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## 1. General information about the trainings on participative governance

Date of the training	30.11.2021
Location	Linz, Upper Austria
Project partner(s)	Biz-up
Format of the training	Online
Topic of the training	Participative Governance / Anleitung zur Bürger*innenbeteiligung
Guiding question of the training	How can citizens be encouraged to be more active in shaping their region? When do I start involving local residents in the development plans of a company?
Number of participants	14
Type of participants (Target groups) <sup>1</sup>	Lokal public authority: 4 Business support organization: 3 SME: 7
Cooperation with experts (i.e. speakers, external moderators, politician...)	External moderator and expert: ÖAR GmbH

## 2. Agenda of the training

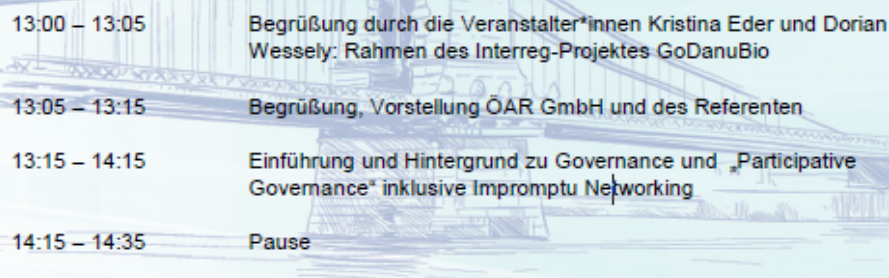
Agenda of the workshop, 30.11.2021:

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<sup>1</sup> Please group the target groups according to the ones listed in page 42 of the Application Form and include the names of the organisations

## Participative Governance / Anleitung zur Bürger\*innenbeteiligung – Workshop

### Agenda



13:00 – 13:05	Begrüßung durch die Veranstalter*innen Kristina Eder und Dorian Wessely: Rahmen des Interreg-Projektes GoDanuBio
13:05 – 13:15	Begrüßung, Vorstellung ÖAR GmbH und des Referenten
13:15 – 14:15	Einführung und Hintergrund zu Governance und „Participative Governance“ inklusive Impromptu Networking
14:15 – 14:35	Pause
14:35 – 15:00	Beteiligungsprozesse erfolgreich planen
15:00 – 15:40	Troika Consulting
15:40 – 16:00	Pause
16:00 – 16:15	Best Practise Beispiele „Beteiligungsprozesse erfolgreich planen“
16:15 – 16:50	Passende Beteiligungsformate wählen inklusive Fallbeispiele
16:50 – 17:00	Vorstellung Liberating Structures
17:00 – 17:15	Abschlussrunde



### **3. Was a methodology presented at the training and if so, which one?**

The following methodologies were presented and tested by the participants at the training:

- Weak signals
- Troika-Consulting
- Integration partnership in a region
- Liberating Structures

Best practice examples showed the participant the practical use of the methods and gave them information on how the technics can be implemented in an participation process.

### **4. How does this capacity building activity contribute to the upcoming co-creation workshops?**

In this training, a roadmap was developed on how to optimally involve affected people in citizen participation processes. Active citizens create a stronger bond between the population and the region, and conflicts can be avoided in advance through information and participation. The participants of the training themselves are confronted with this issue in their daily work. Not just in the workshop various topics arise where the participants of the workshop do need the instruments of participatory governance to involve citizens in changes in the region. In order to carry the future on the shoulders of the population and to involve them optimally in the decision-making processes, the participants of the workshop want to carry out co-creation WS in their regions or in the communities. GoDanuBio is guiding them through the process and supports the municipalities in organization and selection of the rights methodologies to properly involve the public in the decision making of the region.

### **5. Do you think the participants of the training are likely to attend in the co-creation workshops and why?**

The issues discussed at the workshop theoretically will be addressed in the co-creation workshops consequently. It was our intention that the participants would bring their topics to the workshop and that the co-creation workshops would take place on the basis of these topics.

## **6. Do you already have plans for the regional co-creation workshops?**

The co-creation workshops will be held in February, March and April 2022 hopefully present at municipalities or regional offices.

## **7. Did the region in which the training was organised have already a tradition/culture for participative governance? If so name an example.**

The capital city of Upper Austria Linz has already quite a long tradition in participative governance. In order to involve citizens even better and more easily in the processes, a citizen participation platform was created in 2019, on which initiatives can be launched and citizens can actively participate (<https://innovationshauptplatz.linz.at>). In addition, companies inform their neighbours at the outset when they are carrying out major restructuring or construction work. This often avoids conflicts and eliminates misunderstandings. However small regions or municipality do not have the resources or even the knowhow to initiate participative governance structures.

More information on regional participative governance in Upper Austria:

- <https://klub.ooevp.at/buergerbeteiligung-fuehrt-in-oberoesterreich-zu-besseren-ergebnissen/>
- <https://www.demokratie-ooe.at/>
- <https://www.agenda21-ooe.at/beteiligung/buergercockpit>

## **8. Do you think that the training can have any positive effect in regards to a bottom-up approach on policies and regulations related to the circular bioeconomy in your country / region? Please explain.**

The participants of the training now do have the methodology and the know how on how to involve citizens in a process. The whole participation circle was discussed using a roadmap as structure for future initiatives. The participants of the training know the advantages of citizen participation and are now able to lead a participation process. Furthermore they joined the training because they were facing a problem where they wanted to include the local residents.

