## Regional Companies The "Dessauer Modell"

## Barter Economy A concept for regional development

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## Dessau-Roßlau - Project for a regional policy of wellfare and employment



## History

- 2000: Regional Pact of Employment
  - "Round Table" for increase of employment
- 2001: Society "Initiative Dessau Arbeit für Anhalt"
  - Ideas for projects and demands of subsidize
- 2002 bis 2005: EQUAL-Project "Arbeit für Anhalt"
  - 8 projects "Company Setup with a Team"
- 2004 Creation of the "Anhalt Dessau AG"
- 2005 Bahnpost as a room for public and culture
  - Commercial use on the 1. und 2. floor
  - Cultural and public use on the ground floor
- 2007 Creation of the "Handelskontor Dessau e.G."
  - Dessau-Shop in the Bahnpost und Online
  - Regio Card (Start 28.7.2007)
- 2008 Solar power plant as "Citizen power plant"
  - Take over of the railway station Wörlitz and Oranienbaum
- 2009 Insolvency of three Regional Companies
  - New startup and 2nd try

## The world of ideology

#### Demografic Change

- Economic engine like imigration
- Balance for intensiv work (productivity)

#### Debts of states

- Investive debts are the basic of any assets
- The problem are not the debts but the interest

#### Globalisation

- Dumping of wages and social conditions has no economic background
- Imigration is positiv in economic terms

#### Anti-Terror measures

- Civil rights are demolished just on suspicion
- Relativation of justice and law

#### Stagnation of reforms

- It seems much more like stagnation on ethiks
- No consequences from the crash on the finance markets

## Ethics in the economy

#### Justice

- Redesign of the tax system
- Social security to include everybody

#### Humanity

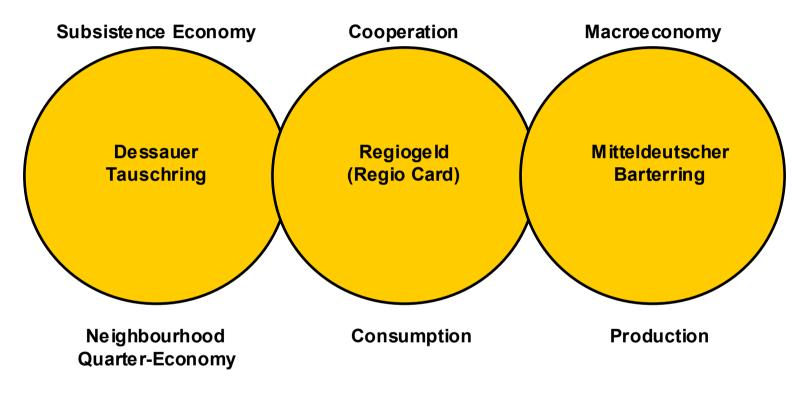
- Assets are the result of work (not of speculation)
- The new "Mortal Sin" of overrich

### Rationality

- Capital market driven companies
- There is enough for the whole mankind

Work and solidarity against Greediness, interest and hazard

## **Solidaric Economy**



### Partners in an active economy

- Nobody needs money, only an account
- Anybody can contribute and participate
- Activity is central, not money or assets
- All accounts and credits without interest

### **Barter Economy**

#### The 5 pillars of the "Dessauer Model"

Regional Company Anhalt Dessau AG

Shareholding company of 100 employers and citizens

Regional Money "Dessauer Mark" Barter Society "MBR"

Privat exchange society "Dessauer Tauschring"

Regional Fond (later maybe a citizen foundation)

Regiocard (as a cooperativ project)

"Post am Bahnhof" as a room for public and culture Initiative Dessau – Arbeit für Anhalt e.V.

