

Sustainable communal development in Germany

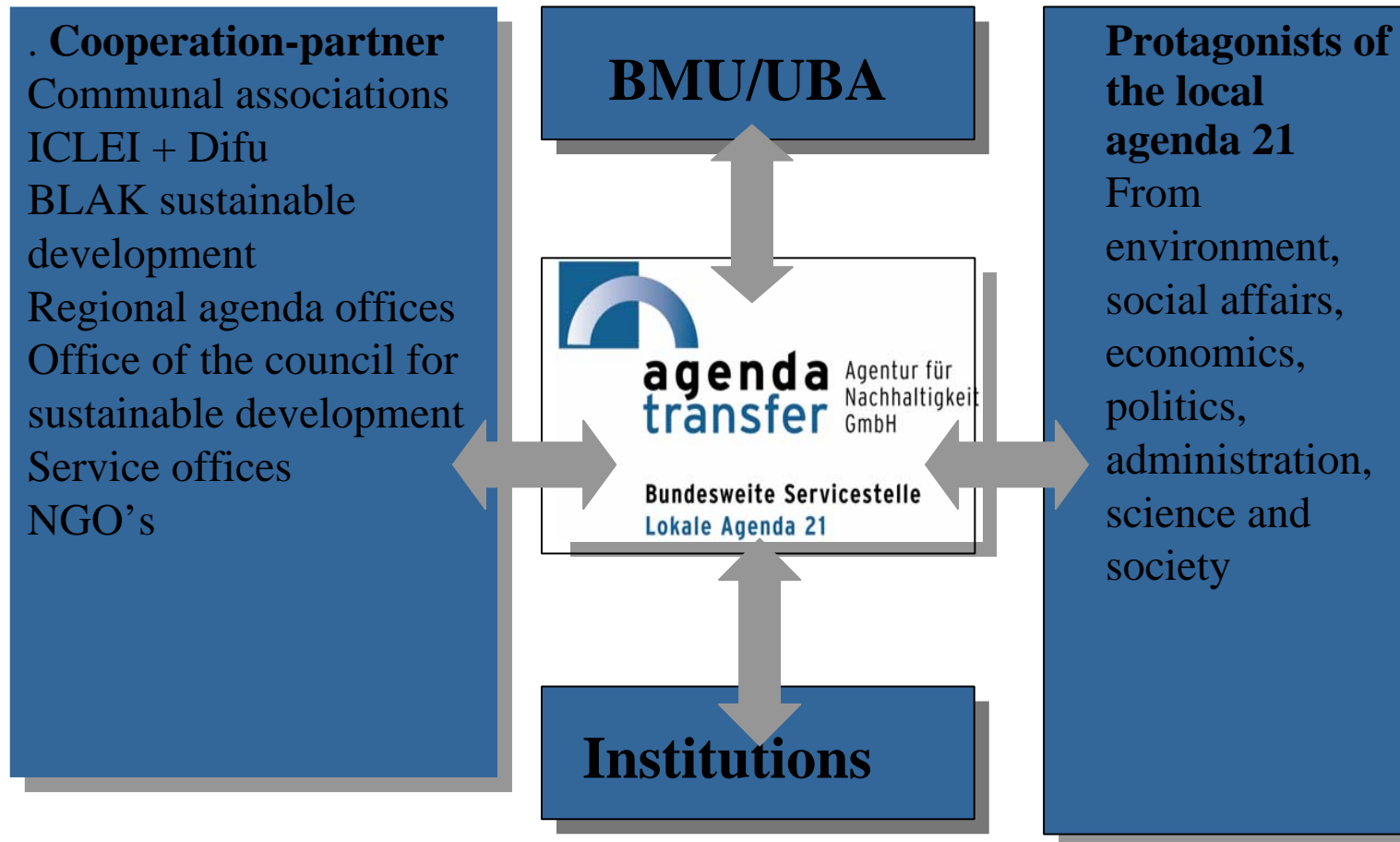
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Overview:

- 1. The state - wide service point Local Agenda 21
- 2. The situation of the local agenda 21 activities in Germany: successes and obstacles
- 3. Chances and challenges of sustainable communal development
- 4. Conclusion

Structure



Function



Targets:

- To support local agenda processes on a state-wide level
- To win new protagonists
- To win communal protagonists
- To support communal sustainability
- To create workable cooperation between protagonists of the agenda 21
- To motivate the citizens for sustainable development processes and behavior patterns

Implementation support through...

- Public relations activities
state-wide magazine „city talks“, agenda news,
internet portal
- Consultation
target orientated, suitable to communes,
consultation and participation in the process
- Data bank services www.gute-beispiele.net

Implementation support through...

- Events
state-wide workshops, experts discussion and congresses, expert talks
- Exchange of experience
between regional transfer offices, ministries, NGO's and networks
- Support by the adaptation of the instruments
Planning and decision help, sustainability, indicators, quality criteria for durable processes

Goals of the Agenda 21

- Covering the basic needs
 - Improving the living standard
 - Bigger protection and better rationing of the ecosystems
 - Warranty of safe future and prosperity
- ↓ „No single nation may achieve this, whereas we may succeed together: in a global partnership which is orientated to sustainable development “
(Source: Agenda 21, Preamble)

Goals of the Agenda 21

The local agenda 21

Chap. 28 of the Agenda 21

- „The communities should create a dialogue together with their citizens, local organizations and private enterprises and set up a local agenda 21“
- „Through the consultation and establishment of a consensus, the communities can learn which strategies are the best for them and how to receive the information about them.“

Situation of the local Agenda

Successes

- Till now over 2.400 communal resolutions
- Various Co-operations and networks on local, regional and state platform
- Numerous cities and communities that have been integrating the sustainability into communal administration, planning and decision-making processes

Condition of local agenda

Obstacles

- Consolidation of sustainability in the political field has until now not been so successful
- Shortage of personal, financial and structural assurance
- Displacement through other subjects

Framework conditions

Actual task fields

- Consolidation of communal finances and budget
- Support of economic and employment market
- Inside city development
- Suburbanization/development of population
- Mobility

Chances

- Communal activity can be experienced
- Communication and co-operation will be strengthened
- Resources will be used in a more effective way
- Models, goals and indicators are the orientation point for politics and administration

Challenges

- Numerous processes are facing a cross roads
- To strengthen the sustainability in every day life of administration and politics

↓ to shape future orientated politics

↓ to administer in a transparent and citizen close way

Conclusion

- Moving Administration's comprehension closer to citizens
- Specialization and professionalization
- Roles and protagonists need to be transparent
- The most important is the connection of local agenda and communal way of acting
- Local agenda 21 contributes to transparent communal structures and political processes

Thank you for your attention!

