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## LEADER

## moves rural Austria

86 Austrian LEADER areas realise innovative development programmes













### makes a difference to

## tourism and agriculture

#### Baumkronenweg - Treetop Way

In 2005, following the initiative of a farmer, the 'Baumkronenweg' was constructed in the Sauwald region. Not only does this tourist attraction enable walks to take place amid the treetops, but also offers overnight accommodation in well equipped 'tree houses'. Alone in the first year of operation, around 300,000 visitors came to the region.



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www.baumkronenweg.at



# Outdoor tourism – transnational co-operation of SME

Outdoor operators (rafting, canyoning, climbing, white-water canoeing) from the Tyrolean LEADER regions of Pillersee Valley and Ötz Valley co-operate in the sectors of training, marketing and guide exchange with companies based in Lapland.

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#### Southern Burgenland – a slice of paradise

34 small and medium-sized enterprises and farmers produce and market regional specialities. The region of Southern Burgenland positions itself as a culinary destination for tourists.

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#### »Beef country«: Steirisches Almenland

The LEADER area "Steirisches Almenland" (Styrian mountain pastureland) has made its mark as 'beef country' - both agriculturally and as a tourist destination. An Austrian-wide distribution has been built up in collaboration with a gourmet food specialist. Regional beef specialities are served in the restaurants of the region. Overnight stays have increased by 9%.

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#### Steirisches Vulkanland: a culinary region

A diverse range of regional products are being developed and marketed under the umbrella brand name of 'Vulkanland' (volcano land): Volcano ham, wines, fruit juices, chocolates, beer, oils, and spreads. The region's handicraft enterprises also market their products under the Vulkanland brand.



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# Noah's Ark: Carinthian 'Spectacled' sheep

The Carinthian Spectacled sheep breeders' society has increased the stock of Spectacled sheep in a targeted way. The Spectacled sheep have gained popularity as a regional speciality, as a tourist attraction, and as a significant factor in landscape conservation.

LAG Unterkärnten, Carinthia

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#### Training on innovative farms

Students of the agricultural vocational schools from Salzburg, Upper Austrian and Bavarian LEADER areas have been offered a 'hands-on' training on innovative farms in the following sectors: farm holidays, renewable energy, product development and marketing.



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#### A quality offensive in winegrowing

In collaboration with the oenologist Mac Gregor Forbes, who has already worked in all of the important winegrowing countries – from Italy and France through to Portugal and Chile – the winegrowers in Auland Carnuntum are putting quality-oriented measures in place for all steps involved in grape processing.

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# makes a difference to women, adolescents and culture



#### Hunt: A historic play adresses past controversy

In collaboration with a renowned author, a professional director, the Linz University of Art and Industrial Design and 150 amateur actors, the LAG Hausruck staged an open-air theatre production based on the events of the 1934 civil war. The play was awarded with Austria's highest theatre prize.

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# Training for culture and museum quides

Within the scope of this transnational training project, 101 participants from the LEADER regions of Außerfern (A), Auerbergland (D) and Ostallgäu were trained as culture and museum guides for the joint cross-border 'culture region'.

LAG Außerfern, Tyrol

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#### Youths create own »favourite haunts« in their communities

In 10 municipalities, 150 adolescents collaborated with landscape planners to redesign the public places in which they spend their leisure time.

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# CHIRON – equal opportunities in local development

From 2003–2004, by means of further education and the creation of awareness, two gender mainstreaming experts pushed for greater equal opportunities for men and women in all municipalities of the LEADER area of Mühlviertler Alm.

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## **SMEs and renewable energy**



# Meisterstraße Salzkammergut: a cooperation of handicraft enterprises

40 handicraft enterprises in the Salzkammergut region co-operate under the brand name of 'Meisterstraße' in the sectors of product development, quality assurance and the opening up of new markets. In 2006, the cooperation was extended to include further LEADER areas in Upper Austria, Lower Austria and Styria. Objective is to realise the national cooperation "Meisterstraße Austria".

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# Bergholz Marketing Ltd: Developing and marketing of local wood products

In Bergholz Marketing Ltd, forest enterprises, carpentry businesses, architects and local authorities co-operate in the development and marketing of new furniture and prefabricated houses made out of mountain wood.



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#### The development of fuels from vegetable oils

Within the scope of the project, possibilities for the optimisation of vegetable oils for use in diesel motors should be found. The goal is to create an alternative to the costly refinement of vegetable oil fuels.

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# Southern Burgenland fosters renewable energy

The European Centre for Renewable Energy in Southern Burgenland enjoys international recognition an R&D facility in the sector of renewable energy (e.g. biomass, solar, vegetable oil fuel).

LAG Southern Burgenland co-operates with the centre in the expansion of energy supplies using regional resources.

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