

Ingredients for a successful Community-Led Local Development Strategy – Experience of a Local Action Group

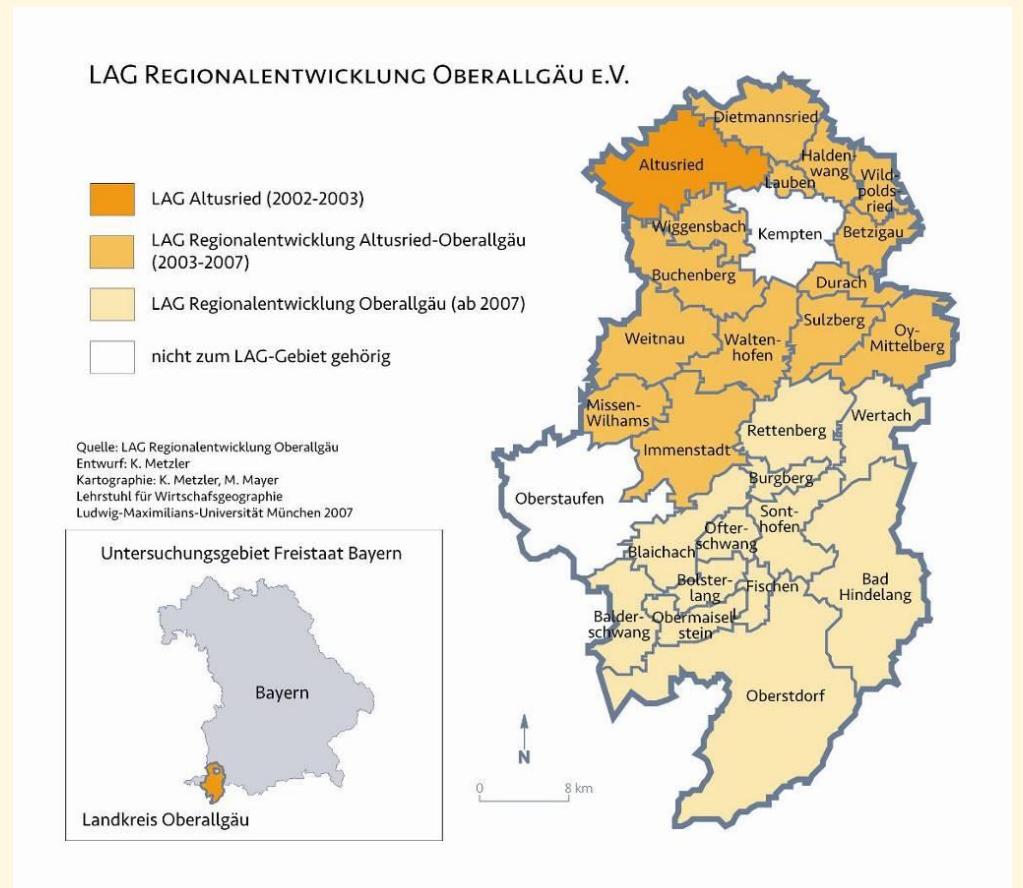
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Our Local Action Group (LAG) - an Outline

