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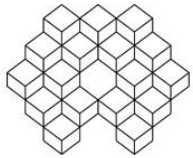


CASE STUDY

Cross-border health co-operation in Austria/Central Europe

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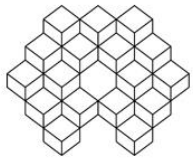
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Presentation aims

Giving insight into cross-border health co-operation in Austria/Central Europe:

- Cross border co-operation
 - Cross border health projects
 - Specifica of the Central European Region
 - Organisations focussing on Central Europe/cross-border topic
 - EU-Structural Fund programmes Austria 2007-2013
 - Programme Austria Czech-Republic 2007-2013
 - Project "healthregio"
 - Project "healthacross"
 - Findings/recommendations for other regions



Cross-border cooperation:

Cross-border programmes with the neighbouring countries



Euregios:

1994: EUREGIO Bayerischer Wald-
Böhmerwald-Sumava / EUREGIO Inn-
Salzach

1995: EUREGIO Salzburg -
Berchtesgadener Land - Traunstein

1997: EUREGIO Via Salina / EUREGIO
Weinviertel/ Südmähren/Westslowakei

1998: EUREGIO Inntal / EUREGIO
West/Nyugat Pannonia / EUREGIO
Zugspitze-Wetterstein-Karwendel

2001: EUREGIO Steiermark/Slowenien

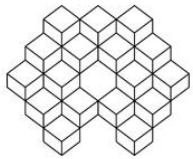
2002: EUREGIO Silva Nortica

Regional cooperation projects:

1972: Internationale Bodenseekonferenz

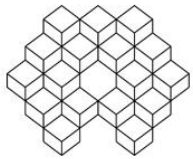
2002: Arge Kärnten/Slowenien

2005: Europaregion Bratislava – Brünn
– Győr – Sopron - Eisenstadt- Wien –
St.Pölten



Some examples – cross border health projects

project actors	project
Austria – Italy - Slovenia	Cross-border education and vocational training for health professionals, etc.
Austria - Italy	Cross-border hospital cooperation South-East Tyrol
Austria - Germany	Europaklinikum Braunau-Simbach

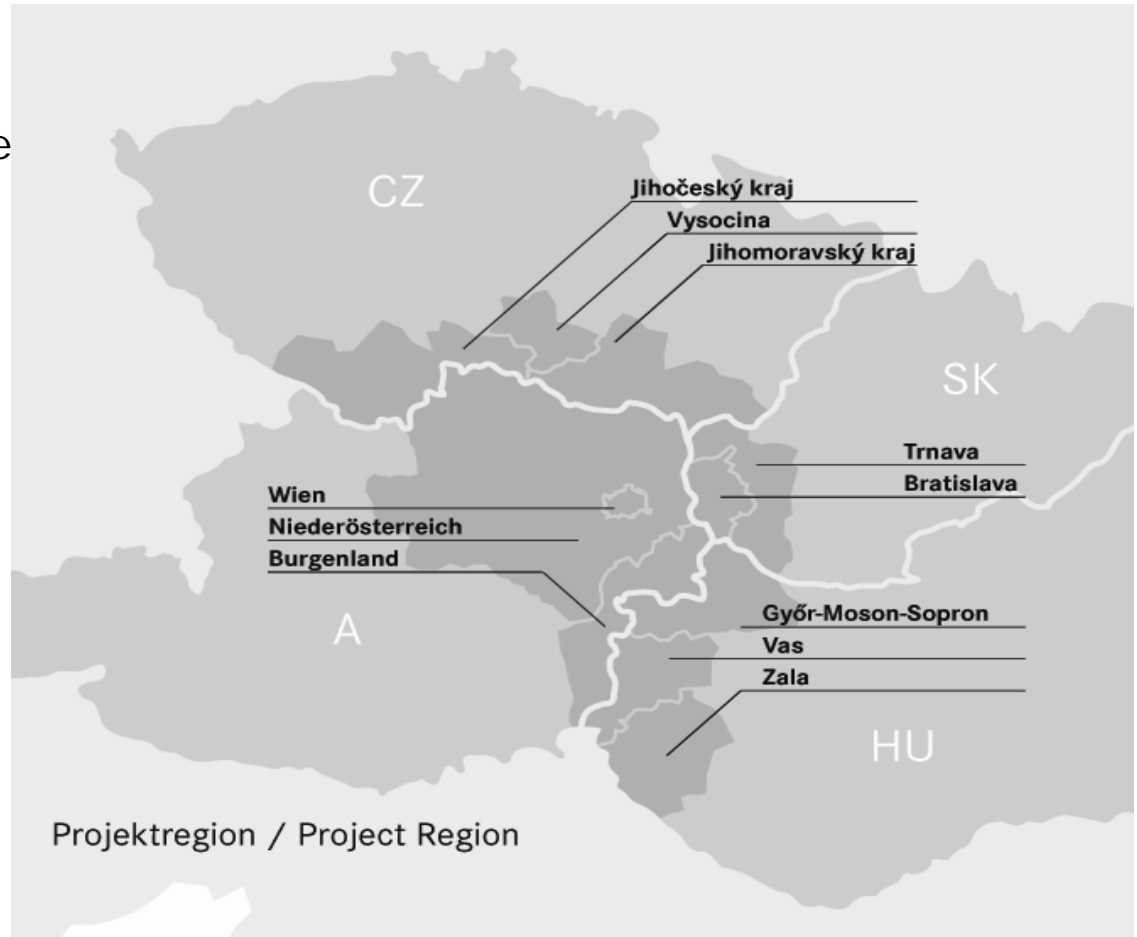


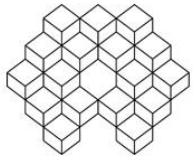
Specifica of the Central European Region:

