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A Guarantee System for Youth Policies-
One Step Ahead towards Employment and Autonomy

Integration in the labour market

Strategic model of youth policies

Styria

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Knowledge.Skills.Personality.



Strategic model according...

Models are helpful, but

- The AT/Styrian reality is not one-dimensional according to **one** model
- In a cursory view, AT/Sty belongs to „**employment-centred**“ („*continental*“) model with strong selection...
- In a deeper view, there are different aspects, for social issues, social commitment, inclusion,
 - **Thesis:** Austria(and Styria) has a **selectiv system**
 - But, with an **integrative attitude** e.g. inclusive VET
- The **performance of transition** and **youth employment** – also from the social perspective - allows the question:

what is really relevant?

Strategic „model“ Styria

- AT/Styria tries to **combine various aspects** of the „models“ (*up2Youth is not the only one, e.g. also referring to Caroleo and Pastore...*)
- Some of them are setted by **national constitution, laws and regulations**
- But, there are open **options** to act at regional level, e.g. in the „**Regional Education Plan**“



Styrian strategic approach

- „selectiv“ school system, dual VET and full-time school VET at upper Sec. by national law
- National Strategy LLL:2020 as a „frame“
- **Regional Education plan** (January 2013)
 - **Optimizing structur** at regional and local level
 - **Improving pedagogical** process and quality
 - Educational **policy innovations**
- **Strategies for several areas** regarding Youth
- **Regional Management platforms**, integrating all relevant key actors as there are:
politicians, administration, social partners, PES, regional associations, etc

Regional Education Plan - Vision

- **Equal opportunities for ALL**
 - Open access
 - Fair conditions
 - Comparable quality
- Development and use of **all talents and potentials** of people
- Connected with **12 strategic areas**

Work, employment, health, inclusion, arts and culture, life quality, qualification, social affairs, competitiveness, wealth and welfare

Transfer and Adoption – Why?

- A strategic „model“ **can't** be **adopted** in an **ident way**
- But: it is worth, to look at the **principles and criteria**, and **innovative** and/or **effective** strategic approaches, programmes, measures
- **Styria offers:**
 - a **long-term innovative** and „**pioneer**“ role in youth policy
 - A kind of „**styrian way**“ to combine competitive development in politics, economics, education... with an overall **common mind of co-operation**
 - **Good practice** in the area of **transition school to world of work**: dynamic pre-vocational school, guidance in school and outside, reference measures: career catching, counsellor, youth coaching, apprentice coaching, fit for work...