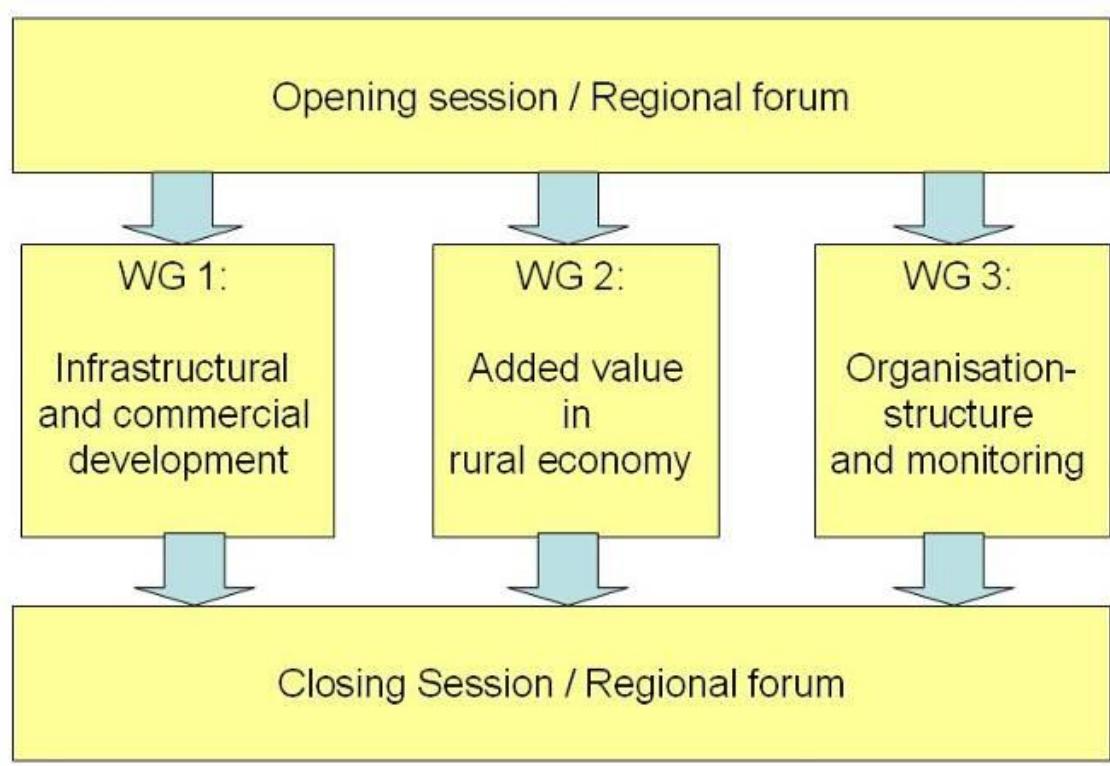
- 27 rural municipalities
- 142.000 inhabitants
- 1.389 km²
- 104 EW / km²
- 2.500 agricultural businesses
- 800.000 touristic arrivals

=> *Three Local Development Strategies in 2002, 2003, 2007*





Preparation of a Local Development Strategy





Implementation of a Local Development Strategy

To implement the strategy means to us...

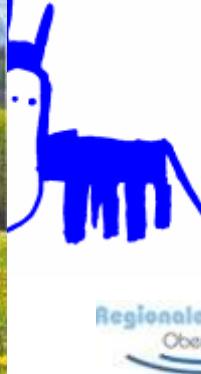
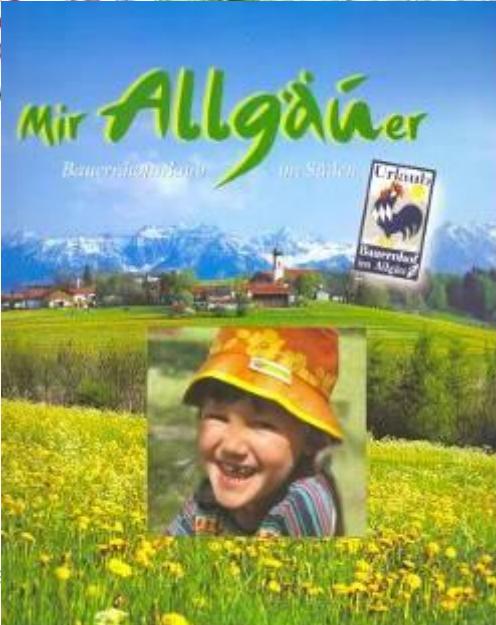
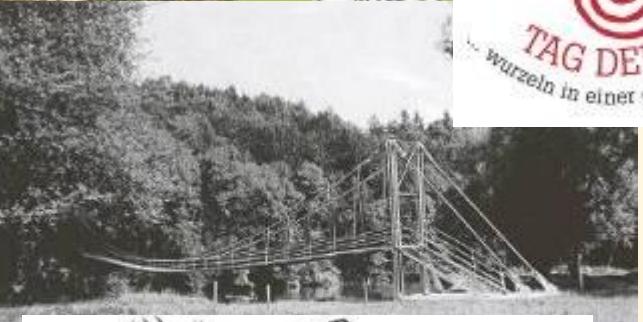
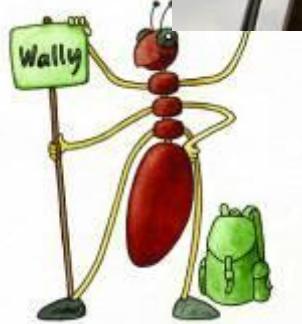
... to reach the objectives set in the Local Development Strategy

1. by means of the realisation of (funded) projects, in different fields of action.

