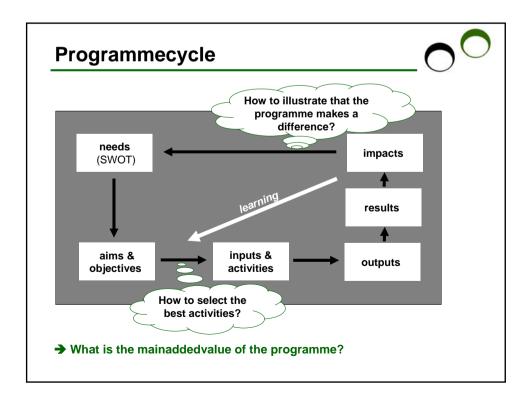
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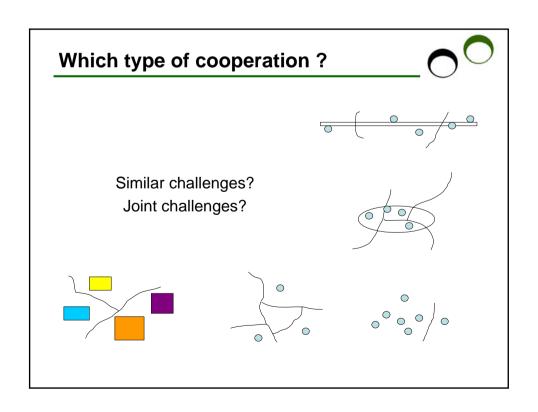
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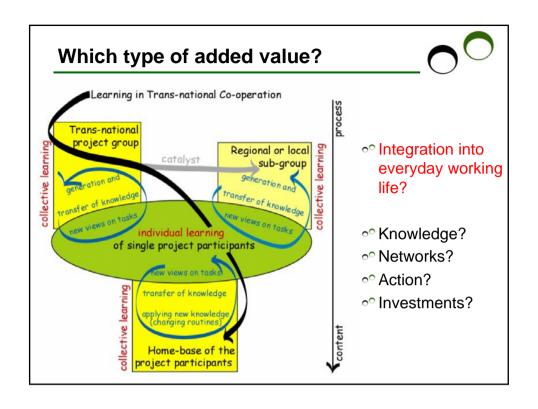
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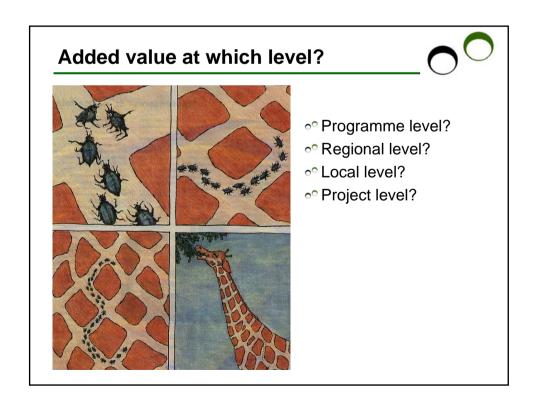




Addedvalue of co-operation More effective solutions to problems Avoid duplication of work Reduce isolation of border regions Contribute to integration







Added value for whom?



- ° Administration?
- ∘ Population?
- ∘° Visitors?
- ∘ Companies?
- ∘ Project participants?



Added value for one or for all? or For all countries? or For all participants? or For one? One for all or all for one? For one?

When can we see the added value?



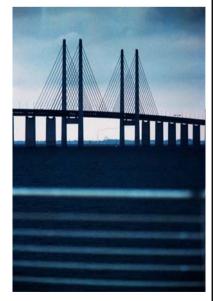
- How long may the delay be until the added value occurs?
- ∘ Short term or long term effects?
- ∘ Focus on added value of project results or even on side effects?



How long is the added value to stay?



- ° "Once off" added value?
- on Eternal / continuous added value?
- ° What happens when the project is finalised?



What to do



- ⋄ similarities
- o Territorial co-operation
- ∘ Interdisciplinary co-operation
- Individual & organisational learning
- Integration of the project in the everyday work / life

- geographical communalities / complementarities
- · similar or joint efforts?
- regional sub-projects stand for the content
- risk of independent sub-projects
- similar problems but different systems
- · communalities in the team
- concrete, practical tasks
- · indirect organisational benefits
- personal skills and confidence
- · broad spectrum of experience
- personal dimension of co-operation
- territorial positioning (profile)

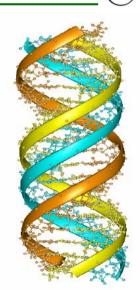
Conclusions & questions



Success factors

- Local success!
- Differences as opportunities!
- · Integration in a larger context!
- · Integration into daily work!
- · Cooperation added value in 3 words!

- What type of cross-border situation?
- What type of added value ?
- Added value at what level ?
- Added value for whom ?
- Added value for one or for all?
- · When to see the added value?
- How long to see the added value?



Risk capital



There is no guarantee!



Should I give money to somebody who wants to fold a piece of paper to carry water in it?

failed partnership – weak lead partner – changing framework conditions – overambitious project idea – bad timing – difficulties in co-funding – simply bad planning ...

Some things to think about



- What do YOU want to achieve? (e.g. which type of added value)
- What is needed for the region? (e.g. type of indicators)
- What determines a good project? (e.g. key factors for added value)
- What can YOU learn from experience?(e.g. last period, other programmes)
- How can YOU make sure YOU keep on learning? (e.g. monitoring / indicators)





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Thank you very much for your attention!

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