



ESD-Highlights in Dessau-Roßlau



BNE-Strategie
Workshop in 2023



Danceproject
„Woman as Thinker“



Children and family day in
Kindergarten „Nesthäkchen“
and Hort „Waldwichtel“



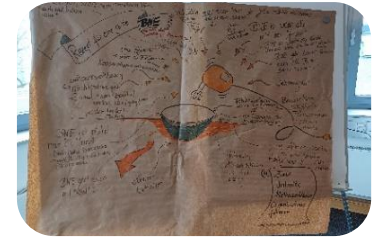
„Seid ihr noch da?“:
Exposition in Tierpark



Die Woche der Nachhaltigkeit
in Dessau-Roßlau



Teacher Training on Sustainable
Urban Development



Strategic Workshop on Developing a
Municipal ESD Mission Statement



Networkmeeting



am zur Woche der Nachhaltigkeit finden
sener Website www.dessau-rosslau.de
sustainability wird im Auftrag des Ministeriums für Wirtschaft, Energie, Klimaschutz
Landes Sachsen-Anhalt durchgeführt.



Workshop „Alles blüht?“ im
Anhaltischen Gemäldegalerie



„Aus Alt mach Neu“,
Kita „Kinderland“



„Wasser verbindet Welten: Bildung für
eine gemeinsame Zukunft an der Elbe“
ESD-Conference



Workshop „Blick in die
Zukunft“



„Wer wohnt denn da im und am Wasser?“
Tour by Mulde



Building of insect hotels in
Youthclub „Thomas Müntzer“

ESD on a Municipality Level – Biodiversity Education and Cultural Learning as Good Practice

**The town of Dessau-Roßlau as a model municipality for
Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)**

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Education Office,
Municipality of Dessau-
Rosslau



Dessau Zoo, Educational Park
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Education management on municipality-level: Working areas of the municipal education office in Dessau-Roßlau

Bildungsmanagement is as separate unit in 50 Percent of Municipalities in Saxony-Anhalt

Develop a **municipal education strategy**

Create an **education monitoring system** and publish regular education reports

Identify education needs and develop suitable programmes

Organize and support education conferences and event

Represent the municipality in regional and national education committees

48 Model-Municipalities for ESD in Germany

4 Model-Municipalities in Saxony-Anhalt

Integrate **ESD programmes systematically** into the **local education landscape and increase their visibility**

Key Challenges in Management of Municipal Education and ESD Implementation

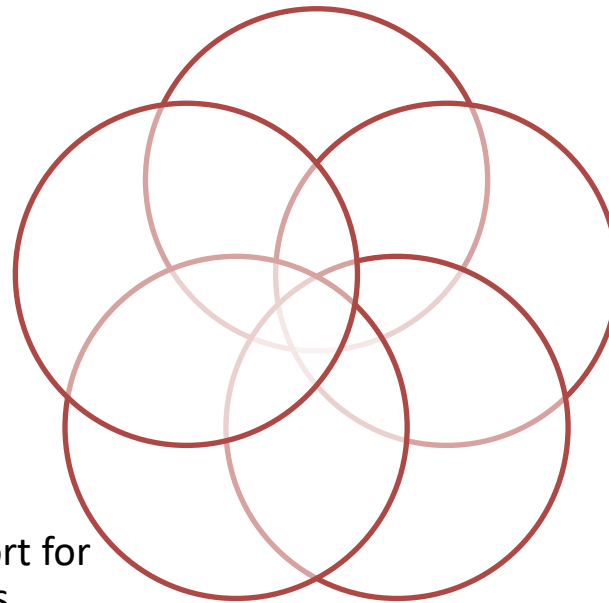
Limited financial and human
resources

A narrow understanding of
education, often limited to
formal schooling

Budget consolidation and
increasing fiscal constraints

Insufficient political support for
educational initiatives

Reduction of voluntary
municipal services, including
functions of the Municipal
Education Office