Common history – iron curtain – recovered Central European space

Austria-Czech Republic:

- Social aspects
- Wage level
- EU Fundamental Freedoms





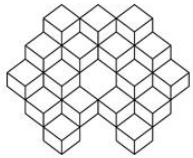
Variety of organisations focussing on Central Europe/cross-border topics

Similar way of acting:

- Provision of support for the use of EU-funds
- Different thematic focuses (health not explicitly mentioned)
- Often political background

Some examples:

- CENTROPE
- RECOM
- Danube
- Europaforum Wien
- Central Danube
- EcoPlus, etc.



EU-Structural Fund programmes Austria 2007-2013

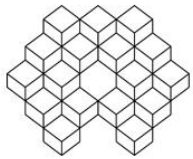
3 new objectives:

- Convergency
- Regional competitiveness and employment
- European Territorial Cooperation

Funding period 2007-2013: 1,46 Billion Euro for Austria

Most relevant changes in comparison with INTERREG III:

- „lead beneficiary“
- 4 criteria: joint development, joint implementation, joint staffing, joint financing)
- joint bilingual project application in electronical version
- Increase upper limit of EFRE-Cofinancing: maximum of 85%



Organisational structure

Support/tools

Available

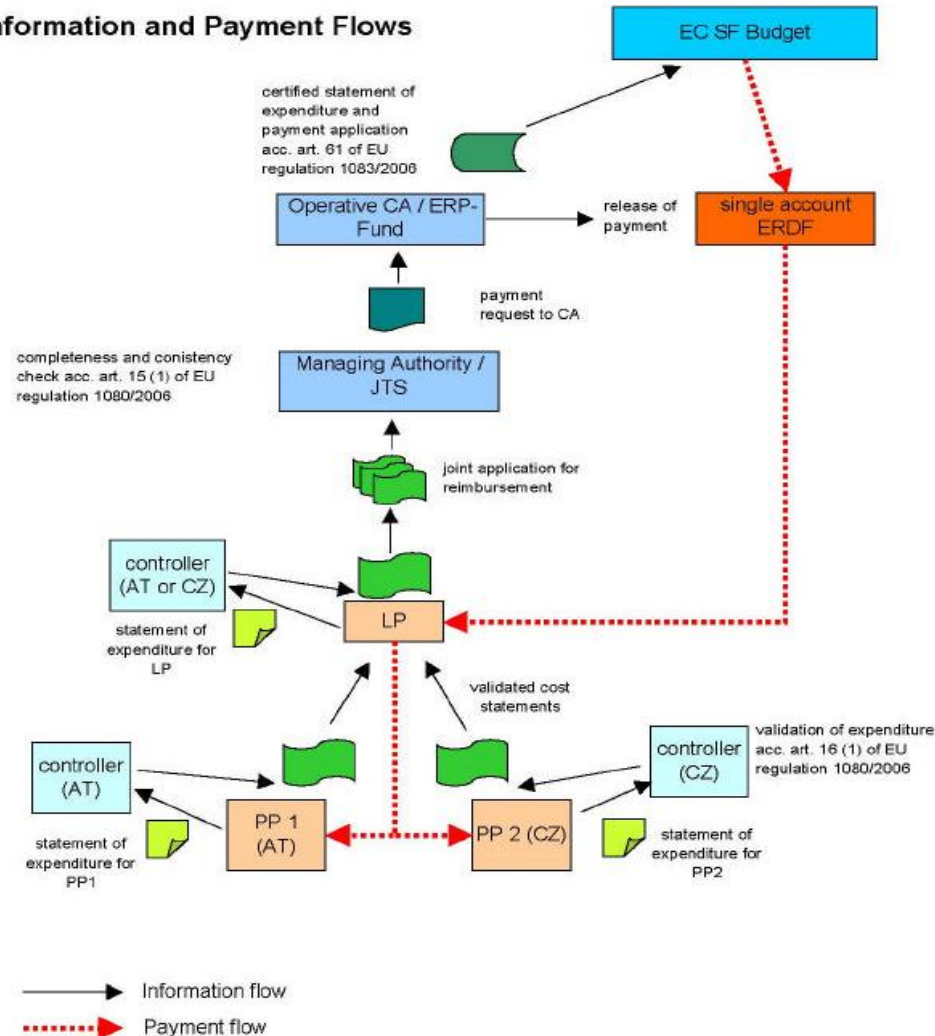
guidelines/materials:

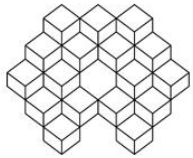
- seminars and workshops
- regularly programme newsletter
- quality criteria for leadpartners in Lower Austria
- handbook for project applicants, etc. etc.



Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Austria - Czech Republic 2007 - 2013

Information and Payment Flows





Project „healthregio“

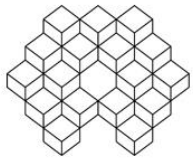
First major Austrian co-operation project involving the new EU Member States: Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary.

Objective:

- to promote the integration through cross-border co-operation and intensified economic and political co-ordination
- to create concrete value added for the people and the economy

3 implementation steps:

- a study on the project region - to identify the demographic, socio-economic and health-related characteristics of the border region as well as priorities for cross-border health cooperation
- recommendations for economic and health policy measures – as basis for plans to be designed by policy makers/economic decision makers
- in a follow-up process: the implementation of measures through joint activities



Project „healthacross“

“Divided” city of Gmünd/České Velenice:

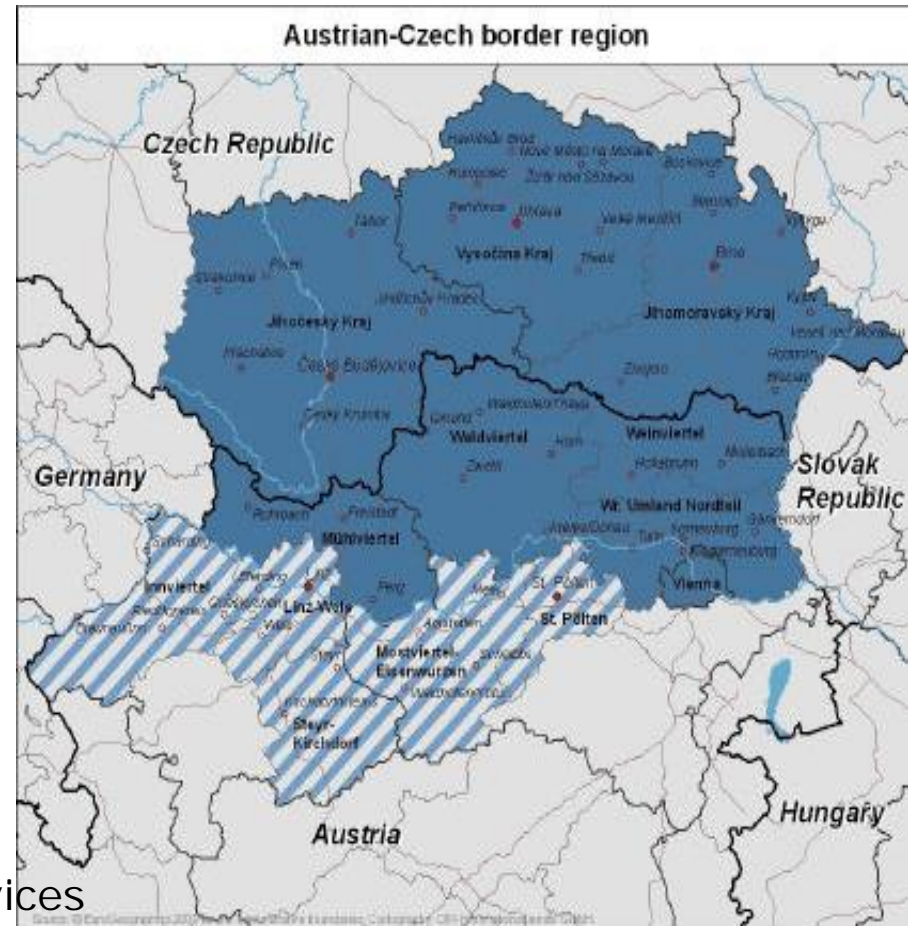
Hospital LK Gmünd on Austrian side

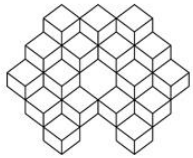
On Czech side:

- Next emergency care in Suchdol nad Lužnicí (17 km distance)
- Next hospital in České Budějovice (60 km distance)

Project Activities

- Drawing up a structural comparison and service index
- Preparing guidelines for action
 - legal and customs-related issues
 - issues related to the payment of services
- Carrying out a feasibility study for a cross-border health care centre





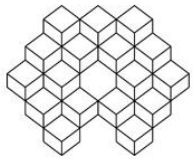
Findings/recommendations

On a European level:

- More exchange with other European regions
- More background information about project activities
- Information in english
- More lobbying for the benefits of cross-border cooperations

On a national/regional level:

- Real cooperation – joint development, joint implementation, joint staffing, joint financing – with a benefit for both sides
- step by step-development of projects
- a bottom up- and top-down approach to involve all needs
- transparency and information (newsletter, website, etc)
- Guidelines and support tools
- Government and department support
- Reduction of bureaucracy of the EU-programmes in general



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