



Workshop

Small practices experience sharing

Purpose-driven small projects

Universities, Colleges, Research and Innovation

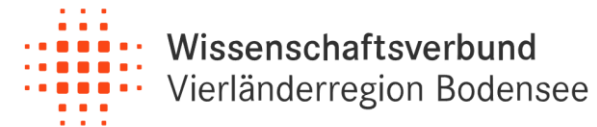
Interreg Alpenrhein-Bodensee-Hochrhein (DE-AT-CH-LI)

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Small Project Funds and Interreg ABH

- Interreg ABH: 4 Small Project Funds:
- 2 SPF with the **International Conference of the Lake Constance**: small projects up to 25.000 €
 - ISO 6.1: „*Cooperation to build, strengthen and optimize institutional capacities*“
 - Financing: 923.999,65 € ERDF (incl. 770.000 € for small projects)
 - ISO 6.3: „*Civic cooperation and networks*“
 - Financing: 755.999,58 € ERDF (incl. 630.000 € for small projects)
- 2 SPF with the **Wissenschaftsverbund Vierländerregion Bodensee (W4)**:
 - RSO 1.1: „*Fund for Innovation and Transfer*“ (FIT)
 - RSO 4.2: „*Future Funds: Shaping transformation together with skills for the future*“
 - Financing: 1.553.582,80 € ERDF (incl. 1.295.000 € for small projects)



Fund for Innovation and Transfer (FIT)

- Fund is managed by the **Wissenschaftsverbund Vierländerregion Bodensee (W4)**:

- EGTC since this programming period
- Based in Konstanz (DE)
- 25 universities are working together in Europe's largest cross-university network for the four-country region around Lake Constance.
- Financing of the fund: 1.679.986 € ERDF (incl. 1.400.000€ for small projects). 70% co-financing rate.



Why such a SPF in our programme area?

- A high number of universities in the Lake Constance region and at the same time, an economically very dynamic region
- Need of an **umbrella organisation** building a networked cross-border cooperation between universities and partners from the field.
- Objective of the FIT: **develop innovative solutions** to tackle the challenges (environmental, social, societal...) in the region, **test** and **establish** them.
- The joint small projects supported by the fund strengthen the regional innovation systems in the four-country region and encourage actors from science and practice to **innovate** and **cooperate** => combination of **teaching**, **research** and **practice**.

A small project combining research and health:



„Planetary Health: Developing sustainable health promotion and anchoring it regionally“

Objective: To establish cross-border, collaborative teaching on planetary health in order to strengthen regional health promotion and sustainable development in the four-country region.

Target groups:

- Selected practice partners with expertise in health in the region
- Students and teachers => regional multipliers

A small project combining research and transport:



„ÖV Connect Bodensee“

Objectives:

- To make public transport in the region suitable for everyday use across the border, thereby making it a compelling alternative to private transport.
- To link social sciences with technical disciplines for the mobility of the future

Implementation of the project: new perspective on mobility research and consulting: multidisciplinary approach combining technology, economics, political science and administrative science => enables practical dialogue and transfer, in which practical and academic positive examples can mutually enrich each other.

Target groups:

- General public => dialogue with stakeholders
- Dialogue with experts and public transport managers => replacing the monodisciplinary approach in mobility research with a multidisciplinary approach combining technology, economics, politics and administrative science

=> bringing together research and practice on the mobility of the future.

A small project combining research and society



„Citizens Consider(ed). Sustainability and AI in the Lake Constance region“

Application of the Citizen Science method: academic researchers collaborate with „citizen scientists“ to research and carry out research projects. The integration of citizen scientists into social science research projects enables new approaches to knowledge relevant to everyday life and at the same time focuses on the success of participatory processes => the focus is not on „researching about“ but on „**researching with**“.

Target groups:

- University students
- Involved citizen scientists: are part of the research projects and benefit from networking opportunities and competence development formats
- Practice partners: provide expertise to the design of the projects and identify relevant research areas
- Project managers and mentors: deepen their skills and strengthen their network

The end result: a prototype for future projects involving the integration of citizen science methods into university teaching.



Thanks for your attention!

You can find more information on our website: www.interreg.org

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