Dessau-Roßlau as ESD-Modell-Municipality: Structures, Achievements and Tools

Structures

- **Municipal Education Office** – Coordinator – Leads and coordinates ESD initiatives at the municipal level
- **ESD Working Group** – Drives planning, implementation, and monitoring of sustainability programs
- **Network of ESD Partners** – Connects schools, NGOs, and community organizations for shared impact
- **ESD Teachers' Roundtable** – Facilitates regular exchange of innovative teaching methods and curriculum ideas

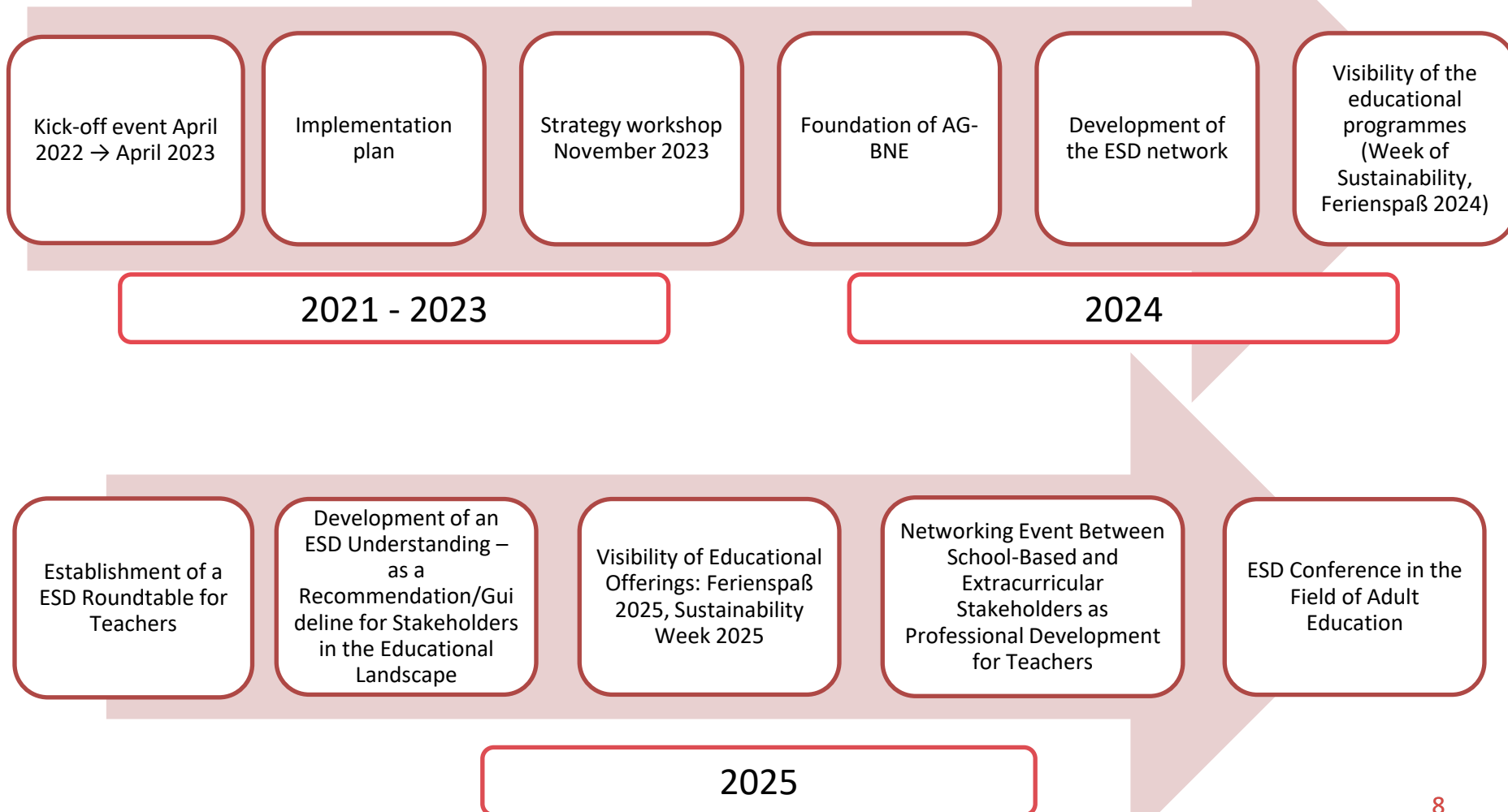
Achievements

- **Defined a Municipal ESD Mission Statement to guide strategy and action**
- **Built strong collaborations** among diverse partners across sectors
- **Generated synergistic outcomes** by creating innovative and integrated educational offerings

Tools

- **The Week of Sustainability** – Showcases local activities and fosters collaboration with full transparency (runs over two months)
- **Education Conferences** – Engages teachers, non-formal educators and community organizations through targeted workshops and seminars

Selected Milestones and Successes from the perspective of Educational Management



Working group for ESD in Dessau-Roßlau: Focus on the educational landscape

Municipal education office

Climate protection manager

Department of Early Childhood Education of the Youth Welfare Office

