



Workshop A

Consultation Process and Preparation of the NSP and RDP – the example of Austria

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9 Federal States

Approx. 8 mln inhabitants

78% of population in rural areas

Prevalence of mountainous LFAs

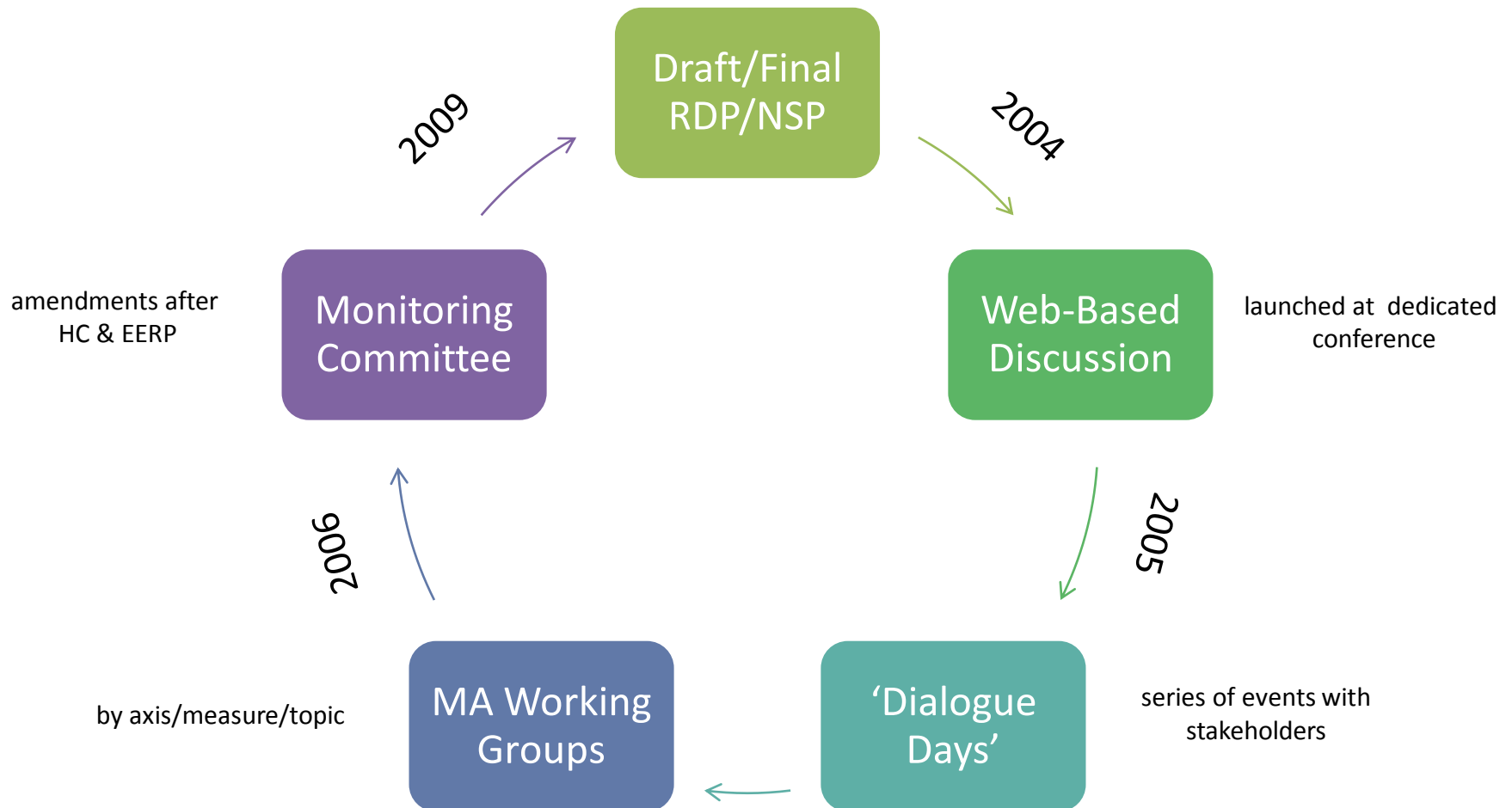


Rural Development Programme National Strategy Plan



Connecting Rural Europe

Consultation Mechanisms Employed in Austria



Participants of the Consultations and Drafting

**Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry,
Environment & Water Management**
(initiator & facilitator)

Political Organisations

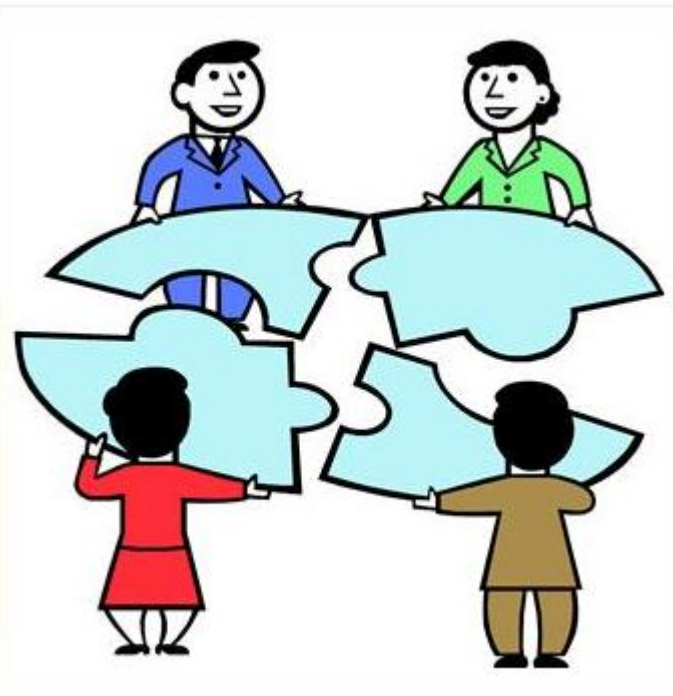
Public Bodies
(national, regional, local)

Science & Research Bodies

Economic & Social Partners

NGOs

**Agricultural & Forestry
Interest Groups**



LAGs & Regional Management Representatives



The Process and its Outcomes

- Overlap of the consultations /drafting of RDP & NSP
- More focus on concrete actions than objectives
- Open and participatory
- ‘Technical issues’ due to large number of participants
- Formal and informal mechanisms (i.e. joint workshops of the Federal States)
- Considered useful by stakeholders

Following the EU guidelines



Some Other Examples

- Inter-ministerial consultations (DE, GR, PL)
- Setting-up formal committees / bodies (IT)
- Working groups (BG, FR, HU)
- Meetings with local institutions (FR, GR, PL)
- Surveys among rural development actors (HU, LV)
- Regional conferences and hearings (DK)
- Conferences, seminars, discussion fora, public hearings (AT, BG, ES, LV)
- Dissemination activities, draft NSP on the MA's website (AT, BG)

