

Lower Saxon Strategy for EU Funding 2021 - 2027

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Purpose of the strategy:

- Integrating ERDF, ESF and EAFRD
- Developing an optimal and broadly accepted funding landscape
- Enabling efficient and well-coordinated funding
- Implementing a funding environment that fosters the efficient exhaustion of funding resources
- Simplifying funding as much as possible



Aims of participation:

- Bottom-up, honest and targeted stakeholder participation processes (necessary, since the EU funding system addresses nearly all parts of society)
- Sufficient consideration of the demand side of the funding-programs in order to develop more efficient funding instruments

Methods of participation:

- January 2019:
Kick Off with the ministries and institutions responsible for the policy instruments
- February to August 2019:
Several workshops and working groups with the ministries
- March 2019:
Stakeholder Information in the four districts of Lower Saxony



Funnel approach for broad stakeholder participation process
in order to filter most relevant topics and to integrate the viewpoints of all Stakeholders

May/June 2019: Online Consultation

(over 560 participants)



Collecting important subjects,
defining thematic scope, Prioritizing

June 2019: Stakeholder conference and workshops

(over 110 participants-Special Interests groups)



Discussing the facets of each subject
and capturing the viewpoints of
diverse stakeholder groups

**August/September 2019: Inter-ministerial
thematic working groups**

Discussing details of the draft strategy document

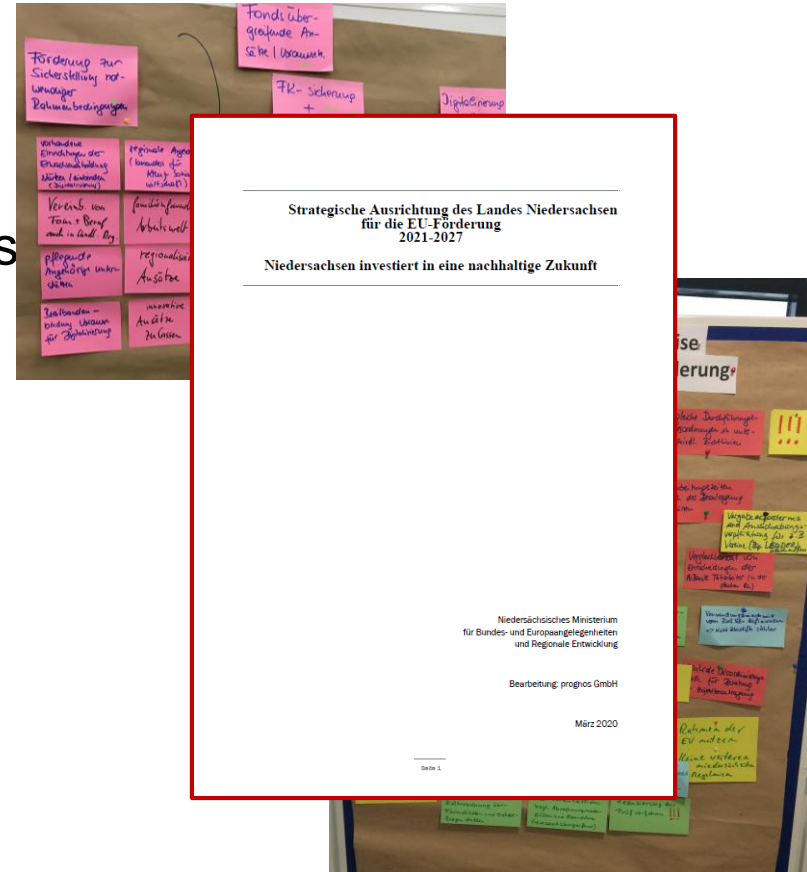
November 2019: EU-Funding strategy

Final Document



Results:

- Strategy with guiding theme, 3 strategic objectives and 15 operational goals
- Strategy is widely accepted: stakeholders felt like their needs were taken seriously since the strategy tries to incorporate the viewpoints of all parties
- Currently the MB is monitoring the alignment of the newly designed policy instruments with the strategy and the ministries are in negotiation processes about the EU funding





Renewable Energy and ecosystem services related topics within in the strategy:

- 2nd strategic objective:
Lower Saxony invests in Environment and climate change
- The strategic objective is containing four operational goals (2.1 Energy efficiency / 2.2 Reduction of CO2 emissions in transport and industry and increase of natural carbon stores / 2.3 transition to a circular economy / 2.4 Sustainable development of natural resources)

Renewable Energy and ecosystem services related topics within in the strategy:

- ERDF: 30 % should adress PO2 („a greener, low carbon and circular economy”)
- Intended: 3 policy instruments addressing PO2,
4 policy instruments addressing PO2 together with other POs
- EAFRD: certain quotes for climate change instruments in the current and in the coming programme

Thank you!

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