

# „European Green Belt“

Exhibition project embedded in the activities of  
Linz09 – cultural capital of Europe

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# „European Green Belt“ – a culture event ?



Linz is not only a city of heavy industries.....

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„guiding vision“ for project development within the Linz09 programme:

„.....the new Linz is an industrial city based on technology and science and located at the heart of Europe which takes both culture and the cultural economy equally seriously. At the same time, ecological concerns are of prime importance. The link between industry, culture and nature is of particular interest for Linz.“

Linz 09 is going to be a “culture event“, but....



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...there is a vision and .....a place !



# „European Green Belt“ – a culture event ?

- ✓ Nature conservation is a cultural achievement !
- ✓ European Green Belt – a very special case of nature / culture interaction:
  - ✓ European dimension: represents all major biomes of Europe
  - ✓ Historical development: product of recent 20th century history – process of „forced wilderness“
  - ✓ Esthetical and philosophical component: calls for a new perception of „wilderness“ and „nature“
  - ✓ Function: bridges between seemingly different regions
  - ✓ Future perspective: offers marginalized regions a fair chance for sustainable development



## The exhibition-project:

- ✓ current status: preparatory project commissioned by the management board of Linz09
- ✓ is aiming at
  - ✓ structuring of possible content (topics, regions, story lines,..)
  - ✓ identification of auratic exhibition-objects which are the key for understanding and communicating the „green belt“
  - ✓ general outline of szenografy and design

### Code of conduct:

- ✓ interdisziplinäry approach – balanced between different perspectives and methods (arts, humanities, science,..)
- ✓ active involvement of partners with regional and international expertise



# Regions und Storylines:

## Oulanka / Panajärvi:

Twinned-Nationalparks in Finnland and Russia

Bestpreserved European „Taiga“, embedded in historical karelian „forest-farmer agriculture“

Highest summit and deepest lake of Karelia

Emblematic for finnish-russian history

Bilateral cooperation since 1992

Ecotourism –projects since 1999 in TACIS and INTERREG programmes



## Regionen und Storylines:

### Saaremaa / Ösel:

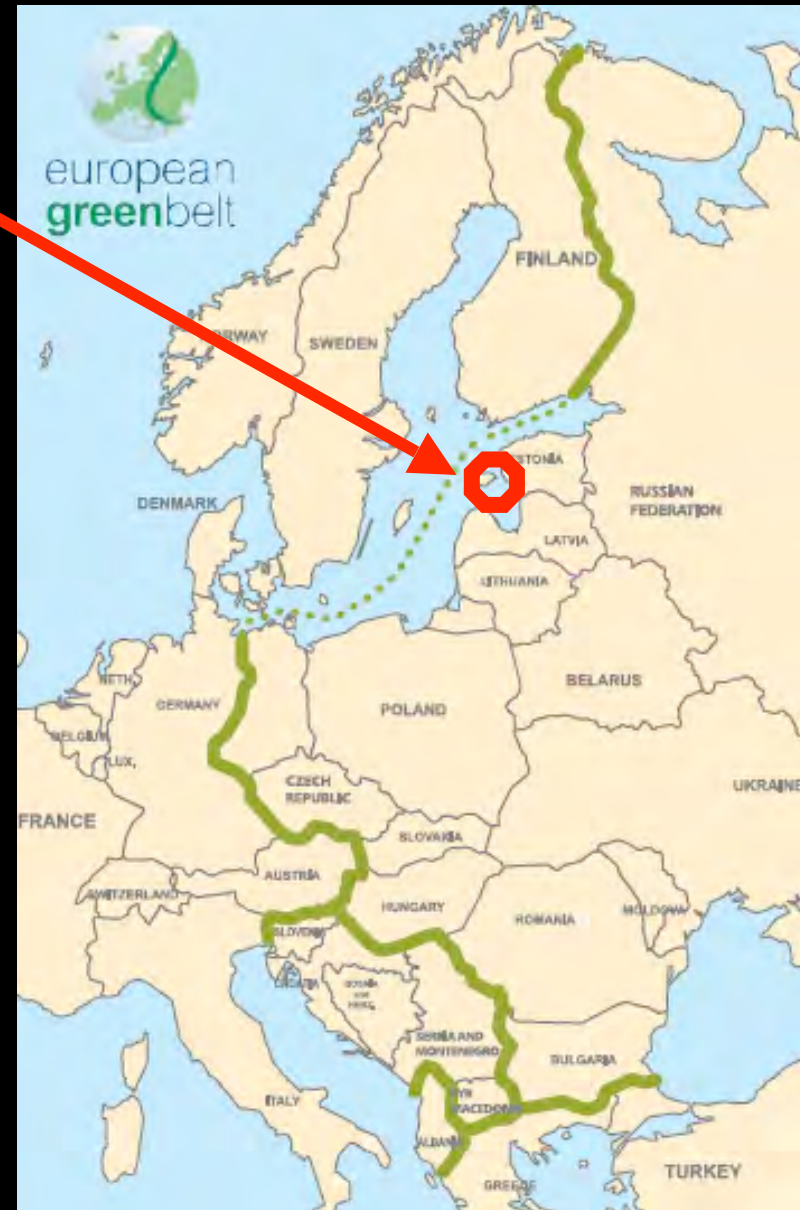
Secondlargest Island in the Baltic Sea

Well-preserved remnants of High-nature value farmland („Alvar“ –Wacholderheiden, Eichen-Hudewälder, Kliffküsten,..)

No access for Estonians during the Soviet period!

Important place identity for estonian, baltic-german and swedish culture

Rapid developement of tourismus in sensitive areas



## Regionen und Storylines:

### Schaalsee:

Biosphäre-reserve of the 2. Generation („Sevilla“-Strategy)

Situated at the former „inner-German“ border

Good example for a lake-district in pleistocene lowland

Semi-natural wetlands intermingled with intensive agriculture >> typically central europe!

Sensitive area due to its position in the „Hinterland“ of two major cities (Hamburg-Berlin)



## Regionen und Storylines:

### Transborder RAMSAR-Sites in Central Europe

March-Thaya Auen (CZ-SK-A)

Neusiedlersee-Seewinkel (H-A)

Kopacki Rit (H-CRO)

Wetlands of international reputation and overarching function

Strong economic position of ecotourism

Water as border and connecting element



# Regionen und Storylines:

Wälder und Schluchten der zentraleuropäischen Mittelgebirge:

Harz (D)

Böhmerwald (CZ-A)

Thaya-Podyji (CZ-A)

Wilderness like forest-islands, surrounded by agricultural lands

Well searched for resources amidst Europe (Timber, Water, Recreation,...)

Forced migration and resettlement

Ancient historical border („Böhmerwald) vs. „new border“ (Harz)



# Regions and Storylines:

## Mountain, Lakes and Gorges in the Balkan-Peninsula

Stara Planina (SRB-BG)

Dadia-Rodopi (GR-BG)

Skutari (CG-ALB)

Ochrid (MAC-GR)

representative wilderness-areas for SE-Europe

strong marginalisation

Ecotourism as a chance for regional development

Role of fundraising by NGOs



# Your contribution ?:

- ✓ any ideas are welcome !
- ✓ You can contact us:  
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- ✓ We are continuously searching for „auratic“ objects – any suggestions ?
- ✓ We will contact You for special requests regarding Your expertise in ecology and/or local history
- ✓ We will try to get You involved in preparatory events (eg. Workshop in spring 09)
- ✓ web: [www.linz09.at](http://www.linz09.at)

