



4. Newsletter MChance May 2021



The third transnational meeting of the Erasmus+Project “MChance – Multilocality as an opportunity for adult education opportunities” on the forth of May 2021 was once again held via Zoom-Meeting due to the ongoing pandemic.

The meeting was organized by Netzwerk Zukunft Sachsen-Anhalt e.V. (Network for Future Saxony-Anhalt) and open for anyone interested.

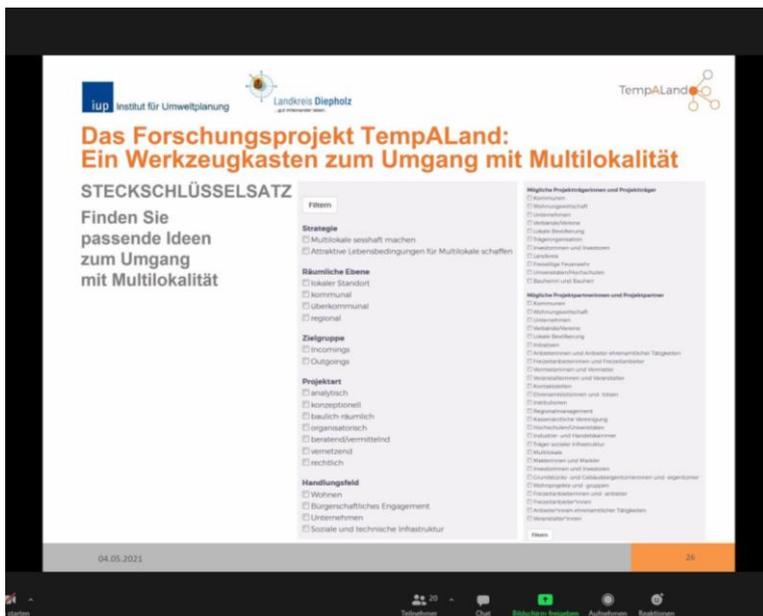
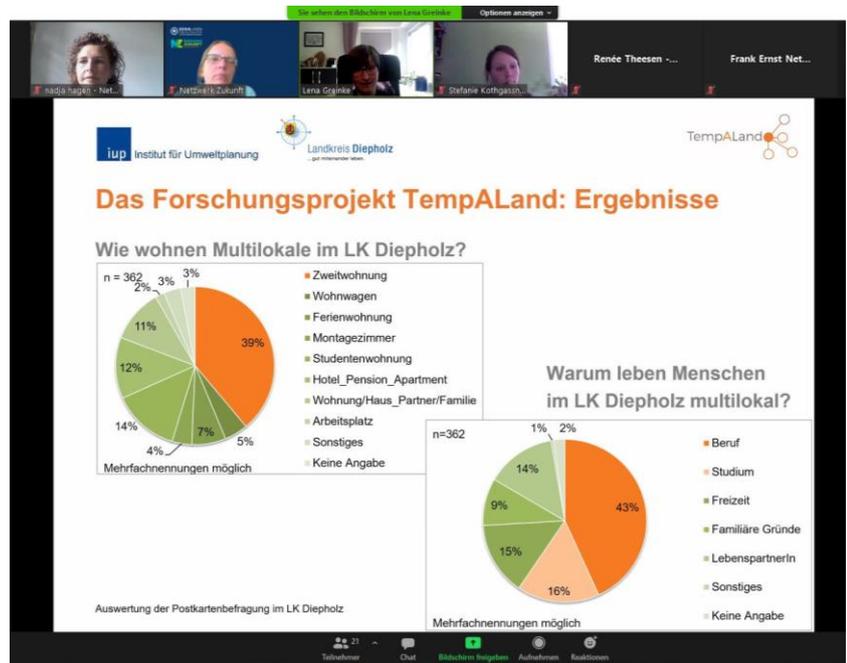
Lena Greinke, member of the scientific project staff at Leibniz University Hanover, presented the project “TempALand: temporary pre or absences and their influence on county and community” by focussing both on the process and the results of the project.

The project “TempALand” researched for three years which possibilities and issues the model of multilocality has for municipalities in the model region Diepholzer Land (one administrative district and five municipalities).



The following central questions were posed in the beginning of the project: how can the phenomenon of multi-locality be understood? Which motives are there to live multilocally? How many people live multilocally? (Hereby focussing on quantitative and qualitative approaches to empirical collection). How can rural areas handle the phenomenon of multilocality?

At first the team started a postcard-survey to find out how people in this region live and why they live this way. In doing so they could evaluate for the first time how many multilocals actually live in the region. Based on these results they implanted further measures.



Public participation was especially important to the team, said Lena Greinke. This is why they held several public kick-off talks and workshops as well as an event series on the topic of living.

One result of the project “TempALand” is a toolkit on handling multilocality in rural areas which is freely accessible online and can be used by interested municipalities.

This toolkit offers concrete measures, strategic approaches and projectideas that should be transferrable to other regions, for example “Gemeinsam Ankommen” (arrive together), a job placement project for partners, “Gemeinsam genutzt” (Utilize together), a project to share or offer living space that got too big or “Flexibel unterwegs” (flexible on the move) e.g. mobility stations.

As a conclusion the team around Lena Greinke stated that strategies and approaches on handling multilocality often coincide with other measures (e.g. in relation to the demographic transformation, commuter mobility, etc.) An important first milestone would be to uncover multilocality as a topic for administrative actions and to eventually integrate it.

In the adjacent discussion the attendees were interested to know how municipalities in rural Saxony-Anhalt could relate to multilocals and Polish and Austrian participants added that the rural areas in Poland and Austria also rose in popularity for a lot of people due to the pandemic. The question occurred if multilocality might rather empty places, because they are mostly inhabited on the weekends as it is often seen in areas with a lot of vacation homes where the blinds are shut. Lena Greinke brought in the fact that a lot of people adjusted their free time around their commitment and that this is a potential that can be used much more. This might not work for full-time employees due to their time restrictions so there is still a need to develop the right tools for them.

Furthermore, it was asked whether multilocals can be fit in different groups for which special targetgroup offers can be developed. The project TempALand differentiated between Incomings and Outgoings. The latter relate more to the district, because they grew up there and they already have a connection (via clubs, structures, etc.) It is important, said Lena Greinke to consider that people who spend their free time in another place (e.g. a weekend home) have a totally different focus and a different potential than people who live multilocally due to their job.

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