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The celebration

On the 3rd of July 2009 the Viennese mayor Michael Häupl ceremonially inaugurated the Joe-Zawinul-Park in the 3rd district (Landstraße), which is dedicated to the Austrian jazz legend Joe Zawinul. At the initiative of the agenda group Gender Plattform this park which is located on the Klopsteinplatz was fundamentally redesigned. In his speech, the mayor emphasized the broad participation of different stakeholders in the process and how this approach serves as a good example for similar projects. Afterwards he honored together with the district mayor of Landstraße and Tony Zawinul, the son of Joe Zawinul, the great artist by baring a memorial stone.



The mayor was accompanied by the Viennese aldermen Rudi Schicker, Ulli Sima and Andreas Mailath-Pokorny, the president of the Landtag Harry Kopietz and the president of the school board Susanne Brandsteidl. Together they enjoyed the multifarious program of the event. Fitting to the occasion a jazz band provided the musical entertainment, a woman on stilts and a bouncing castle enthused the young guests and for the hungry and the thirsty was taken care of too.

The process

The project of redesigning the Klopsteinplatz started two and a half years ago. A group of active citizens founded an agenda group called the Gender-Plattform. With the support of the agenda office and local politicians a broad process of civil participation was initiated. The opinions of over 800 people lead to ten basic user demands which were significantly considered in the following process of planning. The latter was carried out by a dense cooperation network, which involved beside the agenda group and the local politics a lot of departments of the magistrate (MA 18, MA 28, MA 42, MA 56 to mention but a few) as well as external experts.

Concerning the process Susanne Blach, a member of the Gender-Plattform, states:

'The Local Agenda 21 was very important, to establish the numerous links between institutions and stakeholders, which were indispensable for the successful implementation of the project.'



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Last autumn the reconstruction started and was finished in early June 2009. The agenda group accompanied the project through all phases, from the development of ideas to the planning and the implementation. Hence a high continuity of the process and the results could be ensured.

The results

Beside the process design also the results can serve as an example for all of Vienna: One of the main emphasis in the reconstruction of the Klopsteinplatz was a comprehensive consideration of **gender- and generationsensitive criteria** as well as **aspects of multiple-shift usage**. Because of different needs of users (playing, relaxing, communicating etc.) specific common areas were created. This was the reason why the project was nominated in the contest "Stadt fair teilen" as one of the best examples of fair usage of public space in Vienna. Beyond that the **park space was significantly enlarged** (from 700 m² to 2000 m²) and especially the percentage of green space could be heightened.

<http://la21wien.at/die-la-21-bezirke/3-bezirk/agendagruppen/lag-gender-plattform/>

Agenda.Process:: Good Governance in LA 21 Plus

The preparations of the new project **Lokale Agenda 21 Plus** which will start in autumn 2009 are proceeding successfully. Currently the public tender for the future project executive organization, which will be responsible for the management of the LA 21 in the districts **Wieden, Alsergrund, Donaustadt and Liesing** is running. A decision is expected for July 2009.

At the same time the **new steering model** of LA 21 Plus starts to take shape. Recently the Transfergroup gathered for its constituent meeting. It is one of three bodies which will be responsible for the steering of LA 21 Plus (3D-Steering) and are therefore orientated on principles of good governance.

Steering teams on district level

They continue to be the central steering body in the districts. Here **the development, the implementation and steering of projects in a dialog between local politics, citizens and other relevant stakeholders** takes place. Like in the past project ideas can be proposed bottom up. Additionally there will be a possibility to participate in the new impulse programs by adapting one of their offers by your own needs.

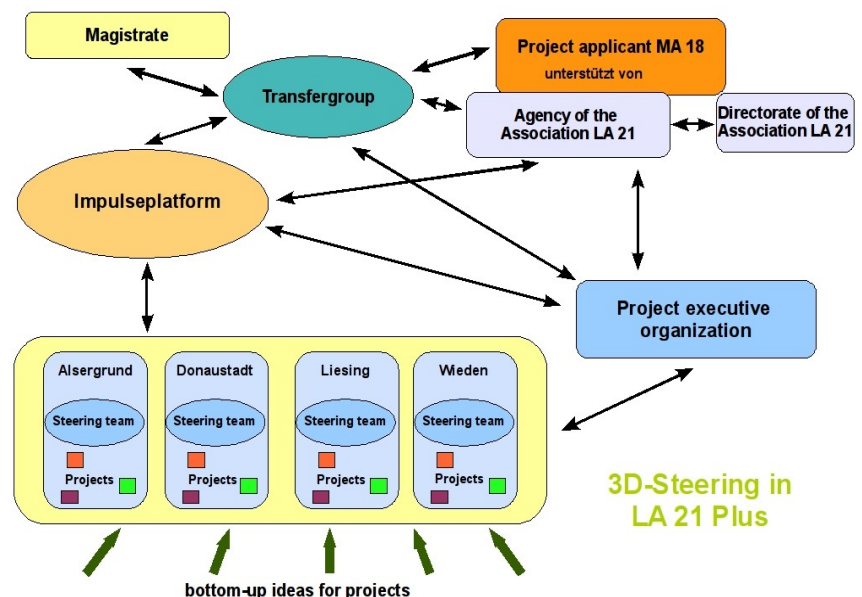
The steering teams consist of active citizens, local politicians and representatives of the Association Local Agenda 21 Vienna and other relevant stakeholders.

