

**“But money alone is not enough ...
... creative and active citizens are more valuable!
Developed projects become deeply rooted on spot.”**

Nanna Kold,
3rd Hinterland Forum, Denmark, 27/02/07



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Hinterland – Pilots in teamwork and competition

Awareness

To create awareness of the local situation citizens have to be informed individually. Exploring **Potentials** is required – by discussion with the villagers and by checking what is affected due to decline and where are the strengths.

Vision

Ask them for their dreams and use potentials who are stable under decline. Using local foresights to define where the future development shall go to. Define or adapt your village vision to have realistic targets.

Activity

Village's vision implementation needs a series of activities. Finding short and long-term activities citizens should handle on their own with possibility of external support. Hinterland pilot projects demonstrate the first step to reach village's vision.

In total amount the HINTERLAND-project supports 64 pilot projects in a variety of topics. Successfully lot's of village communities could be activated to work together for promoting Hinterland in Vorderland, strengthen rural identity and mobilise endogenous potentials.

Bottom-up approach in regional coordination

Many of the pilot projects were developed in local-regional exchange of experiences. Additional installed competitions ensured quality of visions and pilot projects.

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Exchange experience to inspire Lithuanian farmers and communities

Sighting innovative methods of farming

In the beginning of August a Lithuanian delegation of 15 farmers and community employees from the Šiauliai Region visited eco-farms and communities in the Havelland-Fläming Region in Germany.

Sharing experience for mutual animation

Shown practice examples demonstrated what eco-farming in Germany means. The variety of visited farms were basic for substantial discussions about possibilities and challenges in eco-farming. Most important discussion issue was the combination of production, processing and selling in local and regional chains.

Getting in touch for further co-operation

Finally, a German asparagus farm owner offered Lithuanian colleagues his individual support. He will visit them at their farms for assessment of their climate and soil conditions due to built up asparagus farms in Šiauliai Region.

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Eco-farming in Havelland-Fläming Region

Biesowo CUP 2007 - Warmia and Mazury in Poland



Biesowo village green



The Biesowo CUP 2007 teams

Biesowo

In August 2007 the little village Biesowo was host of an big sport event of the whole region. 280 participants from 28 different society units experience together the football cup 2007.

Vision

The main goal of this sport event was the popularization of sport activities between Hinterland and Vorderland inhabitants, between neighboring municipalities and counties, between social groups in different age, between sport clubs, workers and owners of enterprises in Region of Warmia and Mazury.

It is important to develop the sport in rural commune and bring people together. Events like this in Biesowo are giving the chance, especially for people from cities, to stop with computer works and computer games and make a sport in nice atmosphere on the fresh, rural air.

Future

Reunion next year will provide the chance of closer co-operation between groups from Hinterland and Vorderland areas.

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Potentials for spatial development under decline

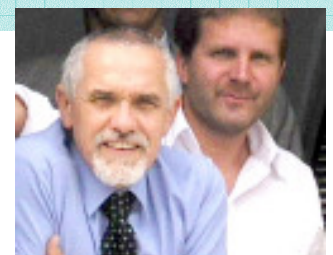
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