HINTERLAND
potentials for a spatial development under decline

Project activities, results and recommendations

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Hinterland
Where are we moving to?

Project focus:
- decline information and management
- selection/mobilisation key potentials
- Installation of strategic Vorderland links
- regional foresight
- 13 partners (from DK, DE, LT, PL, RU)
Project activities to support development in declining villages

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Dirk Ahner (Director-General DG Regio) on electronic HINTERLAND infopoint with hidden treasure boxes
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### Decline check of potentials

**Farmers Voigt**
- Threat: Potter
- Strength: Yong club (KKL)
- Opportunities: Municipal cooperation
- Threat: Media events
- Strength: Church, Tompottit
- Opportunities: Bohus, Eislauf
- Threat: Topflider

**Veterinar**
- Threat: Veterinary
- Strength: Oester, farm
- Opportunities: Wild game
- Threat: Holm, Rott, Reiterhof (Pferde)
- Strength: Reiterhof (Pferde)

**Choir**
- Threat: Song
- Strength: Singing club (KKL)
- Opportunities: Senior hall (KKL)

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**European Public Sector Award**
- Project priced in 11/07

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Decline check economic potentials

- highest decline instability
- high importance to Vorderlands

70 Hinterland villages in DK, LIT, PL, RU, DE

Decline check economic potentials

- instability under decline
- with relevance for local networking
- with relevance as Hinterland-Vorderland item

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<th>High Relevance</th>
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Demographic Change has reached our villages - can and should we react?

An opinion from anywhere

Demography? This is a matter for higher politics!

If you agree with this opinion - please quit here!

Clever people’s opinion

Demography? That concern us! We should react!

If you agree with this opinion - please click here!

Hinterland Village Vitality Check - please see www.hinterland-info.net

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Result in comparison

The diagram shows the results from preceded investigations in 117 villages. Results are combined in three groups of characters.

Columns in Red show the demographic position of a village. The more age groups and other attributes are balanced, the better the demographic situation and expectation for the future.

Columns in Blue are to represent the economic situation in comparison to other villages. The higher the number of employed people and the number of enterprises and the smaller the number of unemployed, the better the economic situation can be described.

Finally yellow columns reflect the conditions for social life. The more groups and group members are active and the higher the rate of young and active group members, the more stable is the village’s society.

You did the typology some time ago. Look where you can find your village now!

Choose country
Choose village
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• transnational decline knowledge transfer
  (Hinterland village scenarios)
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How may look my village in 20 years?

Scenario 1: trend
Scenario 2: desaster
Scenario 3: villages with future
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<td>Number of non-agro enterprises in village</td>
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<td>Social groups in village</td>
<td>5</td>
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**future development**

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Scenario 1: trend

what happens?
- growing vacancy of houses
- closing of schools and other supplies
- emigration of young and active people
- economic and social problems

... lesser chances, reduced motivation of remaining inhabitants!
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Scenario 2: desaster

what happens?
- permanent settlement dilapidation
- lot of supply gaps
- total deficit on qualified workers – economic burn out
- social segregation

… loss of all chances!
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Scenario 3: villages with future

what happens?
- management of abandoned houses
- flexible supply solutions (e.g. small primary school)
- public-business networking
- social profiling, targeted Vorderland cooperation

… all chances of modern village community!
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“Yes, we have decline …
... but we are aware this situation!
Such as more we like to deal with our strengths”

Dalia Dijokaite,
2nd Hinterland Forum, Siauliai, 09/10/06
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• decline strategy approaches and programs
  trans-national Hinterland concepts
  policy recommendations
Policy recommendations for depopulation areas
(excerpt from project website results WP4)

Depopulation will come to a permanent process in many remote areas!
Inside those areas is a large diversity (e.g. East Germany = Region of Contrasts)!

Policy in general:
Changes at European, national, regional and local policy level are necessary for

- strengthening regional and local civil society and public authorities,
- developing local capacities for change,
- mobilizing local and regional potentials and
- creating / supporting innovation in organisational and institutional processes
Policy recommendations for depopulation areas
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For spatial planning and spatial development:
Ways of solving Hinterland problems are to be integrated into spatial development activities by developing new visions, targets and measures. Main aspects are:

- revise of spatial development plans and programs for reflecting and integrating decline issues (all levels),
- elaborating endogenous development options in combination with Vorderland-Hinterland-linkages and external support,
- initiating regional management activities (including cross-border-development).
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Examples from further policy areas by (1):

- establishing educational networks for guaranteeing support and transparency of local job-markets and elderly adaptation
- using and supporting the high potential of renewable energies (wind, water, solar, biomass, tides, urban waste recycling),
- securing nationwide basic local minimum standards in infrastructures (health care, security, water, energy etc.),
- using potentials of information technologies and services based on telecommunication, including improvement of education regarding technological knowledge
- ensuring regional access to infrastructure and knowledge (network management, mobility management)
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Examples from other policy areas by (2):

- supporting interconnectivity between urban areas and the countryside,
- redefining administrative regulations for facilitating flexible supply solutions
- change in income tax distribution (check of the Japan modell)
- developing cultural landscapes
- support of non-agricultural sources of income: crafts, services, trade
- training of local administrations as key actors in change management processes for remote area innovation profiling (‘remote InnoLand’)
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Many thanks for your interest!

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