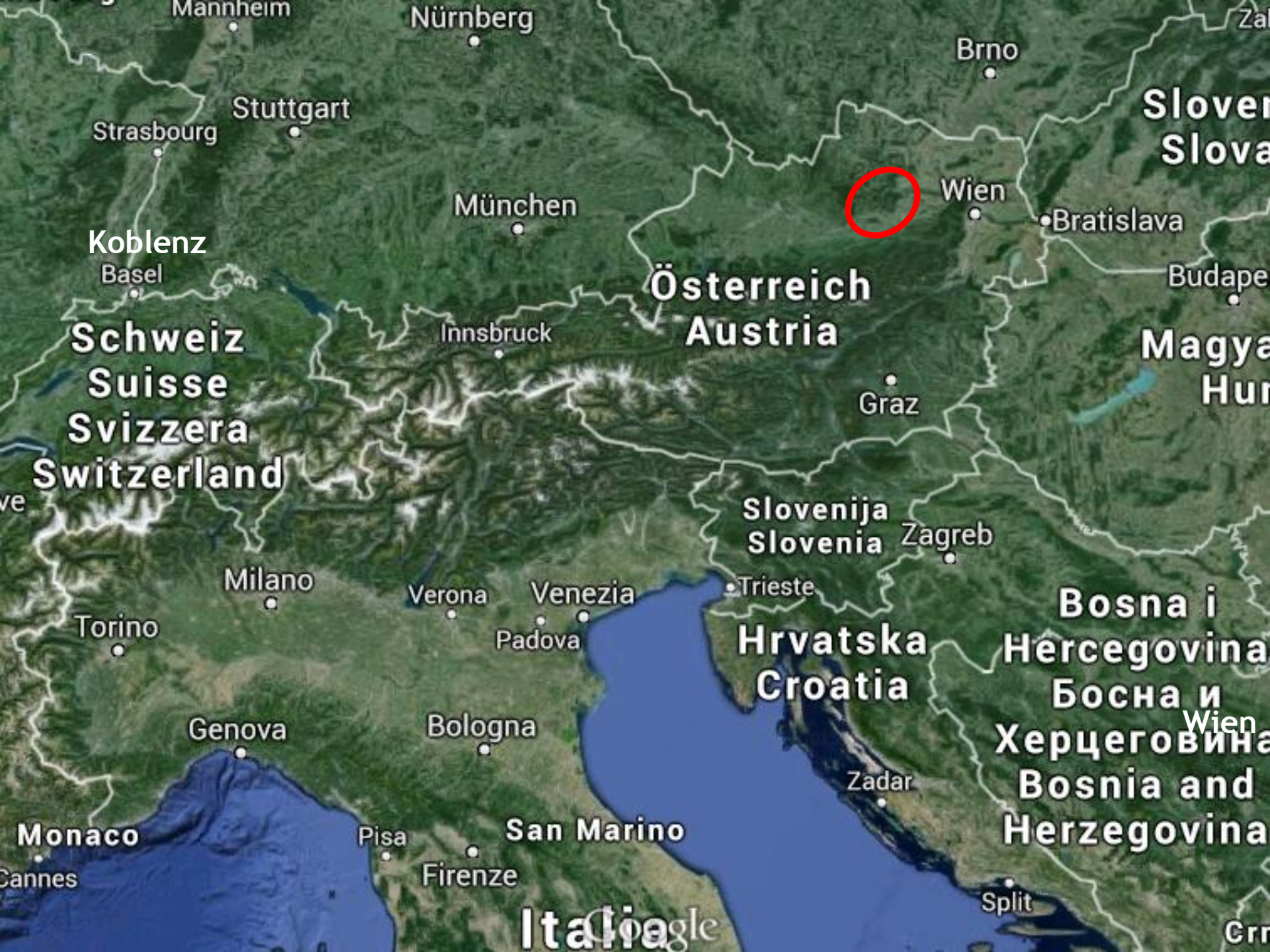


THE PROS AND CONS OF VOLUNTARY SITE MANAGEMENT

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Österreich
Austria

Schweiz
Suisse
Svizzera
Switzerland

Slovenija
Slovenia

Hrvatska
Croatia

Bosna i
Hercegovina
Босна и
Херцеговина
Bosnia and
Herzegovina

Italia



Arbeitskreis Wachau

- Established in 1972.
- Fight against river power dam and heavy truck transit traffic.
- European Diploma since 1994.
- UNESCO World Heritage since 2000.
- Mission from 2001 (evaluated 2007, to be re-evaluated in June 2015).
- LEADER+ 2002-07, Leader 2007-13, (hopefully) Leader 2014-20.
- LIFE Nature 2003-08, LIFE+ 2008-13, LIFE+ 2015-20.
- Wachau 2010 plus.
- UNESCO management plan 2015/16.



direct contribution:
EUR 7.300 / p.a.