2. by means of further measures in the region that contribute to better networking and cooperation or that help to improve added value for the region.



Allgäuer Kräuterland





„Further measures“ / „animation“

For example:

- Field trips and project visits (incoming and outgoing)
- Moderation and coordination of working groups
- Cooperation with universities
- Presentations abroad
- ...



Entwicklungsprojekte ländlicher Räume

Teil 1

Ziele und Strategien einer aktuellen
Politik für peripherie ländliche Räume
in Bayern

Jörg Mayer (Hrsg.)

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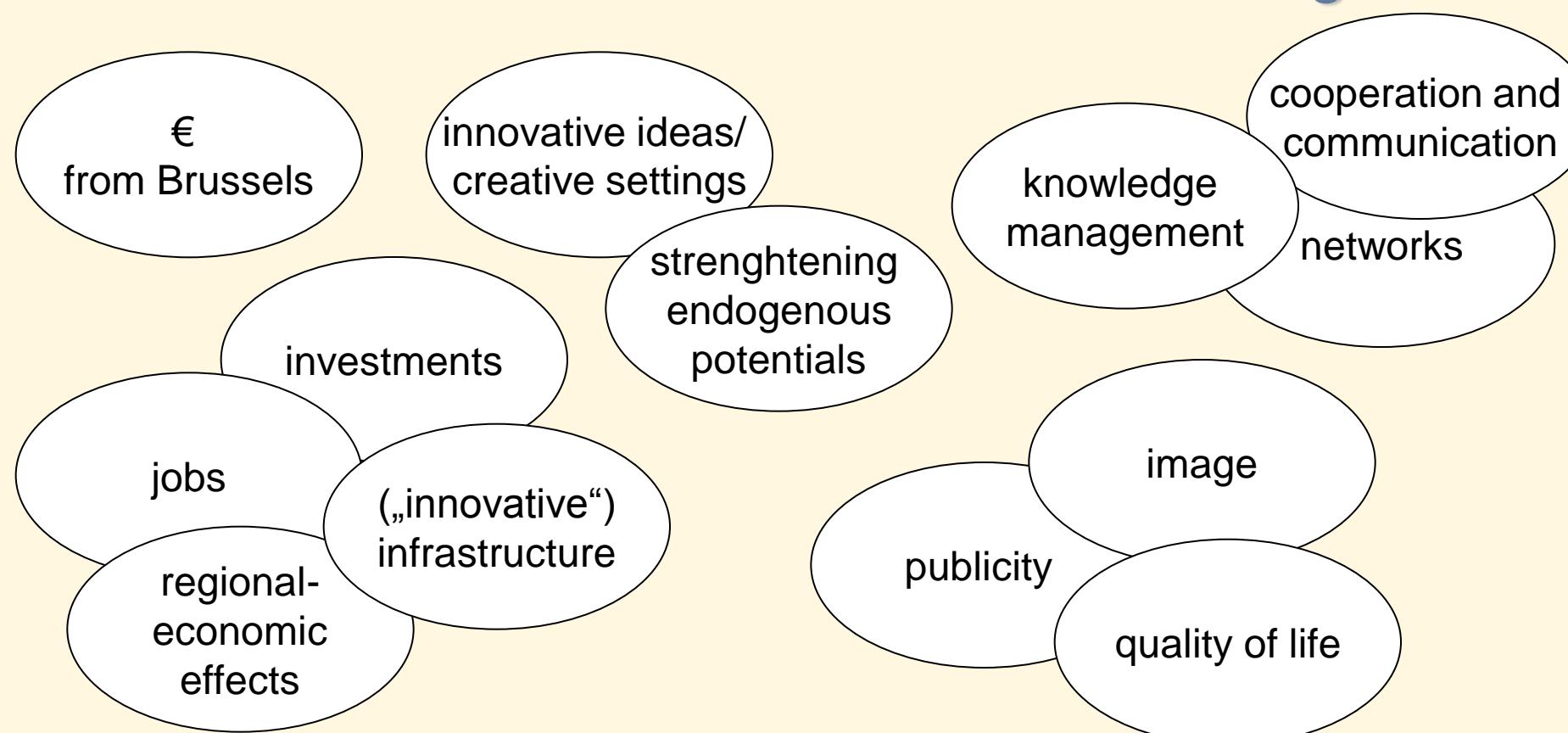


Evaluating – what?

