

CLIP-IN

Climate **P**olicy **I**ntegration in Federal States: Adaptation, Mitigation and Sustainable Development in Austria, Germany and Switzerland

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Kurzdarstellung der Antragsteller



- + **Institute of Forest, Environmental and Natural Resource Policy (INFER) at the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences (BOKU), Vienna**
 - InFER has a long-standing track record on environmental governance and policy research. The institute's staff members have conducted research and consulting projects for various EU institutions and Austrian ministries. InFER was also the coordinator of several major EU Framework Programme projects.
- + **Environmental Policy Research Centre (FFU) at the Free University Berlin**
 - The FFU is specialised in comparative policy analysis in the fields of environment, energy, climate and sustainable development. The integration of environmental concerns in other policy sectors, the analysis and the evaluation of governance approaches for climate and sustainable development policies (in particular integrated strategies) have always been at the core of the centres' research agenda.



Ziele des Projekts



- + The overall goal of CLIP-IN is to facilitate the integration of climate-related policies both horizontally across sectors and vertically across levels of government in federal European countries, most notably Austria. More specifically, the project aims to:
 - Learn from good practices and challenges that have been encountered in the implementation of integrated strategies (and framework laws) on climate change adaptation, mitigation and sustainable development in Austria, Germany and Switzerland;
 - Strengthen linkages between the integrated strategies on climate-related policies by analysing their complementarity, overlap, competition or conflict potential, and by highlighting actual and potential synergies between integrated strategies;
 - Improve the implementation of adaptation strategies by drawing lessons from the experience with mitigation and sustainable development strategies.
- + CLIP-IN also aims to advance the scholarly work on environmental federalism and environmental policy integration by exploring the degree of integration between strategies within the environmental domain itself.

Arbeitsplan/Zeitplan/Umsetzung



The CLIP-IN project is divided into 5 work packages:

- + WP1 reviews the literature on federalism, multi-level governance and environmental policy integration in different state settings. The theoretical/conceptual part of the analytical framework developed here will guide all subsequent research steps (October-December 2011).
- + WP2 reviews and analyse normative guidelines and existing evaluations of climate-related strategies. WP2 concludes with a journal article (January-May 2012).
- + The three country studies in WP3 will be conducted in parallel based on an analytical framework to be discussed with Austrian policy makers. Each country study will be documented in a policy memo and a journal article (June 2012-March 2013).
- + By comparing the three country studies, WP4 will draw lessons on how to set up effective integrated strategies. The comparison will be documented in a memo and two journal articles (April-August 2013).
- + WP5 deals with management, feedback and dissemination (ongoing).



Milestones and results (all deliverables in English or German):

- + From WP1:
 - Conceptual part of the analytical framework to guide subsequent WPs
 - Conceptual basis for a journal article on environmental federalism or policy integration in different state settings, to be written if the case study findings contrast with the literature or add new findings on environmental federalism
- + From WP2:
 - Strategy-related part of the framework, including normative guidelines for integrated and analytical categories such as institutions, actors, resources, challenges and success factors
 - CLIP-IN report and journal article summarising the key findings of the meta-evaluation of integrated strategies in industrialised countries
- + From WP3:
 - Analytical framework (incl. semi-structured interview guide), finalised based on a discussion with Austrian climate policy makers
 - Policy memo, CLIP-IN report and journal article on each country study
- + From WP4:
 - Comparison of case studies
 - Two CLIP-IN reports and two journal articles summarising the key findings of the comparison, to be discussed in a workshop with climate policymakers from all three countries
 - Policy memo with recommendations for Austria, to be discussed in a workshop with climate policymakers from Austria

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