Policy Integration of Transport, Health and Environment

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Basis of the report is the project report:

„Practical Guidance on Institutional Arrangements for Integrated Policy and Decision Making“

by Dominic Stead + Martin de Jong/ Delft University of Technology (Netherlands)

(based partly on the results of a THE PEP workshop held in Berlin, 23-24 January 2006)
Contents of the brochure:

1. What is policy integration and why do we need it?

2. Barriers to policy integration?

3. Organizing policy integration and implementation

4. Capacity-building and awareness-raising

5. Benchmarking, monitoring and reporting

6. The role of the public
Important for political decision makers:

- short, concise and precise information

- to be able to evaluate (including short-term) impacts and prospects of success of political or policy decisions

- to be able to assess barriers and opposition attitudes
Good practice examples + direct statements from political decision makers because:

- nothing succeeds like success

- statements coming from persons in comparable positions are per se more trustworthy and more convincing than those made by other persons

- if I want to know more, I need indications to enable me to access this knowledge quickly
Case study: Action Programme on Environment and Health (APUG) in North Rhine-Westphalia/ Germany:

- steering group coordinates the various actors involved: regional ministries, official bodies, NGOs, local authorities and universities.
- regular meetings
- programme supports projects at local level in a wide variety of fields
Case study: ROM-Rijnmond/ Holland

- partnership between several ministries, government organizations, local authorities and private companies

- after consultations with all parties involved authorities seek creative solutions for environmental problems

- legislation provides far more room to manoeuvre than previously anticipated by planners
Going forward: workshops + training

Invite decision-makers who already managed successfully projects in the field of policy integration for a exchange of experiences:

- Where are boundaries?
- Where are problems in general?
- Which groups are against policy integration and why?
- How did they solve the problems?
Going forward: workshops + training

Preparation of a training for decision-makers:

- problem: departments' work mainly limited to their own sector
- chances of cooperation are often not concrete and hard to see
- training can consist of a main part and its content should be equally relevant for decision-makers from different policy fields…
- …but must also deliver target group orientated contents as well (e.g. transport, administration, health, environment)
Thank you for your attention!

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