

Where are we now?	Name: <hr/> Grosses Walsertal	Members of local steering group: <i>Write down names and contacts (emails)</i> <hr/> To be defined after the decision on the further course of action.
	Territory in 150 words <i>Briefly describe the territory and point out to main social, economic, cultural, political and environmental characteristics.</i> <hr/> <p> The Grosses Walsertal is characterized by steep sparsely populated mountain sides, which give the region its unique aspect. With 18 inhabitants per km², the Grosses Walsertal is exceptionally sparsely populated compared to other regions in the province. Visiting the mountains or the villages you won't find any industrial chimneys but grazing cattle instead. </p> <p> Almost 180 agricultural businesses clearly show that cattle and dairy farming continues to be the main source of income of the Walser population. Apart from that, tourism with 180 000 overnight stays per year and trade are important sources to earn a living. Since there are no industrial companies in the valley, a lot of Walser people commute to work in the Walgau and the Rhine Valley every day. In 2000, the Grosses Walsertal became UNESCO Biosphere Park. </p> <p> Size (in m²): The Grosses Walsertal is a mountain valley with a surface of almost 192 km², ranging from 580 m to 2 704 m above sea level. Population: The REGIO Grosses Walsertal counts six municipalities with approximately 3 400 inhabitants: Fontanella/Faschina, St. Gerold, Raggal/Marul, Sonntag/Buchboden, Thüringerberg and Blons Number of young people (14 – 25 years): 300 young people (10 - 16 years) </p>	
	3 main developmental challenges: <i>List three main developmental challenges of the territory in the next 10 years.</i> <hr/> <p> 1. Young people leaving the valley 2. Mobility in the Grosses Walsertal: the young people need the bus to get to work or to get to school. Since the area is very rural the frequency of the bus system is not like in the towns. Young people have to wait quite a time to catch the next available bus. If the young people go out in the evening they don't have a bus after 10 pm. That means they need to organize themselves in a different way. 3. Rare organized activities for young people: there is no special room for young people where they can meet. Most of the time they meet in private homes or at sport events or associations. </p>	

	<p>Youth: Status quo</p> <p><i>Briefly describe the status quo of youth – demographics, trends, activities, needs, wishes ...</i></p> <hr/> <p>The approximately 300 young people of the region Grosses Walsertal either attend a lower secondary school in the region or commute to other schools or to work in the Walgau and the Rhine Valley. The network of associations in the Grosses Walsertal is varied and has a sound basis. A lot of young people are involved in the associations. However, if the young people do not participate in the associative life, they have very few possibilities to meet. There is no public place for them to meet, there are hardly any village parties and there is no bar anymore where the older youngsters could meet.</p>	<p>Youth in a graph:</p> <p><i>Include one or more graphs that depict the status of youth at best.</i></p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 10% of inhabitants are young people. • Less than the half of the young people attend the school in Grosses Walsertal. The others are attending a school outside the Regio or are working. • There are no institutional youth activities • Young people who are not in any associations are have less opportunities to meet people in their age
	<p>Main obstacles in youth participation:</p> <p><i>Describe the main obstacles in the participation of youth in decision-making.</i></p> <hr/> <p>The sparse population of the valley, the typical structure of scattered settlements of the Walser villages and the high number of commuters represent a big challenge for the inhabitants of the Grosses Walsertal when it comes to keep the valley a living environment of high quality for all the generations. The locals work with a lot of commitment in projects to improve the infrastructure, to assure the support and care for elderly people and people in need and to increase the attractiveness of the valley for the young generation.</p>	
Where do we want to be?	<p>Vision Statement</p> <p>What is your 10-year vision in the field of youth participation?</p> <hr/> <p>Young people are well connected and dispose of an attractive range of services and activities in their living environment. Structures are established and the young people know where to go to talk about their requests at any time.</p>	
	<p>3 SMART objectives</p> <p><i>List three main objectives in the field of youth participation (theme, target value, agent, time frame).</i></p> <hr/>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The young people's needs and requests are known to the political level. 2. The ideas which the young people would like to put into practice and the way they would like to do it are worked out together with them. 3. Decisions are taken and structures for the support of young people are established. 	

How do we get there?	Target group <i>Which target group within the youth will you include?</i>	Young people between 13 and 18 years.					
	Name of a youth participatory process:	Youth room	Canvas no.:1		Canvas no.:		Canvas no.:
	Early wins: <i>What will be the first success?</i>	Young people work out a concept for a possible realization of a youth room in the Grosses Walsertal with the support of adults.					
	Timeline: <i>List main elements of the timeline – be specific, set deadlines, start and end dates.</i>	Checking possible places for a youth room (end of October 2017) Project team to work out the concept (November 2017) Work out the draft concept (February 2018) Decision on possible variants (March 2018)					
	Responsible person: <i>Who is responsible for implementation?</i>	All the mayors of the region's municipalities					
	Team members <i>What other people will form the team?</i>	Remains to be defined					
	Finances: <i>What financial resources are needed?</i>	Rent for the room, accompanying the process and the running of the youth room					
	Measures of success: <i>What is the goal metric?</i>	At the end of 2018, a youth room is opened for young people in the Grosses Walsertal. The concept and the implementation were done with the young people.					