

HL-Final report, part WP 3

**Information package about
characters/schedules of decline in HINTERLAND-Vorderland links**

In central Europe there has been a combination between HINTERLAND-Vorderland culture elements since the Roman times. The development of towns in general led to a vital exchange of ideas, people and products between the town and its HINTERLAND with constants movements in both directions. Thus a HINTERLAND hideaway accompanied Roman colonels and civilians, Bishops, Kings, Dukes and Earls and later the barons of industrialization, artists and the modern rulers in today's democracies, only to mention President George W. Bush's Prairie Chapel Ranch somewhere in Texas hinterlands.

Two wars in the first half of the 20th with the lack of food made citizens of the big cities and the metropolitan areas clear enough, where the source of life is located and where the things on their table and plates come from – or didn't. For some generation HINTERLAND still kept to be the place of basic resources of life, reason enough to spend holidays there or to arrange excursion for millions of school children, giving them the experiences of apple trees, potato fields, cattle breeding etc.

Mobilization and globalization made it easy to enlarge the horizons in the end of the 20th century. HINTERLAND was no longer about an hour away from the city by train and car – but by plane, reaching first the Alps, the Mediterranean sea shores and later then HINTERLAND destinations even out of Europe. In the same time locale and regional markets changed their face, no longer offering today food and other rural products from a short range but from all over the world. Last but not least familiar origins 50 years ago led immediately to an existence as farmer one or two generations back and only few families were traditionally of urban origin. In other words: HINTERLAND got lost more and more in urban life.

But it came out clearly, too that not only city people lost their links, but also village people do less consider where their big city is. So an important goal is to built up these relations new, and combining them with demographic transition issues.

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