

Designing participation: On the importance of roles, expertise and power issues Project “Demoenergy”

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Outline

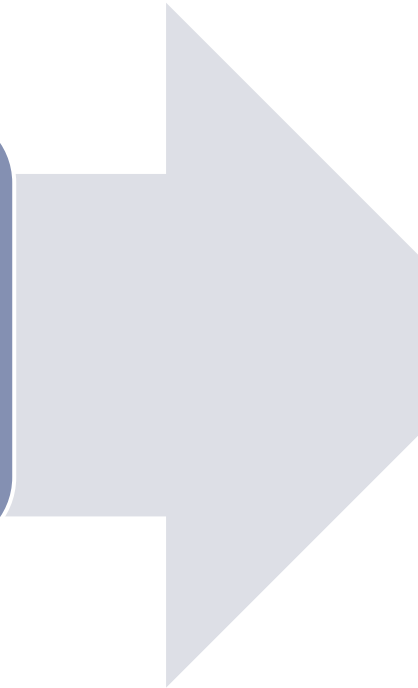
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 - ▶ Demoenergy
- ▶ Successes and Challenges
 - ▶ What's next?



Focus on Power

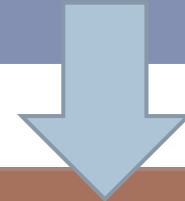
WHAT?

„Let's set up a participatory process“



HOW?

Investigation of the **circumstances and conditions** under which different actors work together



Need to create rooms of **SHARED POWER**



► **Timeframe:**
September 2014 – June 2015

- **Locations:**
Windischeschenbach and
Schwandorf – Bavaria, Germany

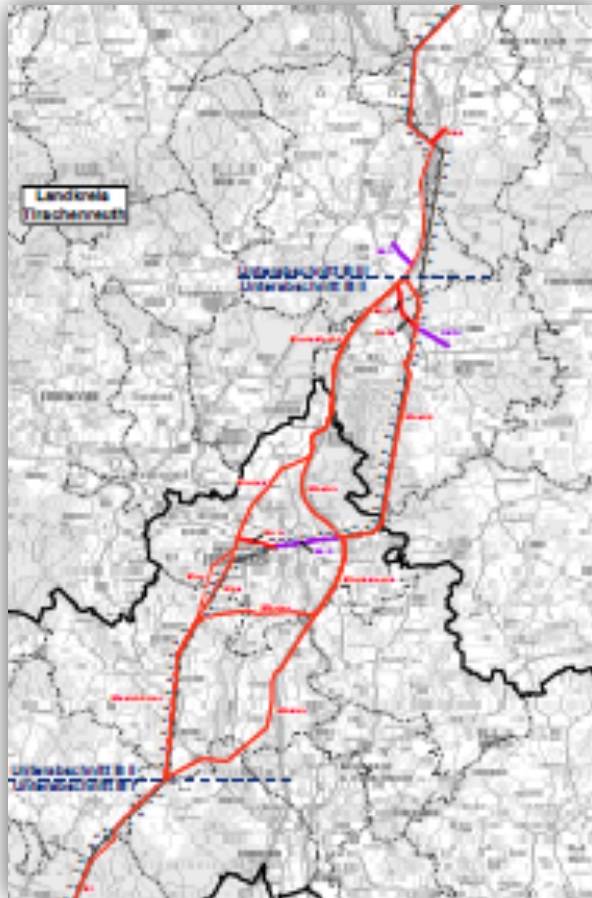
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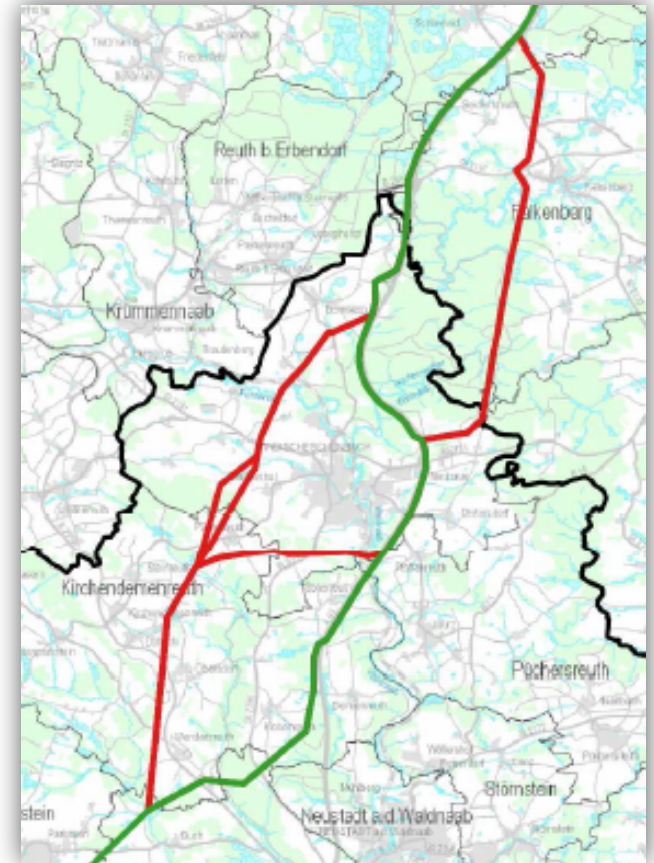
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Demoenergy – Results

