

## Pilot action 4



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- Upper Austria (regions: Mühlviertler Alm Freistadt and s'Innviertel)

**Strengthening regional partnership in selected SPA regions in Upper Austria**



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## Background

Upper Austria is supporting the formation of inter-municipal network structures on a regional level, which is responsible among others for the protection of natural resources adapted to regional conditions. The Mühlviertel region does not have a classic thermal region and its resources are based on several small radon-containing water sources. On the other hand, the Innviertel has a typical abundant thermal water reservoir, which is used by very different actors.

## Main aim


**To strengthen regional partnership to reach a better and sustainable capitalisation of the factor „natural heritage“**


TAKING COOPERATION FORWARD





## HealingPlaces


## Main products

 Analysis of the local thermal and healing water offer with regard to possible protection and sustainable use

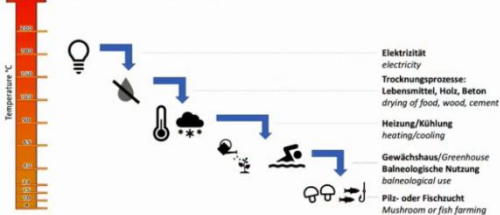
 Regional task force for long-term partnership

 Elaboration of best practices of cascadian use of water

 Common strategy to secure a sustainable use of thermal water and other water based natural resources

 Regional Action Plan and Regional agreement on Action Plan

### Beispielhafte (stufenförmige) kaskadische Nutzung Exemplary (stepped) cascading use



## Indicators



 **36** Involved institutions

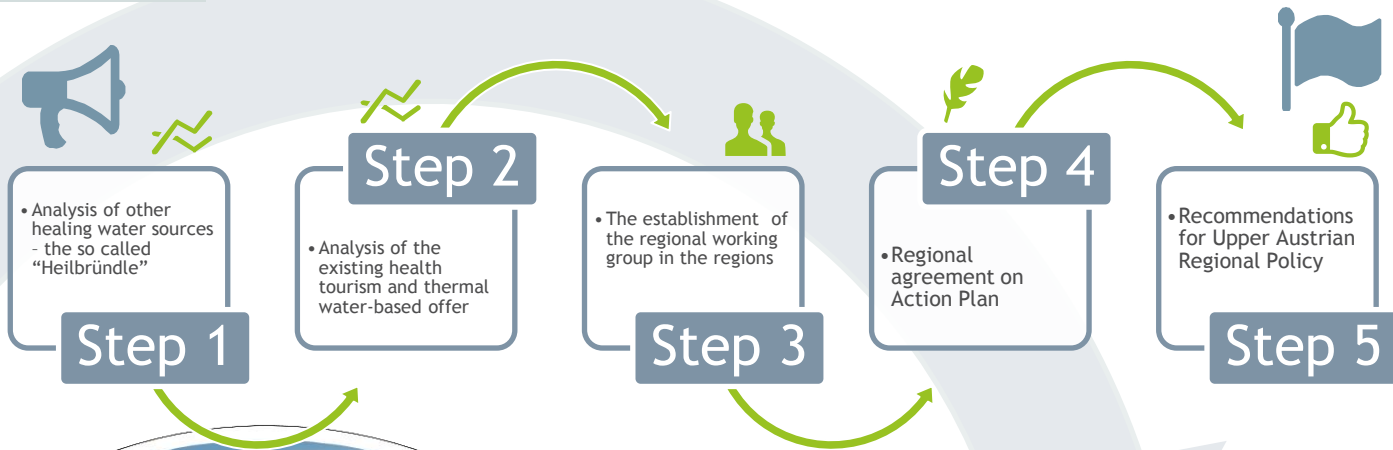
 **4** Main reports

 **2** Institutions adopting project strategies and action plans

 **2** Institutions applying project tools and/or services

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### Step by step



### Solutions for other SPAs

- The action in Mühlviertler Alm Freistadt shows that smaller water resources require specific approaches for sustainable water use and conservation, while the action in s'Innviertel region mainly identified challenges related to cross-sectoral use of water bodies

