
CityWalk - ERDF project partner:

Municipality of Weiz



The city of Weiz with about 11.300 inhabitants is situated in the Eastern part of the Province of Styria, surrounded in a hilly region about 30 km near by the province capital of Graz. About 20.000 people live in this region. Since most jobs are in Weiz, around 8.000 people commute daily to Weiz. At peak times in Weiz there are many traffic jams leading to air and noise pollution. PM-limit values are very often exceeded threatening the health of the people in the region. In addition to that, approximately 3.000 people commute daily out of Weiz.

Known as city full of energy, the municipality of Weiz has implemented several local pilot projects and participated in the INTERREG IIIB Alpine Space project VIANOVA. Besides that the municipality of Weiz was Lead Partner in the URBACT II Program - Project Active Travel Network -implementing walking and cycling in every day's life and partner in the EU projects Smash Events and LIFE Programme. International project experience has been also gained in other EU projects where the municipality of Weiz has been involved as associated partner through the subsidy company Energy and Innovation Centre of Weiz (W.E.I.Z.). What is more, as member city of the association energy region Weiz-Gleisdorf, the municipality of Weiz is an active partner of this regional network since the start in the year 1996. At the moment, the municipality of Weiz is project leader of the national project SMART URBAN INDUSTRY, which will be implemented in the frame of the smart cities initiative and will be finalized by the end of 2016.

In cooperation with other CityWalk partners, the Municipality of Weiz wants to develop a modern transport-concept, which allows residents to choose from different mobility options. We also want to create a rethinking of the population towards gentle mobility. The project CityWalk will support Weiz to reduce emissions, noise and to become a safer and better place to live through improving walkability. Because we thus have the opportunity with focus on walking and see how positive it can be, for the people and the environment.

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