



Work Program
**SOIL CONSERVATION and SUSTAINABILITY
IN THE DANUBE REGION**

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Soil Conservation & Creation of Awareness

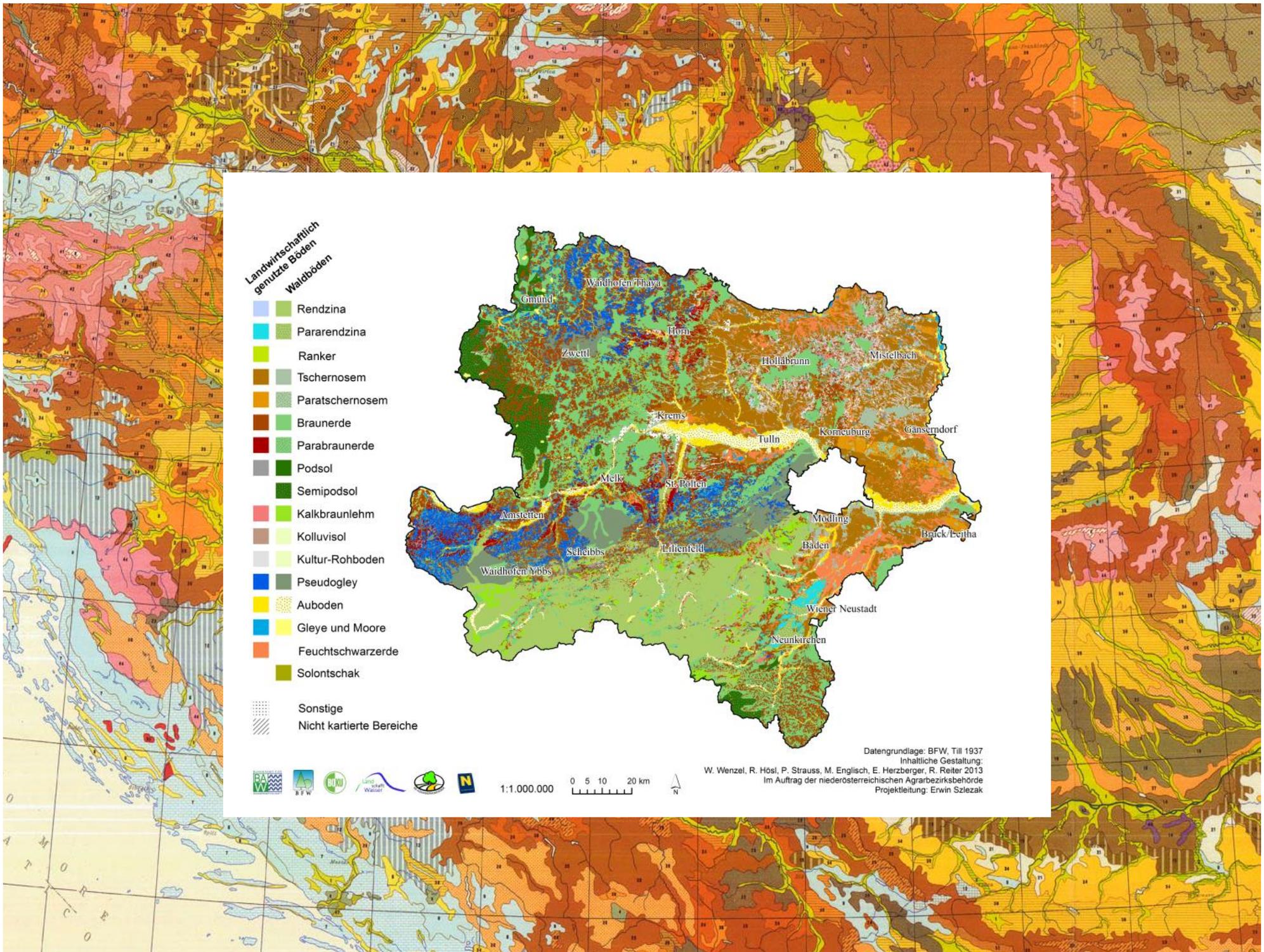
Area-wide Soil Conservation

Soil conservation and sustainable use of land are connected to water quality in the catchment area, soil quality and processes of soil degradation

