

DEMOCHANGE – Demographic Change in the Alps Adaption strategies for regional planning and regional development

Period of performance: 2010-2012

What is the impact of a changing age structure and migration movements on alpine regions in Land Salzburg, for example the outmigration of peripheral regions? How does the relationship between regional centres and surrounding rural areas change? Between urban and rural? Municipalities and regions, politics and spatial planning face a great challenge to react foresighted to the outcomes of this change as well as to prospective needs in the fields of social infrastructure (senior care, health care, schools), local supply and traffic infrastructure.

The international project DEMOCHANGE takes up these and similar questions on the demographic change in the alps with the aim to develop adaption strategies for regional planning and regional development. 13 project partners from Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Italy and Slovenia analyze at nine model regions the demographic changes and their impacts, develop together with stakeholders sustainable and future orientated strategies for regional planning und regional development and implement pilot actions.

The Austrian project partners of DEMO-CHANGE Land Salzburg and the University of Salzburg operate in the districts Pinzgau,



Pongau and Lungau. ÖIR supports together with other project partners the Land Salzburg for implementing the project and cooperates closely with the University of Salzburg for that.

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