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization



Wachau
• World Heritage Site
• since 2000
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direct contribution:
EUR 0 / p.a.



project contributions

Projects since 2002

Category	# proj.	Costs [Mio. EUR]	Grants [Mio. EUR]
Strategy development and PR work	21	0,27	0,18
Nature protection	111	11,42	11,29
Nature park Jauerling-Wachau	32	1,04	0,89
Townscape	6	0,13	0,07
Supporting agricultural businesses (mainly wine)	113	17,17	3,96
Supporting non-agricultural businesses	107	0,57	0,45
Tourism	63	8,40	5,34
Arts and culture	70	7,22	3,73
Renewable energy	45	2,74	0,92
Traffic system	8	2,02	2,03
Vocational training	28	0,37	0,27
Village renewal (Leader grants)	18	3,73	0,51
International cooperation	3	0,14	0,11
Regional management	23	1,44	0,99
TOTAL	648	56,66	30,75

ROI per municipality since 2002/07

Municipality	ROI per EUR membership fee	Municipality	ROI per EUR membership fee
Emmersdorf	20,60	Bergern	12,40
Aggsbach	19,60	Rossatz-Arnsdorf	25,70
Maria Laach	18,80	Schönbühel-Aggsbach	11,50
Spitz	25,70	Melk	18,10
Mühldorf	20,90	Dunkelsteinerwald	5,90
Weißkirchen	26,40	Haunoldstein	4,50
Dürnstein	34,30	Hafnerbach	3,40
Krems	20,40	Neidling	2,90
Mautern	20,60	Karlstetten	8,60
		TOTAL	19,00



Rührsdorf

wieder

an der Donau



















Pros of voluntary site mgmt:

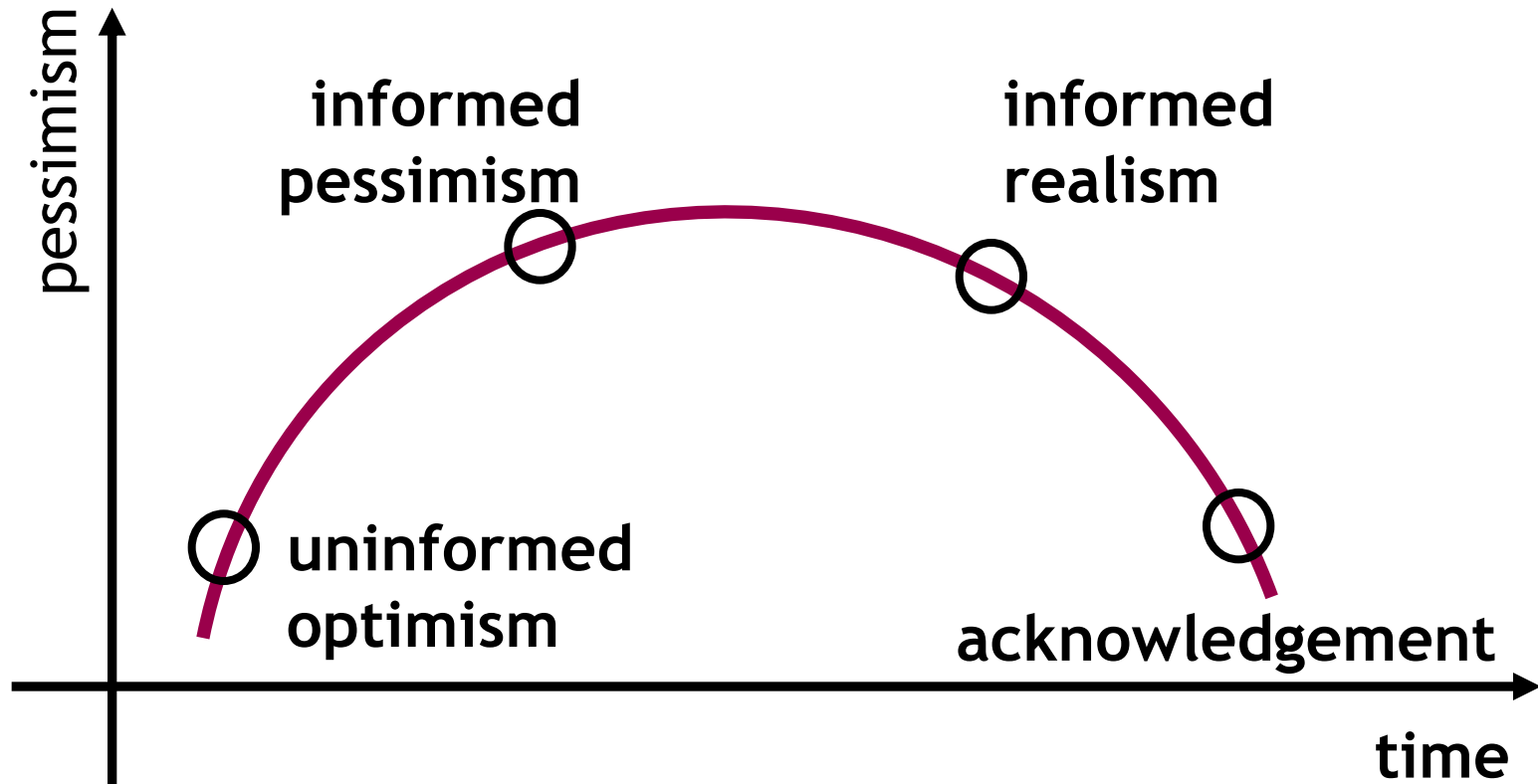
- Enourmous flexibility, little bureaucracy.
- Highly efficient.
- Decisions taken bottom-up, on the local level.

Cons of voluntary site mgmt:

- Extremely small basic financing.
- Very vulnerable to municipalities or persons „not functioning“. Endangered in case of internal conflict.
- Responsibilities of the state parties blurred.
- More control over each single project.

The positive change stages

(by Daryl Conner)





**Thank you for your
attention!**

**Ausarbeitung im Rahmen des
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Wachau-Dunkelsteinerwald.**



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