

The Brewery

Das Bräu



LOCATION

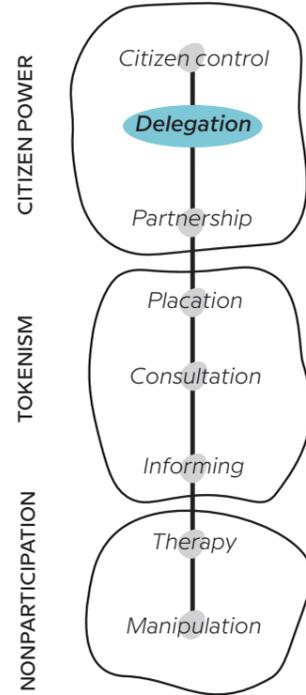
Munderfing, Austria

TIME PERIOD

Since 2018

THE PROJECT

To counter the rural exodus, the municipality has reacted with several measures in order to be competitive with other similar villages. The "Dorfbräu" inn, located in the center of the settlement, embodies this goal. For many years vacant, it has been reused to attract new residents and educational facilities were provided in this place. Moreover, a concept for the complete conversion to renewable energies was drawn up in 2004.



opportunity to introduce concerns and ideas. The project owes its creation to this participation model but also to the municipality's experience in obtaining local, national and European funding.

RESULT

The project is a **total success**. The municipal administration and all citizens have benefited from the activities, as well as local companies. The seminar house serves as a training venue for all interested groups and small start-ups were able to launch their project from the co-working space. The community has seen its incomes increase and the creation of new jobs. In addition, there is the income from the wind turbine, which now also produces electricity for many neighboring communities. The **project was well received by the population because otherwise it would not have been carried out according to the participatory model.**

DESCRIPTION OF THE SPACE

Munderfing is **not a very remote place**. The only characteristic of remoteness is the low population density. The village is located in a quite developed area and is pretty well connected to neighboring regions. Munderfing is composed of different kinds of public spaces. Among them, squares, recreational spaces and community air-spaces. However, **if the quantity of public spaces is sufficient, their quality leaves much to be desired.** Since the build of the bypass road, the traffic in the main road, which crosses the village, has dropped significantly.

he also strongly advocated for the possibility of an inexpensive co-working space for young people in these premises.

ROLE OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY & METHODS USED

The municipality, which was convinced that the fiber-optic network was a prerequisite for new settlements in the village, has carried out the expansion of the network itself. In this context, the **old inn was renovated into a co-working space, a seminar room and a first-class restaurant.** Moreover, the municipality has built wind turbines. In this project, the **population was involved through a citizen participation model called the "decision-making working group"**. According to this model, the municipality can present projects on which the citizens will decide together. They also have the

INITIATION AND ACTORS

The Bräu is an **initiative led by Erwin Moser, the long-time head of the office** (of Munderfing), who had the goal of making Munderfing a better place to live. That is why



A new restaurant has moved into the old inn.
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Transformation of the old vacant inn into a co-working space.
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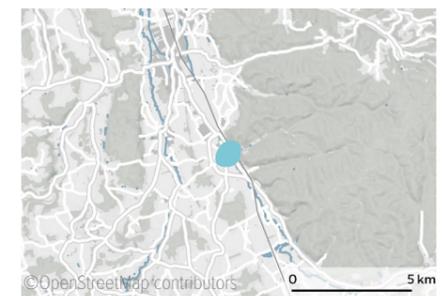
The Braeu, a formerly vacant inn that now houses a restaurant, co-working space and seminar house.
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The new co-working space.
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