

**Information and Public Participation in  
Developing Action Plans: Examples and  
Practical Experience from Germany**

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**Just to recall: the demands of the  
END :**

The public shall have:

- the **opportunity to comment** on proposals for action plans,
- the **possibility to participate** in the elaboration and reviewing of the action plans

**(Art. 8, Action Planning)**

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- „Strategic Noise Maps and Action plans have to be accessible to the public...“
- „Information shall be clear, accessible and easily understood“

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### Information shall be presented as maps...

- ...showing noise loads of different sources
- ...showing exceeding limit values
- ...showing differences to compare initial situation with situation to be achieved.



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### Definition of „public“ by the END

- „one or more natural or legal persons
- b)** associations, organisations or groups of these persons“

**(Art 3)**

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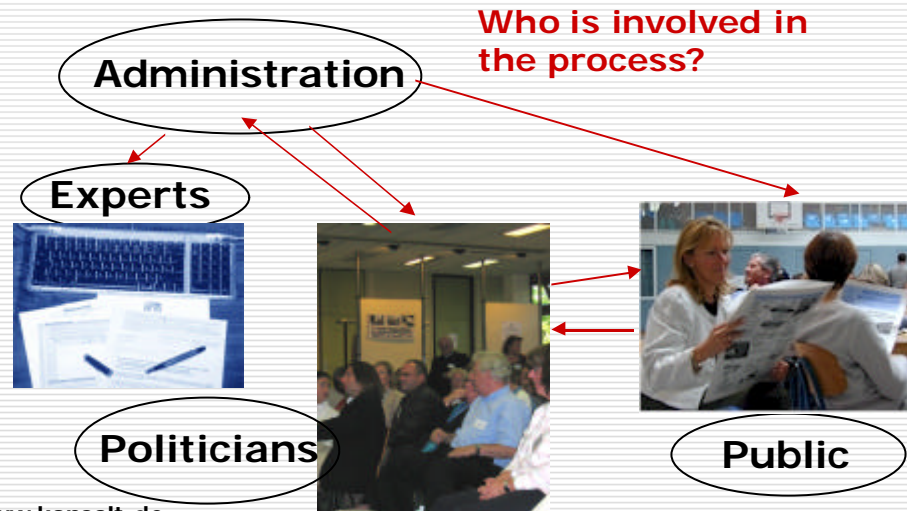
**The authorities shall:**

- **...consider the results** of the participation ...
- **...and inform** the public about the decisions taken...

**Action planning as a process with many different shareholders means:**



**Communication and the structure of the process** are extremely important for the **success of action planning!**



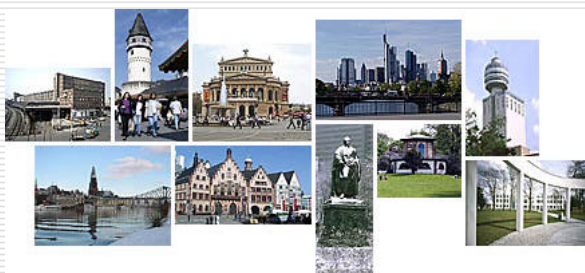
**Examples \***

	<b>Inhabitants</b>
•City of Frankfurt	650.000
•City of Augsburg	260.000
•City of Mülheim/Ruhr	155.000
•City of Norderstedt	75.000

\* Research project of BMVBW, Germany

## City of Frankfurt:

- Participation by round tables in different urban districts
- Internet
- Flyer



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## City of Augsburg

- Publishing strategic noise maps in the internet
- Interdisciplinary steering group



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## City of Augsburg

Interactive map



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## City of Mülheim/Ruhr

- Questionnaire
- Information on the internet
- Action plan in preparation



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## City of Norderstedt

Information and participation process  
according to END

June 2004 – January 2006

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## Participation of the public in four working groups:

- Public traffic and bicycle riding
- Street traffic and life quality
- Noise mitigation in old and new living areas
- Protection of quiet areas in the city



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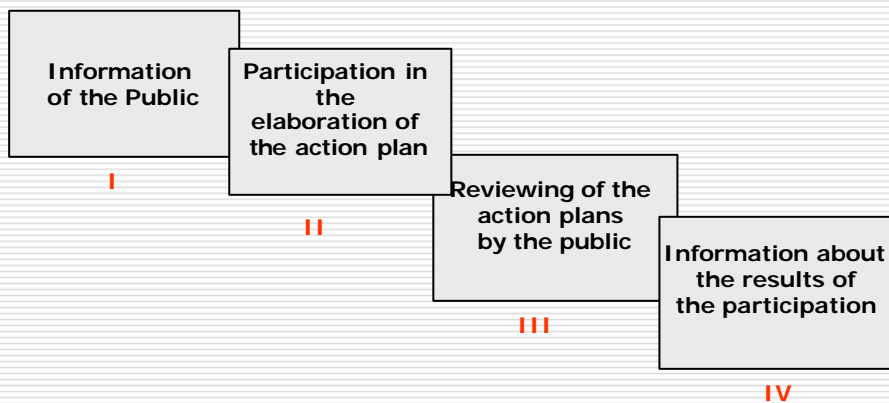
## Information and Participation

- More than 100 persons working continually on a nonprofit-base
- Broad Information via Internet, TV and Press



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## Phases of Information and Participation



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At least 12 to 15 monthes!



## Good practice I

### Establishing an interdisciplinary steering group

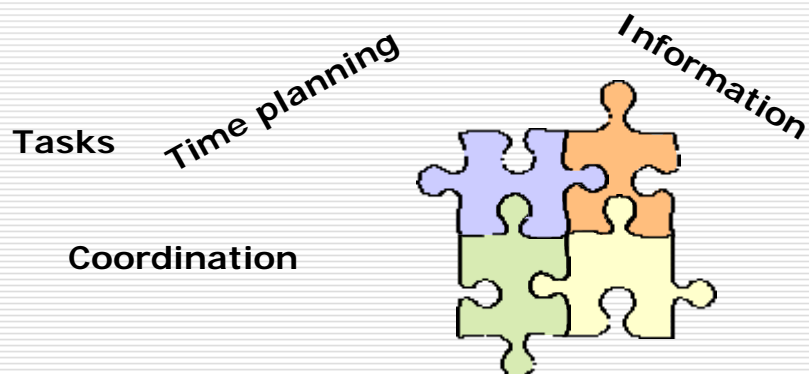
- for exchanging information
- Having regular meetings
- Fixing results



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## Good practice II

### Efficient Project management needed!



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**Good practice III:**

**Moderation of workshops, public events etc. by experienced experts!**

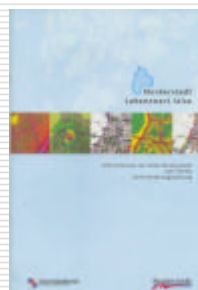


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**Good practice IV:**

**Providing clear and accessible information which is easily understood**

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## Good practice V

**Informing politicians from the very beginning to find acceptance for action planning**



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## Good practice VI

**Finding supporters in your community!**

For instance:

- Housing associations
- Traffic associations
- Media
- Sport clubs
- schools

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## Steps to take

- Budget
- Who is responsible? (**Project management**)
- Expert Know-how: **noise mapping, traffic planning, moderation**
- Establishing **interdisciplinary steering group**
- Setting up **time table**
- Planning **information** (which media?)
- Planning **participation** (who? how? when?)
- Planning **reviewing** (who? how? when?)
- Politics!

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**Thank you for your attention!**

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