Exemplary Topics:

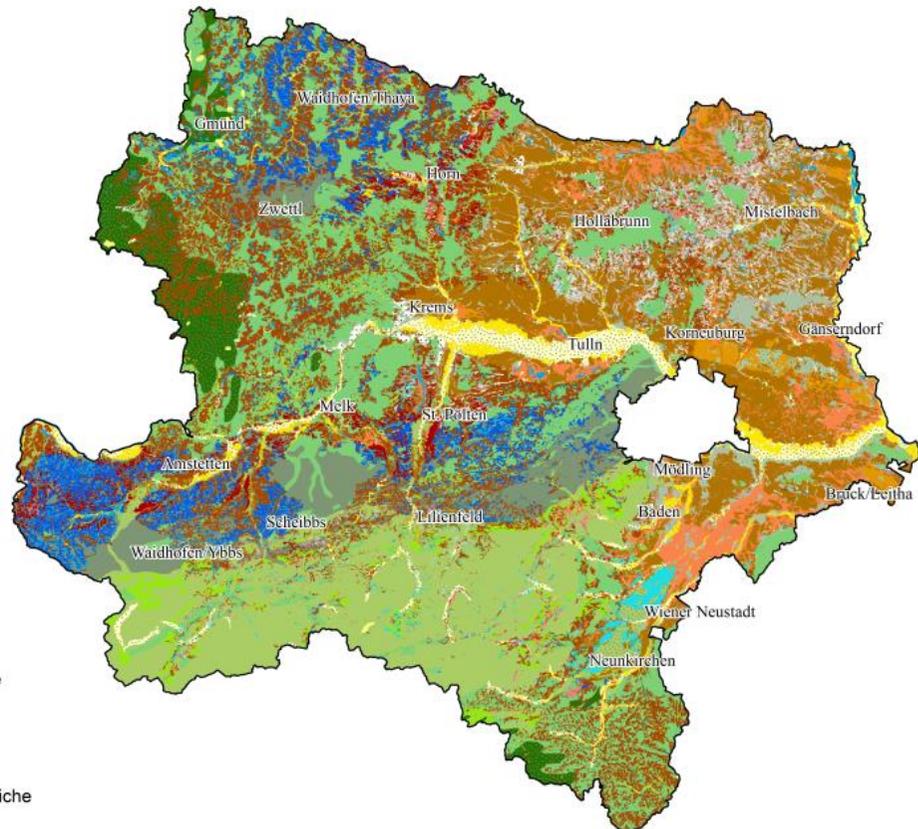
- **Carbon storage** in soils through sustainable land use twice as high as in the atmosphere
- **functions and services of soil** in spatial planning on a regional and municipal scale
- establishing **soil database** and **soil map** for the Danube region





Landwirtschaftlich genutzte Böden
Waldböden

- Rendzina
- Pararendzina
- Ranker
- Tschernosem
- Paratschernosem
- Braunerde
- Parabraunerde
- Podsol
- Semipodsol
- Kalkbraunlehm
- Kolluvisol
- Kultur-Rohboden
- Pseudogley
- Auboden
- Gleye und Moore
- Feuchtschwarzerde
- Solontschak
- Sonstige
- Nicht kartierte Bereiche



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Datengrundlage: BFW, Till 1937
 Inhaltliche Gestaltung:
 W. Wenzel, R. Hösl, P. Strauss, M. Englisch, E. Herzberger, R. Reiter 2013
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Soil Conservation & Creation of Awareness

Creation of Awareness

- ✓ of the value of our limited and unrenovable soil resources
- ✓ of the need for more sustainable land use through cross-border projects and initiatives on a municipal scale and in the educational sector
- ✓ deepening and expansion of “artistic approach” towards soil conservation through “soil art” and “with the Colours of the Earth”
- 70 Lower Austrian municipalities members of European Land and Soil Alliance
- reaches more than 80,000 persons in LA



Sustainability/Social Production HU, LA, Vienna, Bgld, Styria

VALUE CREATION through APPRECIATION

Cooperation between enterprises, public institutions and social enterprises create sustainable products and services:

100 practical examples from the region – for the region!