## **9. Problems occurred and lessons learnt**

Unfortunately, due to the current Covid 19 situation, we had to reorganise our training, which was planned presently, to a virtual meeting relatively spontaneously. With such an interactive topic, it is difficult to hold informal discussions online in breakout sessions. Therefore, the original number of participants dropped to half.

## **10. Annexes**

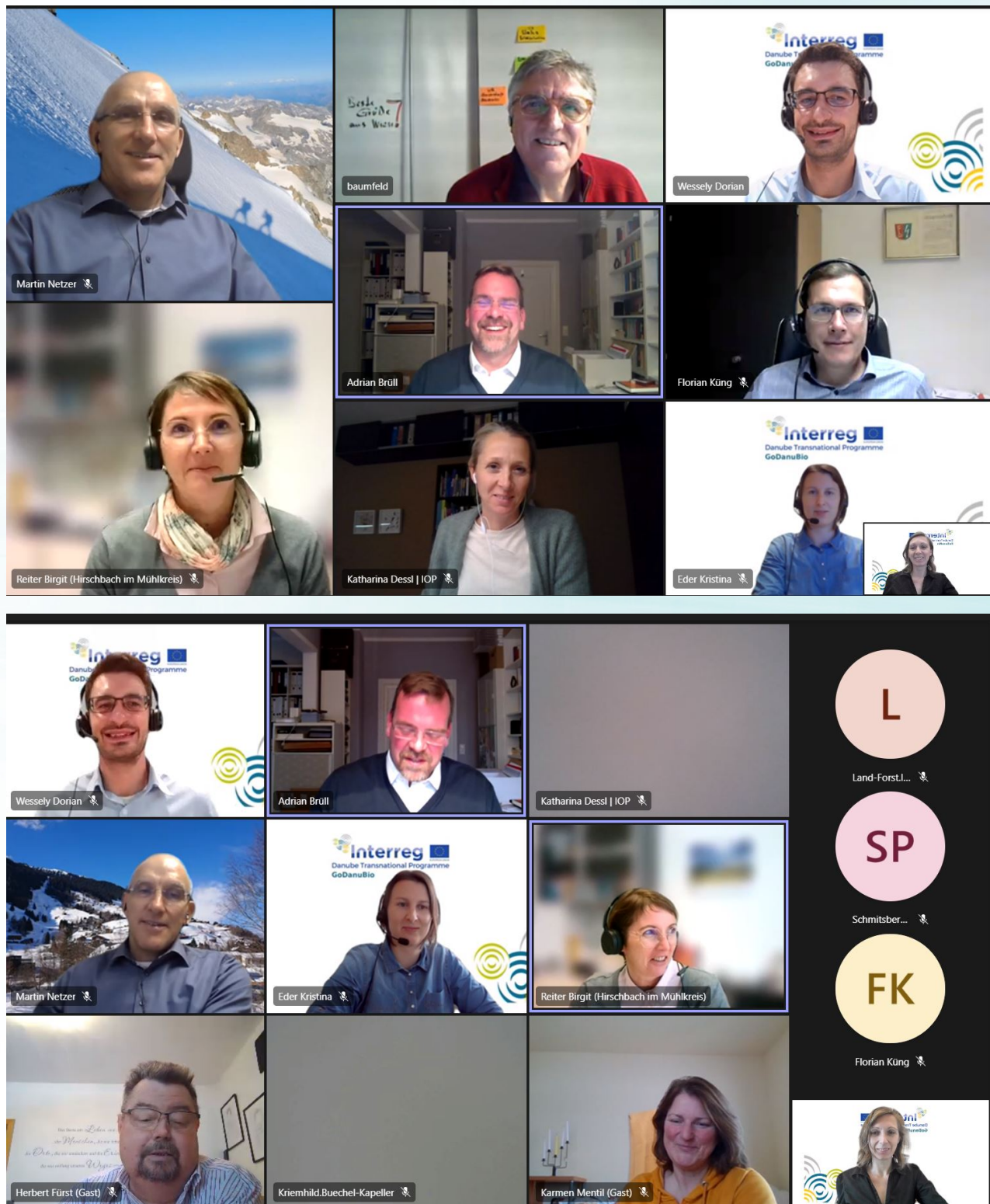
Annex 1: Factsheet of the training

Annex 2: Pictures of the training



Annex 2: Press release of the training



## Annex 2: Pictures of the training:





### Annex 3: Press releases



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Demokratie lebt von Beteiligung. Durch aktive Bürger\*innen entsteht eine höhere Bindung der Bevölkerung an ihre Region. Konflikte können so bereits im Vorfeld vermieden werden.

Ein Workshop von Lebensmittel-Cluster und [Cleantech-Cluster](#) hat aufgezeigt, wie ein konfliktfreies Miteinander funktionieren kann und wie man Menschen dazu bringt, sich in Entscheidungsprozesse ihrer Stadt oder Gemeinde einzubringen.


Der Workshop fand im Rahmen des Interreg-Projekts [GoDanuBio](#) statt und wurde von Experten der [ÖAR GmbH](#) geleitet.





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