Masterproject of Bernadette Gugerell



Project title:

Sustainable farming of medicinal herbs and honey with recycled machines. Building up an organic farming and sales community on a local basis.

Description:

- Medicinal herbs like chamomile, yarrow and sea buckthorn are growing since centuries in the area and have potential for being cultivated. Teas and tinctures can be made out of them organically and sold on a national basis.
- Bees are by this time an endangered species and their dying process is discussed heavily in science and also the media. Since there are plenty of *savagely* growing plants, there are the best conditions for keeping them and cultivating Danube Delta Honey. In the whole region, the usage of pesticides is existing on an - if at all - domestic basis. There can be produced a big amount of organic honey.
- The products should be sold via Internet to intermediaries but also directly to costumers
- Additionally, there should be established a local studio for the recycling of metal waste. Due to the abandoned houses and boats there are exposable materials that could be used to build the needed agricultural machines. Synergies could be build up between the local knowledge and the *Mutoid Waste Company*, a british collective.

Objectives:

- \circ Creating job as well as occupation opportunities using the concept of SOPRO
- Building up a project many people of different age groups can contribute to
- Creating a brand the Danube Delta Herbs & Honey

 Founding a new association (coordination by local residents or local administration)

Targeted groups:

- local community for workplaces
- regional/national/international intermediaries respectively consumers as demanders
- o local administration as coordinator

Effected region:

One village of the municipality of C.A. Rosetti; for the final choice there will be indicators defined.

Time schedule:

- $\circ~$ End of November: Finishing of the basic concept.
- Beginning of December: Research for best practice examples and reference projects. Possible candidates are Mühlviertler Bergkräuter for farming, Mutoid Waste Company for recycling.
- Mid of December: Setting up the implementation and financial plan.
- 22th of December: Presentation of final project.