- Projects or processes?
 - › Do we realise enough projects / are the projects successful?
 - › Or: Do the projects contribute to achieving the objectives?
- Performance or processes?
 - › Does the LAG-Management do a good job?
 - › Or: Is the LAG-Management a helpful/useful structure for the region?
- Evaluation of the programme or evaluation of the effects of the programme?
 - › Have all regulations been met and have all payments been done correctly?
 - › Or: Did the programme have positive effects for the region?



Effects of LEADER and the LAG for the Region





Criteria for selecting projects

nr.	criterion
1	<i>conformity with the Regional Development Strategy (REK)</i>
2	<i>degree of innovation of the project's intended output</i>
3	<i>organising institution</i>
4	<i>know-how of the local actors</i>
5	<i>financing of the required own resources</i>
6	<i>comprehensible use for the rural population/ target group</i>
7	<i>value added for regional enterprises</i>
8	<i>environmental effects (incl. effects on the climate)</i>
9	<i>continuing the operation</i>
10	<i>involvement of the citizens resp. relevant groups (network-thinking)</i>
11	<i>conformity with the strategy „brand Allgäu“</i>



Thank you for your attention!

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Development strategy and fields of action

*2 transsectoral
fields of action*

*4 technical
fields of action*

Regional Management

Network Regionalentwicklung Allgäu

value chains in agriculture,
forestry and marketing of
regionale products

services for the public,
settlement development
and quality of life

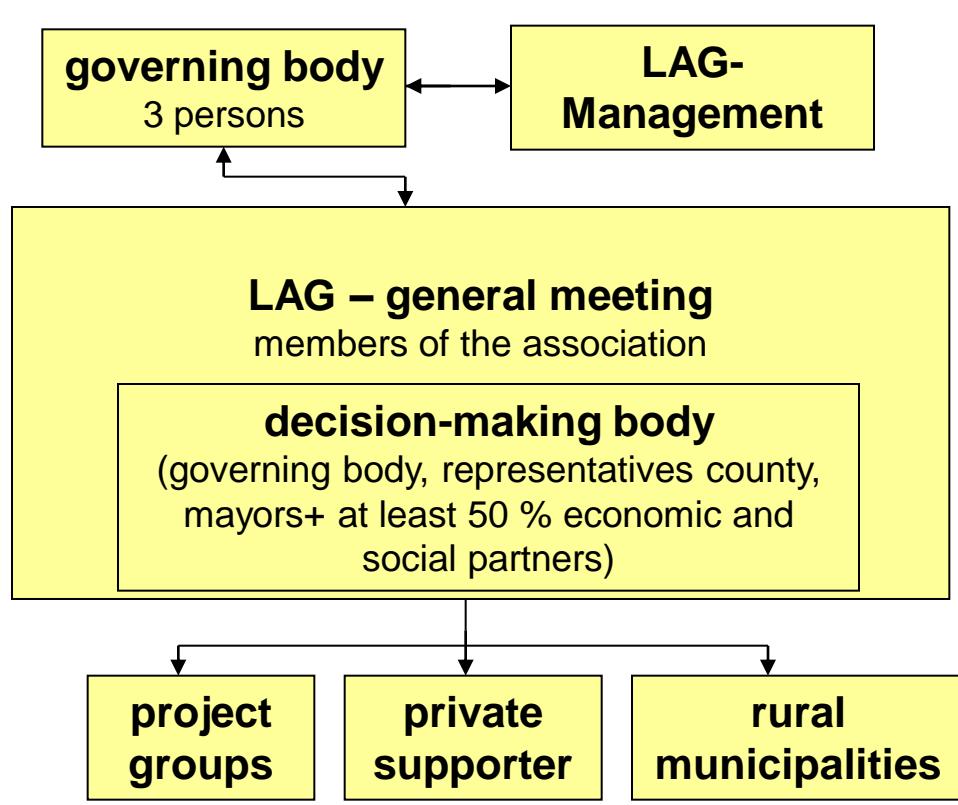
value chains in rural
tourism

valorisation of nature and
