Green infrastructure for better living in the Munich region

WHAT DID WE DO?
The Intercommunal Heideflächenverein München e.V. (Munich North Heathland Association) and the City of Munich initiated a "Story Map" with the help of the University Weihenstephan-Triesdorf. The history of the landscape, the heath areas and forests are vividly depicted with photos, panorama shots, short films and maps. Ways into the landscape as well as future perspectives are shown and the informal landscape concept is presented in a new design. The interfaces between the association’s website and those of the member municipalities were optimised. Students of the Weihenstephan University of Applied Sciences and the University Weihenstephan-Triesdorf investigated different questions concerning the landscape concept and tested recent media like a learning app.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?
Once the website of the Heathland Association is revised, the Story Map will be incorporated into the new site. Exchange with the other municipalities will continue to be promoted with the aim of better linking the various websites and bring the issue of landscape onto the screen.

Experience nature together
The "HeideHaus" is a state-approved environmental centre in the north of Munich. Every year around 120 environmental education and training events for sustainable development are held to promote awareness of nature and the environment.

OUR CHALLENGES AND AIMS
The goal is to …
• ... visually represent the landscape quality of the landscape in the north of Munich in order to make the general public more aware of its uniqueness, diversity and beauty
• ... make complex contents of the "Landscape Concept" for the north of Munich easy to read through the use of modern media
• ... promote the inter-communal exchange of information by networking the websites of the Heideflächenverein and its member municipalities
• ... investigate the effect of the landscape concept in the north of Munich on the development of open spaces in cooperation with the Weihenstephan Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences

Maintaining diversity together
Since 1990, the municipalities of Neufahrn, Eching, Oberschleißheim, Unterschleißheim, Garching and Munich as well as the administrative districts of Freising and Munich have been pursuing the goal of securing and developing the heath landscape in the Heideflächenverein Münchener Norden e.V.. The goal is to enhance the diversity of the landscape through public relations work and environmental education. Extensive land use, such as sheep grazing, preserves the rare habitats of chalk heath. The LOS_DAMA! project aims to highlight to nature lovers the ways into the heath landscape. In a region characterised by strong settlement and transport development, this is intended to make a significant contribution to the preservation of natural open spaces.

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