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The Project:

The EU-funded Erasmus+ project MChance has a duration of 18 months and promotes the European exchange of good practice models. Within the framework of this project, the partner organisations from Germany, Austria and Poland exchange information about the opportunities and potentials of multilocality in rural areas and for adult education.

News:

Unfortunately, the project meeting originally scheduled for mid-April in Schlierbach had to be held only online due to the Covid 19 measures, but the project team can nevertheless report good progress. During the meeting, organisational matters were discussed on the one hand, and on the other hand, it was already possible to exchange views on the content of the multilocal lifestyle.

Since then, in order to gain a deeper insight into the lifestyle of people living multilocally, qualitative interviews with multilocals have been conducted and European good practice examples on this topic have been researched.

It emerged that many people who, for a variety of reasons, divide their daily lives between several places, would like to continue to be involved in the social fabric of their home communities and actively contribute to a successful coexistence, for example as members of associations or in local politics. However, they often lack the possibilities to reconcile everything and to be equally integrated in all places of residence without one component suffering. Often, the lack of communication between the rural communities and those who have moved away is also the reason for their absence.

To solve this discrepancy, solutions are needed. And this is where adult education can come in and support people living multilocally with tailor-made offers and by including the already existing and functioning models to recognise and develop the potential of their way of life.

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Good Practices in Austria:

In Upper Austria, several organisations and initiatives are currently dealing with the topic of multilocality. Only last year, the Future Academy of the Province of Upper Austria published a comprehensive brochure on this topic (downloadable [HERE](#)), which on the one hand deals with definitions and scientific backgrounds and approaches, and on the other hand presents a broad survey among multilocals themselves as well as proposals for action for municipalities, cities and regions.

The Euregio Inn-Salzach is also looking into the issue of multilocality in a broad Agenda 21 focus and impulse project (read about it [HERE](#)). The aims of the project are to identify the specific needs of multilocally living people, to derive recommendations for action for municipalities and to establish a sustainable network with and for multilocals.

A practical example of successful inclusion of people living in multiple locations should also be mentioned here: The "Hiesig'n-Dosig'n-Furtig'n-Festival" in the Lower Austrian municipality of Grafenschlag. Every 5 years, the municipality invites all Hiesig'n (people born and living in Grafenschlag), Dosig'n (citizens born elsewhere and now living in Grafenschlag) and Furtig'n (people born in Grafenschlag but living elsewhere) to a big festival of togetherness and exchange.

If you would like to receive more information about the project and become part of our network, please contact Stefanie Kothgaßner, kothgassner@spes.co.at.

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