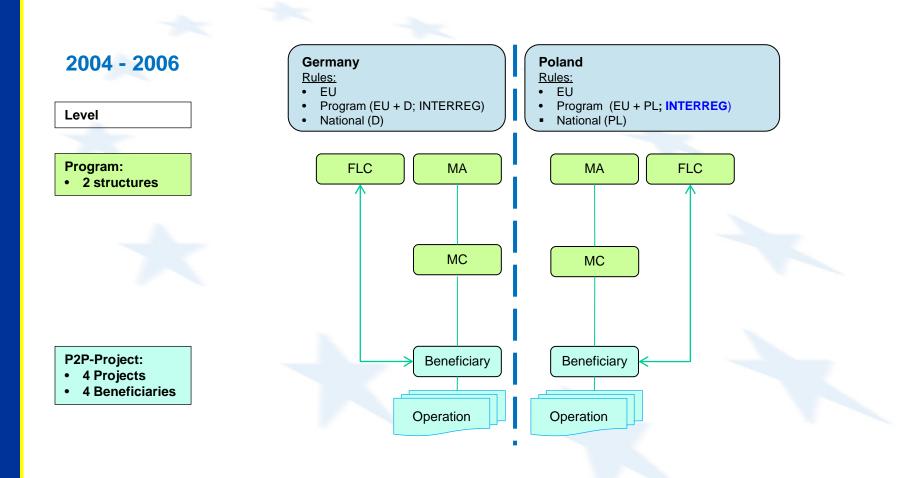


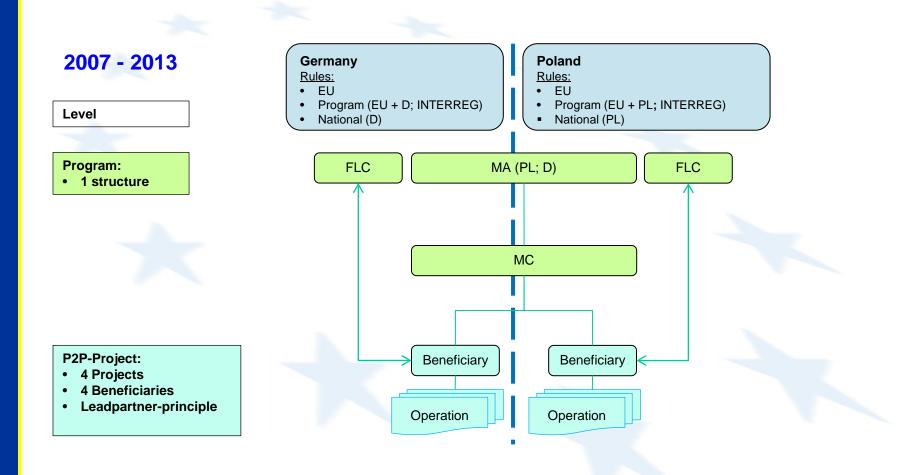


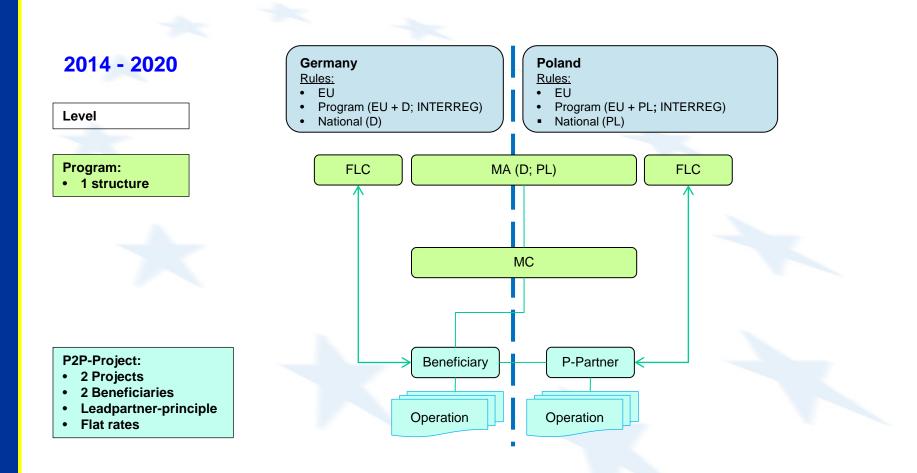
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- 1. Short history of implementation
- 2. Comments to alternative possibilities
- 3. Summary / Conclusions