culture



LAG Regionalentwicklung Oberallgäu

*co-ordination,
governance,
management*



decision

*development
and
implementation*





in preparation



project in process



X in process or coming with changes

LAG / LEADER - Project

Project of a Partner / other programme

Handlungsfeld A

ser. no.	field of action name of project	cooperati on project	ideas contest
A	value chains in agriculture, forestry and marketing of regional products		
1	brand Allgäu	Allgäu	
2	funding of the value chain „timber“ in the Allgäu	Allgäu	●
3	forest-info-plan		●
4	VitalZunge - regional products in large-scale catering establishments	Allgäu	●
5	milk and cheese as a healthy lunch break		
6	regional products for Viehscheid and events		●
7	think tank for hay and whey – redefine and revalue traditional regional products		XX
8	on horseback in the Allgäu... organizing one's leisure time		●

✓
✓
●
X
XX



LEADER – tangible and intangible effects

Tangible effects

(concrete, quantifiable, often even on a monetary basis)

- direct economic effects
(e.g. entrance fees of visitors)
- indirect economic effects
(e.g. intermediate inputs of craftsmen)
- induced economic effects
(craftsman spends the money he earned before)

Intangible effects

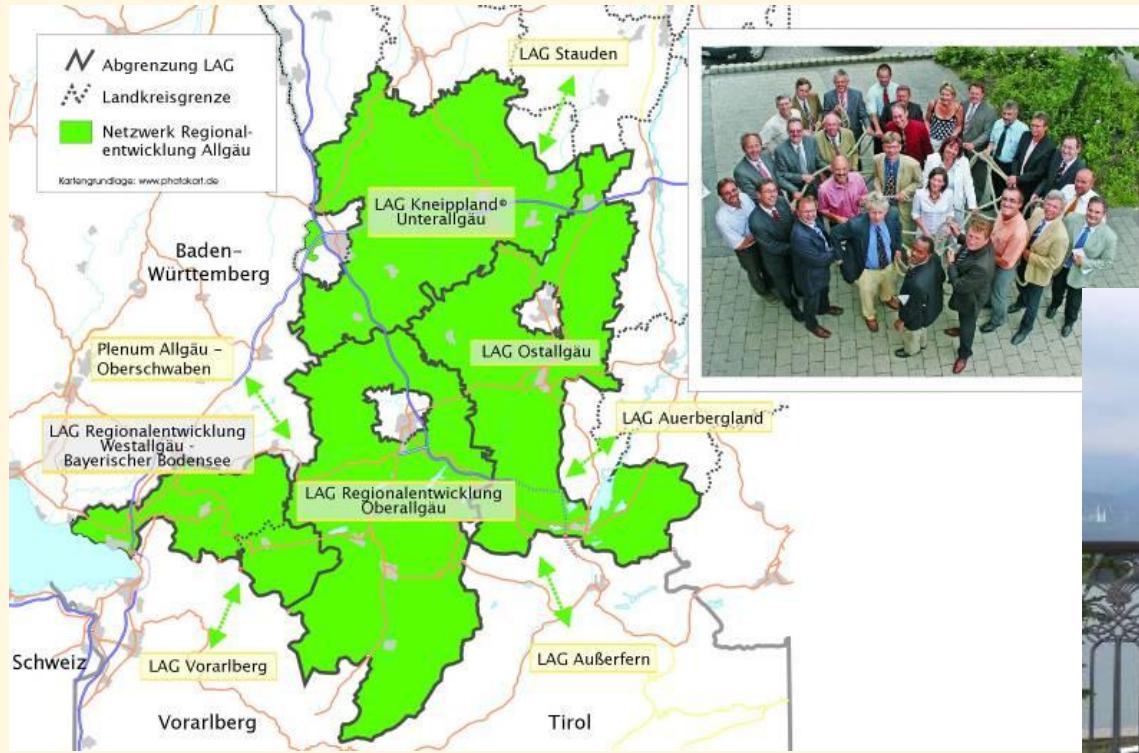
(in most cases description only in a qualitative way possible)

- effects on structure
- effects on infrastructure
- effects on image
- effects on competence
- effects on cooperation

Eigene Darstellung, verändert nach Mayer, Woltering, Job (2008)



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„Oberallgäu global“





St. James Pilgrim Route

Transnational Project, Cooperation project in Bavaria, activities within the region