## 3 Pillars of regional development

### To get money into the region

- Classic Development (Settelment of new companies)
- People to the region (Tourists, Students, Pensioners)
- To offer regional investment (citicen power plant)

### To keep money in the region

- Energy autarky, Open Source, recycling
- Regional economic chains, regional distribution
- Barter Economy, Solidaric Economy (Exchange Society, Regional Money, Barter Society)

### To push up motivation

- Social Cohesion (community projects)
- Participation, solidaric structures
- Arts und Cultur

## **Definition Regional Company**

- Prohibition to distribute company profit
  - By statutes no pay of dividend
- No hazard and speculation
  - Nominal value = real value of shares
- Local and regional task
  - Regional sponsoring, advertising and cooperation
- Open for new members and activists
  - No boundary line, policy of integration
- Partizipation intern and extern
  - Partizipation of employees, sharing of result
- Support of "Solidaric Economy"
  - Promotion of a regional Barter Economy

# Regional Companies in Dessau (till 2009)

- Initiative Dessau Arbeit f
   ür Anhalt e.V.
  - To promote regional development
  - Private exchange society and regional money "DeMark"
- Anhalt Dessau AG
  - To promote a Barter Economie
  - Software and Electronic Data Center
- Reba GmbH
  - Company for qualification and consulting
- Handelskontor Dessau eG
  - Distribution of regional goods and services
  - Online-Shop
  - Car sharing, bicycle rental, filling station

# Regional Companies in Dessau (since 2009)

- Initiative Dessau Arbeit f
  ür Anhalt e.V.
  - To promote regional development
- BürgerEnergie eG
  - Building of Citicen Power Plants
- Exchange Society "Mitteldeutscher Barterring"
  - Promotion of a regional Barter Economy
- Exchange Society "Dessauer Tauschring"
  - Promotion of privat exchange accounts
  - Running of the regional money "DeMark"
- Simmersberg Hausbau eG
  - Owner and runner of the Post am Bahnhof
  - Reopening of the filling station (summer 2010)

Example

## Bartercheck Frontpage

DESSAU AG	Buchungsbeleg Käufe
Belasten Sie mein ADAG-Verrec	hnungskonto zugunsten des umseitigen ADAG-Teilnehme Währung Bet
	Ort
Belegnummer Te	ilnehmernummer Unterschrift des Käufers

Example

## Regional Money with 1, 2, 5 and 10 DeMark





# Regio-Card as regional bonus system with "Talente"



Example

# Regio-Fond for regional projekts of development

Railwaystation of Oranienbaum



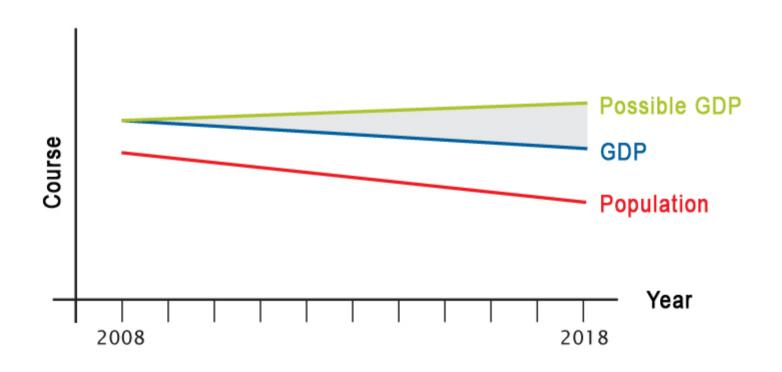
## **Topical Projects**

- Railwaystation Oranienbaum and Wörlitz
  - Cultural events, meeting place, tourist flats
- Citicen power plants
  - 1.200 sqm photovoltaic in Ferropolis (with showroom)
  - 10.000 sqm on 20 roofs in the region
- Buy and running partnership
  - Fuel filling station, gas, oel, energy
- Networking across software (ReVeSys)
  - Carry services, carsharing, bicycle rental
- WIR-Coop as common plattform
  - Networking of dealers for regional products (regional distribution, local trade marks)
  - Support of exchange societies (regional money)

## **Perspectivs**

- Institutions for development and tourism
  - Coop-Agreements, part of the development plan
- Institut, diploma, professor's chair
  - Research cooperation, pilot region, multiplicator
- Regio Card as a dual moneycard
  - Cards for special groups (youth, tourist, pensioners)
- time-stores
  - Second hand bazar with "Talente" as money
- Bank of Solidaric Economy
  - WIR-Bank and RES-Cardsystem
  - Talente, BEU and DeM as normal accepted money

# Regional development is possible



# Progress is created by intelligent overcoming of conventions