Youth Support Department of the Youth Welfare Office

Dekita (In-House Company for Kindergarten)

Anhalt Theatre Dessau

Dessau Zoo

Museum

Anhalt Picture Gallery

Environmental education unit of the municipal Environment Department

City library

3rd Age University/ Generation house

Ministry for Science, Energy, Climate Protection and the Environment

City Archive

State Archive

Dessau-Wörlitz Cultural Foundation

Middle Elbe Biosphere Reserve

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External cooperation partners for Dessau-Roßlau as an ESD model municipality

Ministry of Science, Energy,
Climate Protection and the
Environment

ESD Coordination Center for
Saxony-Anhalt

The ESD Education Centre at
LISA (Saxony-Anhalt State
Institute for School Quality and
Teacher Training)

Federal Environment Agency

ESD activities in the educational landscape in Dessau-Roßlau

A film by Open Channel Dessau e.V., Children's Editorial Team



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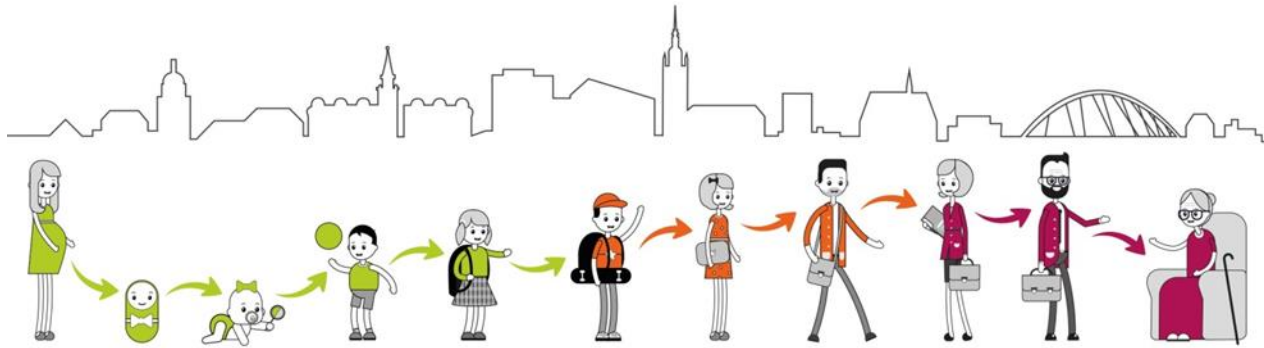
How does ESD look in practice?

Biodiversity Education and Cultural Learning as Good Practice in Dessau-Roßlau





Balthasar van der Ast - Still-life with flowers, fruit, lizards and exotic shells at a window, Anhaltische Gemäldegalerie Dessau, ca. 1650/57, signed



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