Results of the participatory process



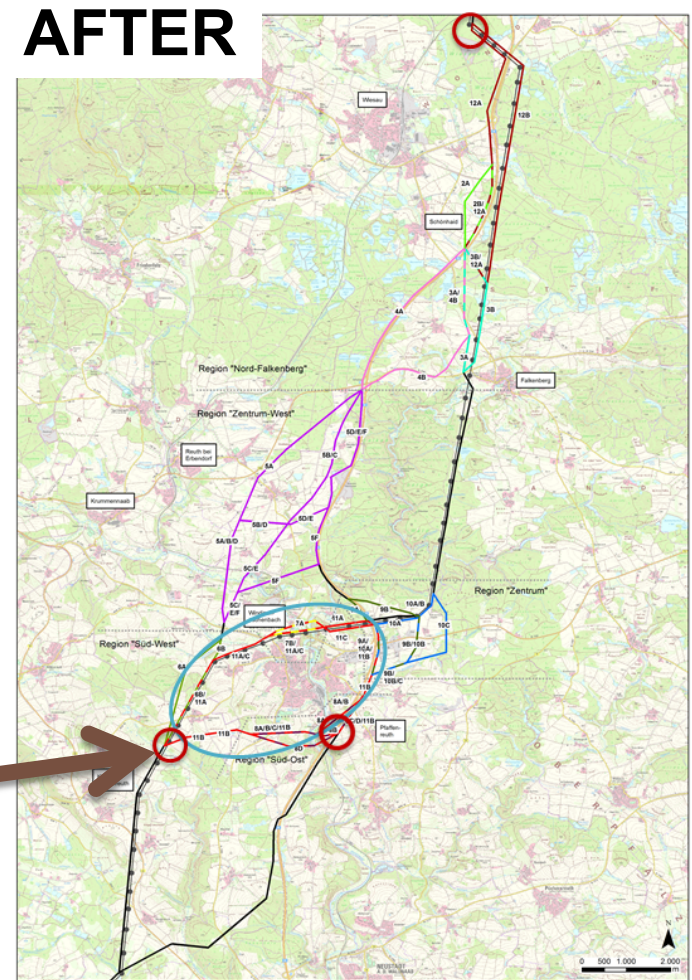
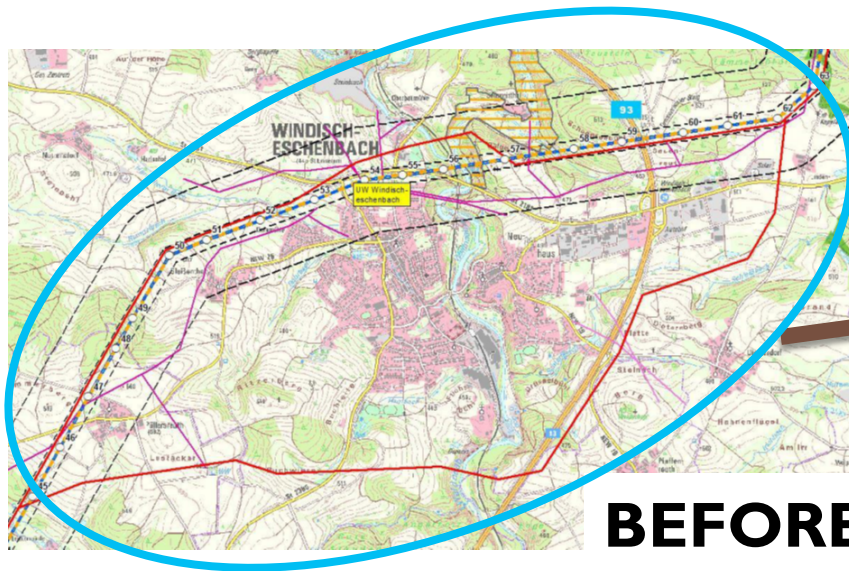
Evaluation of the regional planning procedure