Starting Point & Vision:

- ✓ **“Social Production“** for a sustainable type of economic activity, which is useful and desirable in the view of all parties involved
- ✓ **manageable regional processes of production**, no outsourcing to the Far East
- ✓ enterprises use enterprise waste in an **innovative, creative and value creating way** for quality products



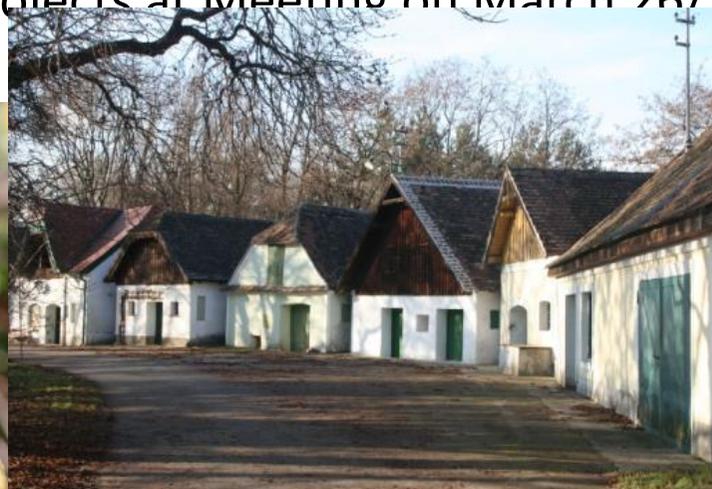
Rural Development

Targets

- ✓ **Information platform** on a regional scale on projects
- ✓ establishing and strengthening of **international contacts** and **networks**
- ✓ technical statements on the rural area to superior decision-making levels (**national, EU and Danube region**).

Procedure

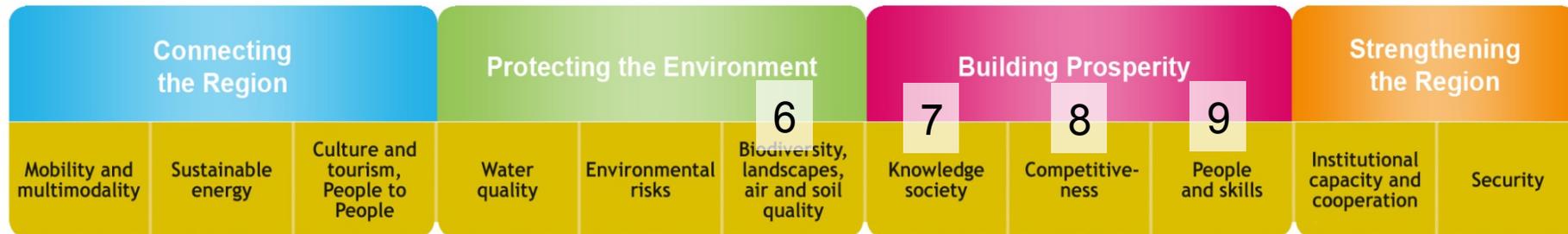
- Extension of network of **“Rural Development in the Danube Region“**
- **project database** for cross-border and transnational projects
- **presentation** of projects at Meeting on March 26/27, 2014 at Tulln UFT



Cross-Border Projects between Lower Austria, CZ, HU, SK



THE FOUR PILLARS



11 priority areas, coordinated by a priority area coordinator

Actions

Projects

- ✓ PA 6 **SONDAR** Soil Strategy Network in the Danube Region
- ✓ PA 7, 8, 9 **SOPRO** Social Production
- ✓ PA 7 **SONDAR+** Sustainable Strategy Network in the Danube Region
- ✓ PA 9 **BeFoRe** Participation Processes with Focus on Global Responsibility