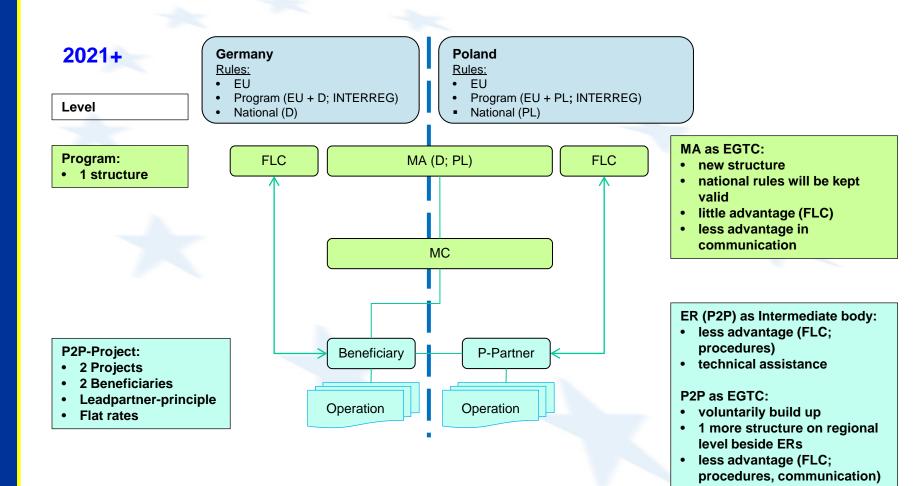




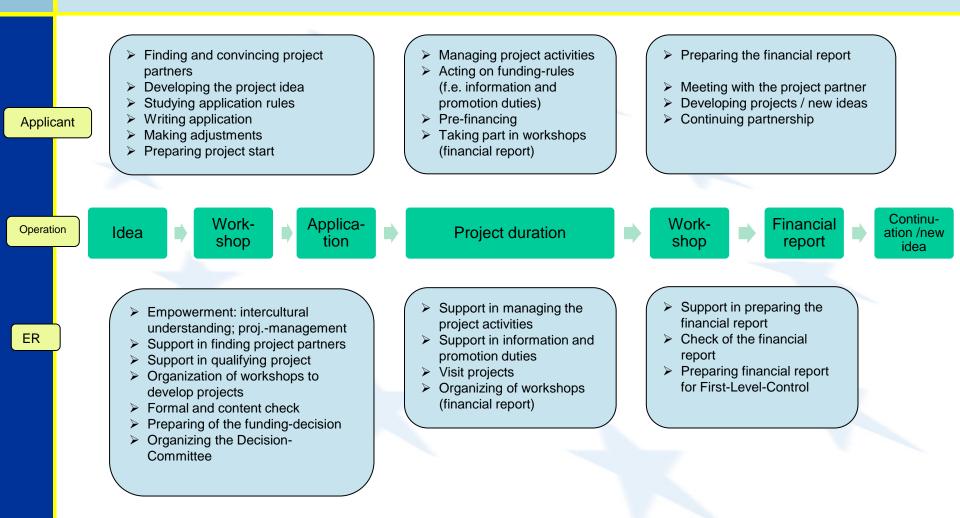




Implementation P2P-Projects – comments to alternative possibilities (f.e.: D / PL; BB – Woj. Lubuskie)



"Life-Cycle" of P2P projects





3. Summary / conclusions

P2P projects

- Empowering people to build up / maintain cross-border cooperation
- Promoting intercultural competences (tolerance; trust; overcoming prejudices)
- Forming the people's own present and future without political dictation
- Develop chances / implementing common visions / solutions to reduce deficits
- Know-how-transfer / exchange of experiences (within / between CB regions)
- Efficient development of large-scale projects (INTERREG and others)
- ✤ Adressed to all people / whole program region / flexible funding instrument
- Promoting the European idea / cohesion policy of EU

Conclusions

- Current structures / procedures are running
- ✤ P2P projects under thematic objective 11 should be possible all over Europe
- ✤ P2P should be open for all thematic fields
- Trust to ER (mediator, manager, coach, ...)
- Bottom up principle: regions should be able to build up suitable structures, procedures, to choose their regional objectives

Thank you very much for your attention!

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