Impulseplattform

Its task is the formulation of **impulse programs** in the fields 'quarters for young and old', 'inter cultural dialog', and 'sustainable mobility and public space'. The

goal is to encourage and support the development of projects in the districts through merging scientific and political discourses with the practical experience from the local level. An important effect of this approach is a stronger political support and a better integration of projects in urban programs and strategies. At the same time it guarantees the consideration of conditions and needs of the local level. Last but not least the board is responsible for the monitoring of the process and the quality management.

The members of the Impulseplattform are representatives of active citizens, local politicians, members of the Transfergroup, members of the former advisory board and external experts.



3D-Steering in LA 21 Plus

Transfergroup

Its main task is the transfer of knowledge between the Impulsplattform, the directorate of the Association Local Agenda 21 Vienna and the Viennese magistrate. Through this group a **stronger integration of LA 21 Plus projects in programs and strategies of the city** shall be guaranteed. Another responsibility is the preparation of decisions of the directorate.

The board consists of representatives of the magistrate (MA 17, MA 18; MA 22, MA 24), the department of urban development and traffic and the Association Local Agenda 21.

The **department 18 of the magistrate** as the project applicant and the **agency of the Association Local Agenda 21** are in charge of the **controlling** of the assignment and its **formal execution**.

The **directorate** is furthermore responsible for the **strategic steering of the LA 21 in Vienna**.

The task of the project executive organization in the steering model is the support of the local steering groups and the information of the Impulseplattform as well as the Transfergroup about developments in the districts.



As a sign of all this advancements the LA 21 logo got a new and modern design. The **new logo represents a consistent appearance of the LA 21** on the local and municipal level. Small graphical variations will mark the different districts and projects phases (e.g. Plus).

Agenda.Participation:: 5th Austrian LA 21 Convention

From the 7th to the 9th of May the province of Lower Austria und the Ministry of Life invited to the **5th Austrian LA 21 Convention in the municipalities Echsenbach and Schwarzenau**. Following the motto "We are going ways with effect" the participants discussed about forms and meanings of civic participation for a sustainable development in Austria.

The highlight of the first day was an exciting fishbowl-discussion. Its topic were the **cultural dimensions**, the **historical development** of participation as well as the **accessibility of target groups** and the meaning of the **local and regional space**. The numerous requests to speak by the audience were a sign of the significant meaning of the issue within the LA 21.



On the following day an important topic were the **methodical premises** of an successful participation process. Simultaneously a WorldCafé gave the possibility for a broad discussion of different theme fields and within an OpenSpace **goals for a longterm successful LA 21 process** in Austria were formulated. Beyond that two special workshops gave local politicians and process managers the chance to share experience and knowledge. Between this highly labour intensive activities the participants could join excursions to projects concerning sustainability in the surrounding region.

At the end of the convention the courier was ceremonially handed over to the province of Vorarlberg. Together with the Ministry of Life it will hold the **6th Austrian LA 21 Convention from th 29th of September to the 1st of October in Dornbirn**. The topic will be "**Sustainability and social capital**".

Further information concerning the convention and a comprehensive documentation you can find under

<http://www.gemeinde21.at/645.0.html>

Agenda.Special:: 2nd Viennese Neighbours' Day

Good neighbourhood for a successful coexistence

On the 26th of May 2009 the 2nd Viennese Neighbours' Day was celebrated. The idea behind the initiative is easy: Neighbours **strengthen the social cohesion** in our city by organizing events in their quarters.

The citizens of Vienna are a part of over 8 million people worldwide who are annually celebrating the Neighbours' Day in over 1000 cities. Together they set a sign of the importance of a peaceful and successful coexistence.



Like in the past year the coordination of the 2nd Viennese Neighbours' Day was done by the association of the Local Agenda 21 Vienna. Together with its partners, the Wiener Hilfswerk, the Verein Wiener Jugendzentren, the Gebietsbetreuung Wien and the numerous self organized initiatives **over 80 events in 19 districts** were organized.



Citizens were celebrating all over Vienna

The wide range of events included presentations of handcraft, art meetings, district walks, games for young and old, bowling, picnics and commom cooking, music and dancing acts as well as consulting about climate protection and quality of living conditions.

Beyond that the Neighbours' Day offered an easy possibility for communication between citizens and their political representatives. For example the **Viennese alderman Rudi Schicker** joned together with the destrict mayor Susanne Reichard the numerous events on the St. Elisabethplatz (Wieden). Afterwards he visited together with the vice district mayor the celebration on the Paulusplatz in the third district.

While the program of the first Neighbours' Day covered over 60 events, this year their amount could be raised to over 80. Another sign of the sustainable impact of the initiative is the growing engagement of citizens, businessmen, associations and departments of the magistrate by organizing their own activities. This year **a quarter of all events were organized predominantly independently** and with only little help by the LA 21 or one of its partner organizations.

Award for Vienna: "Friendly and solidary city"

The news of the high amount of neighbourly activities in Vienna even crossed the country borders. Hence the founder and president of the European Neighbours' Day, Atanase Perifan, accorded the award "Friendly and solidary city" to the Viennese alderman Cristian Oxonitsch to **dignify the extraordinary engagement of Vienna**. The handing over took place within the international conference "Social Polis - Social cohesion in cities" on the the 11th of May 2009.



www.european-neighbours-day.eu
www.nachbarschaftstag.LA21wien.at
<http://www.socialpolis.eu/>