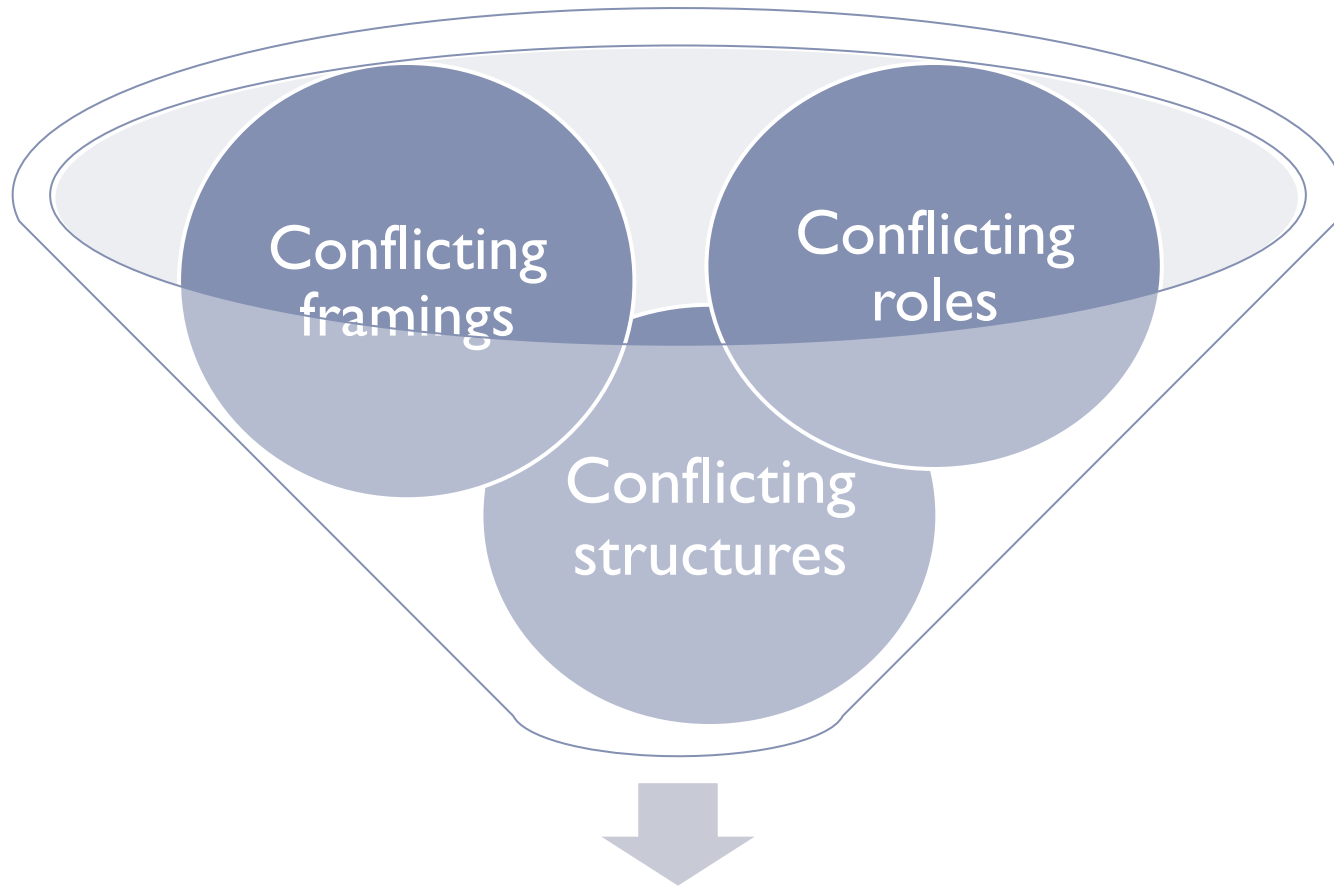
Source: Regierung der Oberpfalz

Findings – Successes

- ▶ Successful integration of **different kinds of expertise** in the planning phase



Findings – Challenges



Fragility of the participatory process



Designing participation: What's next?

▶ Generate...

▶ **Transparency**

- ▶ Information / Cooperation

▶ **Spaces of „shared power“**

- ▶ Where can power be devolved, where not?

▶ **Spaces of knowledge co-production**

- ▶ Going beyond the divide between experts and laypersons



Thank You!

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